

Campbell warned, Huckle fined

HARARE, Sept 24: Zimbabwe leg-spinner Adam Huckle was fined and skipper Alistair Campbell warned after breaching code of conduct regulations in the first Test against New Zealand which ended in a draw here on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Zimbabwean Cricket Union said Tuesday Huckle had been deducted 30 per cent of his match fee, 1,905 Zimbabwean dollars (180 US dollars) and given a one-match suspension, suspended for one year.

Campbell was cautioned about his future conduct by match referee Sidath Wettimuny for "abusing an outgoing batsman, provoking confrontation and bringing the game into disrepute."

New Zealand batsman Adam Parore, the target of the abuse, also appeared before a disciplinary hearing but all charges against him were dismissed.

Huckle, playing in his first Test, was found guilty of "attempting to intimidate an umpire by charging towards him, in addition to gesturing to the pavilion after the batsman was given out."

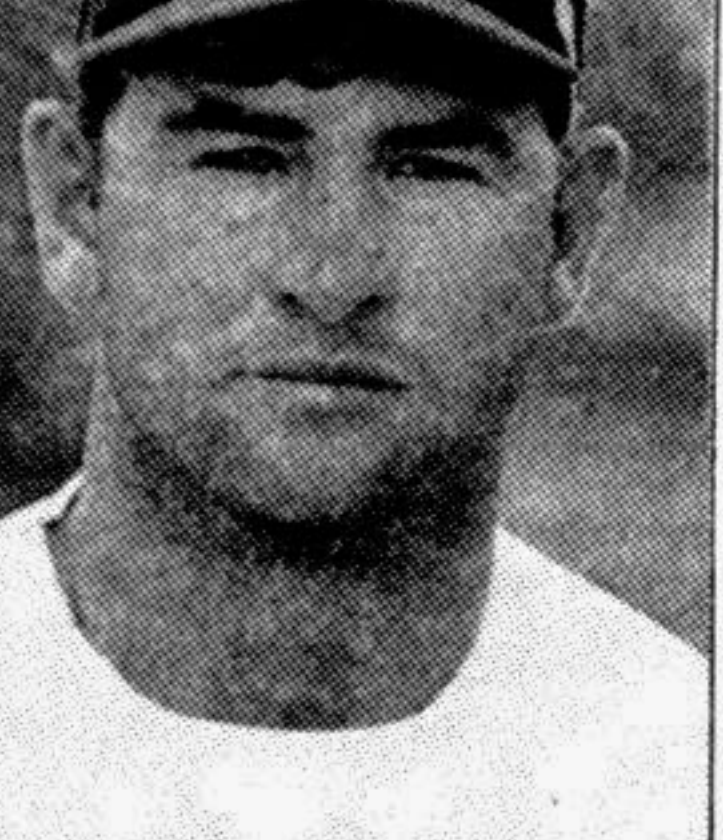
Wicketkeeper Parore scored a half century as New Zealand batted through the last day to deny what would have been Zimbabwe's second Test win.

The second Test begins in Bulawayo on Thursday.



BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Sept 24: Zimbabwe may field three spinners in an effort to force their first series win ever in the second Test against New Zealand starting on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The first of the two-test series was drawn in Harare on Monday after a brave rearguard



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Bulawayo Test begins today

Babes bank on tweak trio

action from New Zealand. The pitch at Queen's Club usually takes spin and Zimbabwe may field off-spinner Andy Whittall alongside leg-spinner Paul Strang and Adam Huckle.

Everton Matambanadz, who missed the first Test because of shin injury, has been included in the Zimbabwe 13 at the expense of John Rennie.

"It turns here all the time but there's enough grass to warrant playing an extra seamer," said Zimbabwe player-coach Dave Houghton. "We shall see on the morning of the match."

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon believes Zimbabwe peaked in the first Test while New Zealand can only improve.

"It was a massive boost to save the match. To be quite honest if we were going to lose a Test or a series that was the day," said Rixon.

"That's the best Zimbabwe have to offer but if we get our match plan in order and play accordingly I would say that we could take the series."

New Zealand are expected to name an unchanged team while Zimbabwe will make their choice on the morning of the match.

TEAMS ZIMBABWE: Grant Flower, Gavin Rennie, Guy Whittall, Andy Flower, Alistair Campbell (captain), David Houghton, Paul Strang, Heath Streak, Bryan Strang, Everton Matambanadz, Adam Huckle, Andy Whittall, Craig Wishart. NEW ZEALAND: Craig Spearman, Blair Cottrell, Matt Horne, Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Daniel Vettori, Shayne O'Connor, Heath Davis.

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Rusedski in qtrs

MUNICH, Sept 24: Britain's Greg Rusedski fought back from a set down to overcome Australian Todd Woodbridge and reach the quarter-finals of the Grend Slam Cup on his first appearance in the tournament, reports Reuter.

US Open finalist Rusedski recovered from a slow start to win 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 and make sure of 250,000 dollars in prize money.

Rusedski went 4-0 down in the first set and started playing better too late to stop Australian doubles specialist Woodbridge taking the first set.

The first Briton to enter the top 10 of the ATP Tour rankings then used his strong serve to move on top of his opponent, breaking Woodbridge straight away to win it 6-1.

The third set was a hard-fought affair with both players holding their serve until Woodbridge hit a backhand pass long on set point after one hour and 50 minutes of a match which could have gone either way.

Rusedski goes on to meet Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who won the "battle of former French Open champions with a comfortable straight sets victory over Spaniard Sergi Bruguera. Russian Kafelnikov, who

won on the Paris clay last year, showed no mercy to the man who triumphed in the French capital in 1993 and 1994, crushing him 6-4, 6-3 in 73 minutes.

LATEST

MUNICH, Sept 24: US Open champion Patrick Rafter needed two sets and just an hour to move past an off-colour Thomas Muster in his opening match at the Grand Slam Cup today, reports Reuter.

Rafter, appearing for the first time in the lucrative event for the top performers in all four Grand Slams, used his powerful serve-and-volley game to crush Muster 6-2, 6-3 and make sure of 500,000 dollars in prize money.

The Australian, who will receive 250,000 dollars for reaching the second round, will also collect a bonus of the same amount for having won a Grand Slam when he leaves the Bavarian city.

Austrian Muster, who hates the super fast surface of Munich's Olympic hall, was left still looking for his first win in the tournament, which he has now contested five times.

Rafter will go on to meet Chilean Marcelo Rios for a place in the semifinals.

Tawfiq Aziz gets ATMA Associate Membership

By Staff Correspondent Managing Editor of The Daily Star Tawfiq Aziz Khan has been made an Associate Member of the Australian Tennis Media Association (ATMA), the apex body of Tennis Writers and Broadcasters of Australia.

Mr Khan, who is an eminent Sports Journalist and Broadcaster of the country is the first Bangladeshi to have earned this



honour. He is also the pioneer tennis writer of this country who covered the Wimbledon Championships in 1995 for The Daily Star. Mr Khan is also the first Bangladeshi to cover the Ford Australian Open, the US Open Tennis Championships and Wimbledon Championships again in 1997.

The ATMA, which has only 35 permanent, 6 Life Members and 24 Associate Members from around the world, includes illustrious tennis writers like Bud Collins of Boston Globe, who is also the President of the United States Tennis Writers' Association, Richard Evans of BBC and London Sunday Times and one and only John Parsons of The Daily Telegraph of London as its Associate Members.

Stich on Becker

MUNICH, Germany, Sept 24: The personal battle between Germany's two greatest tennis players Michael Stich and Boris Becker continued here on Tuesday as Stich blasted Becker for using the sport purely as a means of promoting himself, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old Stich, who beat Becker to claim the 1991 Wimbledon title, also said that Becker, 29 and a triple Wimbledon champion, had never accepted anyone as being his equal on the tennis circuit.

He (Becker) used the sport simply as a means of self-promotion and never wanted to accept that there were players as good as him competing on the circuit," Stich said.

Stich, who has retired after recurring injury problems and is soon to be joined on the sidelines by Becker, criticised his compatriot for his behaviour during their 1992 Olympic gold medal doubles triumph.

"There was no common interest. We saw each other every day but I didn't know him any better at the end," Stich moaned.

Ganguly comes of age

NEW DELHI, Sept 23 (India Abroad News Service): Few Indian cricketers of this generation have shown more strength of character than Calcutta-born Saurav Ganguly, named man-of-the-series in the recently-concluded Sahara Cup series between India and Pakistan at Toronto.

Ganguly was sent back before the 1991-92 tour of Australia before the start of the World Cup and with just a one-day international to show for himself on the tour.

Labelled as "arrogant" and much else besides, it looked like the tour had marked both the beginning and the end of an international career for this elegant left-hander from West Bengal.

A nickname of "Maharaj" may have been just incidental. But it was thought at the time that the young man — he was only 19 at the time — had an attitude problem that prevented him from being part of the cohesive unit that a touring team is supposed to be.

After four years in the wilderness, Ganguly was picked for the team to England last year amidst an uproar from all over the country, except West Bengal. It took all the persuasiveness of the state's former captain and wicket-keeper Sambaran Banerjee, a man with no experience international cricket, before his fellow selectors would agree to the choice of Ganguly in the touring 16. Ganguly himself admitted that he had matured considerably since the tour of Australia.

Over the last one year Ganguly has established himself as a fixture in the national eleven in both the Test and one-day internationals.

That he was dropped for a couple of one-day internationals in that period is no reflection on either his ability or consistency. Those decisions by skipper Sachin Tendulkar, first in Toronto in the Sahara Cup against Pakistan last year and then on the more recent tour of the West Indies, created a huge uproar.

Most of the sound and fury predictably came from Ganguly's beloved Calcutta, where he is now firmly ensconced as a sporting icon.

Charges of parochialism and worse flew thick and fast, though Ganguly himself appeared untroubled by all the furore. Rarely has the Indian sporting press been forced to eat its own words in such a humbling manner as in the case of Ganguly.

Condemned as yet another example of the regional quota

system in the national selection panel, Ganguly silenced his critics in brilliant style. His century in the second Test at Lord's made him only the third batsman in over a century of Test at the ground to record three figures in his maiden Test.

Another ton in the next Test at Trent Bridge only confirmed his class and consistency. Gan-



SAURAV GANGULY

guly in fact came close to emulating ex-skipper Mohammed Azharuddin's unique feat of three centuries in his first three Tests when he scored a half-century in the next Test, the one-off encounter against Australia at New Delhi.

Ganguly had a consistent Pepsi Asia Cup record, including an explosive innings of 73 not out against Bangladesh which helped India overcome the net run-rate factor and sneak into the final against Sri Lanka.

A middle-order batsman in Tests, Ganguly has proved to be a successful opener in tandem with his skipper Tendulkar in one-day internationals which he aptly demonstrated both in Colombo and Toronto.

That was why it was all the more surprising that he should have been dropped for those two one-day internationals and also the fifth and final Test in the West Indies. It was Ganguly who had partnered Tendulkar to a remarkable 10-wicket victory at Port of Spain in the second match of the one-day series just after being dropped for the opener. And soon after that he was left out of the Guyana Test.

But then Indian cricket has had a history of such inexplicable decisions and not all of them can be laid at the door of

the selectors. In this case it was the captain who took the rap and rightly so. The adage that form is temporary but class is permanent is apt in Ganguly's case. As it is, there is not a great amount of batting talent in the country and players like Ganguly who have proved themselves to be persistent with.

Born on July 4, 1973, in Calcutta, Ganguly comes from a cricketing family. His father Chandi is a former treasurer of the Cricket-Association of Bengal and East Zone.

Initially attracted to soccer, as most youngsters in Calcutta are, Saurav Ganguly switched to cricket following his brother's success. His early ambition to be a pace bowler was nipped in the bud by none other than the legendary Dennis Lillee who overrules the MRF Pace Foundation for budding fast bowlers in Chennai.

Lillee sent him back early from his training stint, a fate that also incidentally befell his current skipper.

Even before he made his Test debut in England, Ganguly was impressive in the one-day international series. To add to his runs, he also picked up six wickets in his two Tests on the tour to head both the batting and bowling averages for Indians in the series.

The ability to move the ball about at a steady medium pace has often seen him bowl restrictive spells in one-day internationals as well, though it is yet another mystery why Tendulkar often appears to lack faith in his bowling.

If there is an obvious weakness in his cricket, it is the area of running between the wickets and fielding where he sometimes gives the impression of being somewhat lazy. Being a thinking cricketer, he has worked hard on those two aspects and his ground fielding was a revelation in the recent Pepsi Asia Cup and the Sahara Cup.

The core of the Indian batting now revolves round the young talents of Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Ganguly and potentially at least, Ajay Jadeja. The most fitting tribute to Ganguly came after the conclusion of the Sahara Cup in Toronto when skipper Tendulkar noted that Ganguly was enjoying his cricket more than ever before, and nobody should be allowed to put any pressure on him.

The Calcutta lad, whose wife is a classical dancer, picked up a cool Canadian \$ 9,000 for his exploits in Toronto which included four man-of-the-match awards out of a total of five matches that India and Pakistan played.

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