

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 Mitchell in the Australian second innings at Centurion Park on Monday.

Healy refused to leave the pitch and stood hands on hips staring at Mitchell 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 teenage 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, Diptendra Patel, Gavin Larsen, Simon Doull, Heath Davis, Daniel Vettori, Andrew Penn.

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

Tergat's hatrick

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

Tergat outsprinted 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 Drartu 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.

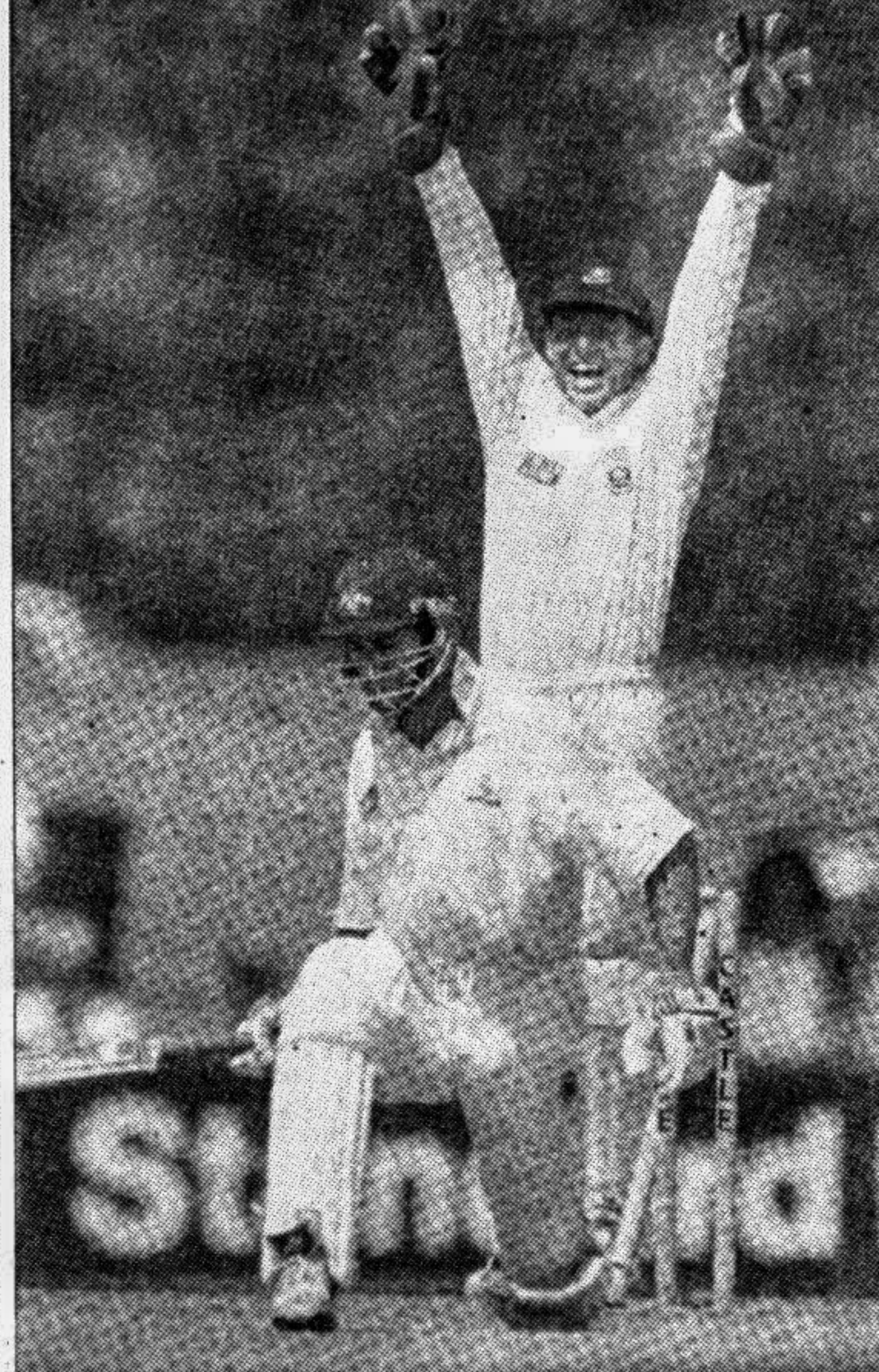
Donald destroys Aussies

SA late in the series



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

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



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



DONALD... 5 for 36 their second innings and saw South Africa firmly in control by stumps on the third day. Australia, already faced

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

on 42.

The day belonged to South African skipper Hansie Cronje, who, after a string of failures, found his form with an unbeaten 79 off 111 balls.

Cronje's return to form could not have come at a better time as the middle order had collapsed after becoming becalmed when Adam Bacher took 90 minutes to add just two runs to his overnight total of 94.

The South African skipper came to the crease soon after Bacher's dismissal — trapped lbw by Glenn McGrath — and with Lance Klusener he put on 68 for the eighth wickets as the two lambasted leg-spinner Shane Warne out of the attack.

Then with Donald they added another 37 before Schultz survived long enough for Cronje to put the finishing touches to his aggressive onslaught with another 17 runs for the 10th wicket.

Cronje reached his 50 off 84 balls, but took 27 to add his next 29: He smashed nine fours and two sixes in his knock.

Against Warne, Cronje was particularly harsh never allowing the leg-spinner to settle and eventually forcing Australian captain Mark Taylor to turn spin into seam.

For Australia, gangly opening bowler Glen McGrath took home rich pickings of 6-68, while fellow seamer Jason Gillespie took 3-75.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final Test between South Africa and Australia at Centurion Park on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 227 (S Waugh 67; B Schultz 4-52) **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 384 (A Bacher 96, H Cronje 79 not out; G McGrath 6-86)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 96-4)

Taylor c Richardson b Donald	5
Hayden lbw Schultz	0
Elliott b Donald	12
M Waugh b Symcox	42
S Waugh not out	60
Blewett b Donald	6
Bevan b Symcox	5
Healy c Richardson b Schultz	12
Warne lbw b Donald	0
Gillespie b Donald	0
McGrath b Klusener	11
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, w-4, nb-14)	26
Total: (all out, 73.4 overs)	185
Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-10; 3-28; 4-94; 5-99; 6-108; 7-131; 8-164; 9-164.	

Bowling O M R W
Donald 18 5 36 5
Schultz 17 4 39 2
Klusener 14.4 1 40 1
Symcox 19 5 49 2
Kallis 5 1 13 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings
Klusener c Elliott b Blewett 6
Bacher c Elliott b Gillespie 5
McMillan not out 12
Cullinan not out 17
Extras: (w-1, nb-1) 2
Total: (two wickets, 6.4 overs) 32

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-15
Bowling O M R W
Gillespie 3.4 0 19 1
Blewett 3 0 13 1

Result: South Africa won by eight wickets.
Australia won the series 2-1.

was struck no less than four times on the body, but survived the ordeal to still be there at stumps on an undefeated 24.

Donald, who ended the day with figures of 25-2 off 10 overs, was rewarded for his aggression with the wickets of Mark Taylor (5) and Matthew Elliott (12) while Schultz weighed in with that of Matthew Hayden (0).

With the visitors, who won the first two Tests in the three-Test series, struggling at 31-3, Mark and Steve Waugh came together and began finally to get on top of the pace attack.

It took spin bowler Pat Symcox to end their partnership in the 35th over, however, when he got Mark Waugh to nick a ball on to his stumps with his score

Chang bows to Bruguera



KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 24: Michael Chang will have more time to rest for the Hong Kong Open than the really wanted.

Sergi Bruguera snapped the third-ranked American's 11-match winning streak at the ATP Lipton Championships here Sunday by scoring a 6-4, 6-3 victory, reports AFP.

It was the Spaniard's first triumph over a top-five ranked player in nearly two years and underlines his return to form after a barren injury-marred 1996.

"I went out relaxed and I played very well," said Bru-

guera, whose only prior triumph in five previous meetings against Chang had come in round-robin play at the 1994 ATP Championships.

Chang, who had been enjoying his career-best start to a season with 18 win against two defeats, won titles at Memphis and at the Champions Cup. His next tournament will be in two weeks time at Hong Kong.

"All in all I will take this match and try to make it work for me," Chang said.

"I have a little time off before Hong Kong and I will put that to good use and go there refreshed and recuperated."

Chang saved two match points in the final game but

then sent a drop volley and overhead smash into the net.

"I had some shots where I got the shot I wanted and wasn't able to do much with it. I missed some easy volleys," Chang said.

"You will have some days when you are not at your best and Sergi makes you work for points."

Chang had not lost since Britain's Greg Rusedski beat him at the San Jose quarterfinals last month.

"This was a nice victory, but I want to concentrate on my next match. They are all important," Bruguera said.

All in all it was a bad day for the favourites at the 2.45 million dollar event.

Australia's Mark Philippoussis powered past ninth-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, and Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev beat 11th seed Albert Costa of Spain 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/2).

Philippoussis, who has risen to 28th in the rankings after winning 11 of his 14 matches so far this season, became the first man to slam two serves at 140 mph (224 k/hr) in an ATP event. He blasted a 140 mph effort in the first set and then hit a 141 mph serve in the second.

The Aussie set the ATP record with a 142-mph serve in Scottsdale earlier this month.

Fanie's noble spell

PRETORIA, Mar 24: South African cricketer Fanie de Villiers has gone up the pole to raise funds for a child deafness charity, reports Reuters.

The 32-year-old fast bowler, currently out of the Test team but hoping for a recall to the one-day side, is spending the final three days of the third Test against Australia at Centurion Park camped on top of one of the ground's 50-metre floodlight pylons.

"I'm not coming down until the selectors put me back in the team," joked De Villiers who has already raised hundreds of thousands of rands for the charity with a sponsored cycle ride around South Africa.

His young daughter Sune was given back her hearing after a successful implant.

De Villiers' "Pole-sitting" was reported on CNN television, resulting in one pledge of 100,000 rands (22,600 dollars) from overseas.

Germany lift five-nation hockey title

KARACHI, Mar 24: European champions Germany ended the winning run of Olympic champion Holland by edging them out 3-1 in the final to take the five-nation hockey tournament here Sunday, reports AFP.

Holland won three tournaments in 1996 including their maiden Olympic title and were tipped as favourites to win here. The tournament was held to celebrate Pakistan's golden jubilee. The home team finished third by beating Australia 7-4 earlier in the day.

Germany started the final with a psychological advantage over Holland. Their 3-1 win over Holland in the league encounter had made them favourites, although it was expected to be a close affair.

Holland squandered three penalty corners as their wonder boy Bram Lomans failed to find his golden touch that has yielded six goals for him in the tournament prior to the final.

Germans shrewdly negotiated Holland's supremacy over set-pieces by putting a man deep in the citadel. Christian Blunck saved two sure pushes from Lomans as Holland failed to convert any of four penalty corners.

"We have finally beaten them and I am sure that this performance of my young team will lead us to win the 1998 World Cup."

"It is heartening to beat them a day before and now in the final," Germany captain Christian Blunck said.

The Dutch captain Stephen Veen was full of praise for Holland.

"We had a well matched first half but they got just two chances and made it 3-1," Veen said.

The Dutch coach Roelant Oltmans described Germany as the best side of the tournament. "We missed four of our boys who were not here but I am happy that we have finished second. I expected it to be fourth before the tournament," he disclosed.

England had finished fifth in the tournament. However, England's captain Russel Garcia was declared player-of-the-tournament, while Pakistan's ace-forward Mohammad Shahbaz finished as top scorer with seven goals.

Queensland in control

PERTH, Australia, Mar 24: Queensland took an iron grip on the Sheffield Shield final today before Western Australia captain Tom Moody delayed their seemingly inevitable charge to victory with an unbeaten half century, reports Reuters.

Chasing a daunting target of 465 to win, western Australia were reduced to 18 for four before Moody helped lift his team to 166 for five at close of play on the fourth day at the WACA ground.

With one day remaining and their last two recognised batsmen at the crease, Western Australia need a further 299 runs to win with Moody on 66 alongside wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist on 36 not out.

More realistically, they face the challenge of needing to survive three sessions on Tuesday to claim a draw, which would be sufficient for them to win the shield.

Under competition rules, Western Australia need only avoid defeat to win the title as a reward for finishing at the top of the table at the end of the regular season.

Queensland fast bowler Adam Dale, who took six wickets in the first innings, struck again to remove openers Mike Hussey and Ryan Campbell cheaply.

Queensland, who scored 320 in their first innings before dismissing their opponents for 165, were all out for 309 on Monday after resuming on 259 for six.

Veteran opener Trevor Barshy, who has scored a century and a half-century in the match, made another crucial contribution in his last appearance before retirement when he took a remarkable reflex catch at short leg to dismiss Campbell.

Canadian cyclist in city



Bertrand Boudreau, a Canadian who is travelling around the world on bicycle, arrived in city on Sunday from Jessore after visiting India, says a press release.

Bangladesh is Boudreau's 55th destination. He started his "Save Our Children from AIDS World Cycling Tour" on August 1, 1994 to inform, educate and encourage protection against AIDS.

Boudreau has already visited most of the countries of Europe, Africa and Asia.

Boudreau leaves Bangladesh for Thailand on March 28.

Hingis wins teens' tussle



KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 24: Venus Williams collapsed in an easy chair, ran a hand through her braided hair, and smiled like the carefree teenager she is — even after losing to the hottest player in tennis.

Martina Hingis rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win a battle of 16-year-old Sunday, beating Williams 6-4, 6-2 in the third round at the Lipton Champi-

and get used to all this." Hingis, 25-0 this year, will become the youngest No 1 player ever when the new rankings are released March 31. Regardless of the outcome at Lipton, the young Swiss star will supplant Steffi Graf, who has been No 1 a record 374 weeks.

An intriguing final could be looming Saturday between Hingis and Monica Seles, playing her first tournament this year.

Seles, back after a four-



Martina Hingis of Switzerland makes a backhand return against American Venus Williams at the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne on Mar 23. Hingis won 6-4, 6-2.

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onships, report agencies.

The much anticipated match, the first between the two teen talents, may have been the start of a rivalry. But Williams refused to dwell on her defeat.

"I'm over it right now," she said 15 minutes after the final point. "I have to let go. I have said goodbye to the match."

But there's little doubt she'll meet Hingis again.

Williams and her 15-year-old sister, Serena, have been regarded as potential top players for several years while training in Florida. But they've maintained a low profile because of a protective father who stresses their education over tennis.

Serena has yet to join the WTA Tour, and Venus has played in just 11 tournaments since turning pro in 1994. But the older Williams made waves Saturday night by beating Jennifer Capriati, and she's on the verge of breaking into the top 100.

Williams' next tournament will be at Amelia Island, Florida, beginning April 7. She plans to play at the French Open and Wimbledon this year for the first time.

"For sure she is going to be a good player," Hingis said. "She is going to play more matches."

Ravanelli, Vieri in doubt

ROME, Mar 24: Strikers Fabrizio Ravanelli and Christian Vieri both face a struggle to be fit for Italy's World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Poland, reports Reuters.

Vieri and Ravanelli arrived at the Italian training camp at Coverciano near Florence on Monday with niggling injuries.

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