

**SL squad for Kandy Test**

COLOMBO, Jan 5 (AFP): Sri Lanka today announced a 14-member squad led by skipper Arjuna Ranatunga for the first Test against Zimbabwe starting Wednesday in the central region of Kandy.

Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Aravinda de Silva, Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Roshan Mahanama, Marvan Atapattu, Kumara Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Sajeewa de Silva, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Jayantha Silva, Russel Arnold and Hashan Tillakaratne.

**Naveed stakes claim**

MATARA, Sri Lanka, Jan 5: Naveed Nawaz enhanced his Test hopes with a century today but the three-day match between a Sri Lanka Board XI and Zimbabwe was then called off long before its intended close, reports Reuters.

With the match headed for a certain draw, the two captains called off the match at lunch by mutual consent.

The board XI were then 313 for eight in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings 311 for six declared.

The only interest remaining in the match at the start of the third-day was whether 24-year-old local player Nawaz could complete his maiden century against an international side.

He resumed on 91 and needed only another 21 balls to gather the nine runs to reach his century. He was out soon afterwards for 111 after hitting one six and nine fours in an innings spanning 332 minutes.

Zimbabwe face Sri Lanka in the first of the two Tests in Kandy on Wednesday.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between a Sri Lanka Board XI and Zimbabwe on Monday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 311-6 declared (A Flower 101 not out, G Flower 58, M Woodwin 52, T. Samaraweer 4-90)

**SRI LANKA BOARD XI:** First innings (overnight 240-5)

R Arnold b A Whittall 27

C Mendis c Rennie b Huckle 28

N Nawaz c G Flower b Mbangwa 111

S Ranatunga b Huckle 4

A Gunawardena c Rennie b Whittall 19

I de Saman c A Flower b Whittall 56

M Perera c A Flower b Mbangwa 18

A Dalugoda c Huckle b G Flower 17

T Samaratunga not out 9

S Perera not out 8

Extras: (lb-2, lb-7, nb-6, w-1) 16

Total: (for eight wickets) 313

Did not bat: A Lankatilleke

Fall of wickets: 1-48; 2-81; 3-

89; 4-121; 5-239; 6-268; 7-279;

8-303.

**Bowling** O M R W

Streak 18 4 46 0

Mbangwa 14 5 5 24

A Whittall 31 10 77 2

Huckle 27 6 93 2

G Flower 13 1 44 1

Goodwin 6 2 16 0

Whittall 3 0 4 1

**Result:** Match drawn.

**Korean pledge**

SEOUL, Jan 5: South Korea's national football coach today vowed his team would shed "sweat and blood" in a bid to reach the last 16 of the World Cup finals in France, reports AFP.

Cha Bum-Kim made the pledge as his players began training together for the finals in which they will meet the Netherlands, Belgium and Mexico in the group stage.

"From now on, we will pour sweat and blood to fulfil our aim of making it to the last 16," he told reporters after shaking hands with each of his 25 players.

The team is scheduled to go Tuesday to the southern city of Ulsan for a two-day training camp before leaving for a tournament in Thailand.

However he said despite the tough task facing his team he had confidence in his players.

"We plan to draw with the Netherlands, and beat Mexico and Belgium," he said.

South Korea is making its fourth consecutive appearance at the World Cup.



Saifuddin Ahmed Babu runs up to bowl as national team manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu watches during a practice session at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

**Warne's fabulous feat**

SYDNEY, Jan 5 (AP/Reuters): Leg-spinner Shane Warne became the 13th bowler and only the second behind Dennis Lillee to take 300 Test wickets on Monday.

Warne, 28, took a match bag of 11 for 109 as Australia routed South Africa in the second cricket Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Warne claimed the wicket of Jacques Kallis in his 63rd Test to reach the 300-wicket club that includes four West Indians, three Englishmen, two Pakistanis, a New Zealander and an Indian.

His 300 wickets have come at an average of 23.56 with four 10-wicket match hauls and 14 five-wicket bags. His career best 8-71 came against England in December.

Although Warne expects to

play at least three or four more years, he says that Indian Kapil Dev's record of 434 wickets is a daunting total.

"When it gets close it will be something you'll set your sights on but at this stage I think it's miles away," said Warne.

Warne is only the second spinner since West Indian Lance Gibbs to take 300 wickets. Warne is also the fourth fastest to the milestone, reaching it in his 63rd Test behind Lillee (56), West Indian Malcolm Marshall and New Zealander Richard Hadlee, both with 61 matches.

Warne is also the second youngest to reach 300 wickets at 28 years and 114 days behind Kapil Dev, who was 28 years and one day.

**THE 300 MEN**

Following is the list of the world's leading Test wicket-takers:

Player	Country	Wkts	Test	Avg.
Kapil Dev	India	434	131	29.65
Richard Hadlee	New Zealand	431	86	22.3
Ian Botham	England	383	102	28.4
M. Marshall	Windies	376	81	20.95
Imran Khan	Pakistan	362	88	22.8
Dennis Lillee	Australia	355	70	23.9
Courtney Walsh	Windies	353	96	25.8
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	334	77	22.3
Bob Willis	England	325	90	25.2
Lance Gibbs	Windies	309	79	29.1
Curtly Ambrose	Windies	309	74	21.8
Fred Trueman	England	307	67	21.6
<b>Shane Warne</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>23.5</b>

"I think my bowling has changed a lot ... I think I know how to get batsmen out," Warne said. "When I first started I had no idea."

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**European Soccer**

LONDON, Jan 5: Real Madrid suffered a shock defeat while champions Porto opened a nine-point lead at the top when the Spanish and Portuguese Division One action resumed on the weekend, reports Reuters.

He said the sport has grown in popularity and influence since Joao Havelange became FIFA president in 1974 into a 200 billion dollars annual industry that affects, directly or indirectly, 1.2 billion people.

Havelange, who is stepping down after this year's World Cup in France, has given soccer universality and will leave FIFA, the sport's governing body, with financial backing it could only dream of 23 years ago, Blatter said.

At the same time, soccer must figure out how to balance lucrative sponsorships and TV money with loss of control and discipline, he said.

"Television and football is a wonderful marriage, with the rhythm of the game and the speed of the ball," Blatter said. "The human eye and the camera can follow it closely."

Matches at the 1994 World Cup in the United States drew worldwide television viewership of 32 billion, with even higher figures possible for the weekend.

Porto's Paulinho Santos and Joao Pinto of Benfica were sent off after a second half flare up. They were two of nine players to receive red cards in Portugal at the weekend.

Artur Oliveira hit both Porto goals in the second half to leave Benfica fifth, 14 points behind the leaders.

Robert Jarni Oliverio Alvarez and Hristo Vidakovic scored for Benfica who had Albert Nadj sent off in the last minute.

In Portugal, Porto blanked Benfica 2-0 while second placed Vitoria Guimaraes lost 1-0 at Leca.

Real Madrid missed their chance to head the table in Spain as they lost 3-2 to Real Betis in a bruising match.

The defeat left the champions on 39 points, one adrift of Barcelona who play at Salamanca today.

Real sociedad were third on 35 points after a 1-0 win over Mallorca.

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challenge that soccer faces with the new millennium looming:

— Political intervention

such as the court decision on Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman that told soccer's powers-that-be to scrap transfer fees and quotas on non-national players in most of Europe's top leagues.

Blatter said that is leading clubs to put players under long-term contracts, then sell them after two years, adding: "Football is at risk of losing its local or regional face."

Lack of discipline by players and teams in accepting the decisions of FIFA and national

leagues is another challenge that soccer faces with the new millennium looming:

— Marketing partners trying to take over clubs' television and marketing rights.

— Sole ownership of different clubs in the same league that could create "at least a doubt of cheating when they meet."

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