

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, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Roshan Mahanama, Marvan Atapattu, Kumara Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Sajeeva de Silva, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Jayantha Silva, Russell Arnold and Hashan Tillekeratne.

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 111 not out, G Flower 58, M Woodwin 52, T. Samaraweera 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 Mbwana 111

S Ranatunga b Huckle 4

A Gunawardena c Rennie

b A Whittall 19

I de Saram c A Flower b Wishart 56

M Perera c A Flower b Mbwana 18

A Dalgoda c Huckle b G Flower 17

T Samaraweera not out 9

S Perera not out 8

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

Total: (for eight wickets, declared) 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

Mbwana 14 5 24 2

A Whittall 31 10 77 2

Huckle 27 6 93 2

G Flower 13 1 44 1

Goodwin 6 2 16 0

Wishart 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 fulfill 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 Australian 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 Brisbane in the 1994-95 season.

Warne believes he has come a long way since his debut as a 22-year-old playing his first Test against India here eight years ago with a modest return of 1-150 in 45 overs.

"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."

"When I first started I just ripped a leg break or flipper, I didn't actually know when and why to bowl something."

"Being in situations and experienced a fair bit in seven to eight seasons of Test cricket you know what to do. Your whole process of getting someone out is different."

"To be up there in such elite company in the record book is obviously an honour," said Warne.

"I think I have bowled better but I thought my loop and turn was there today and I thought the wicket helped me. I thought it was a great wicket."

"I set myself a goal of reaching 300 this season because I thought we would win both Test series at home if I did," Warne said.

Australia beat New Zealand 2-0 in November and 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 also 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	Winds	376	81	20.95
Imran Khan	Pakistan	362	88	22.8
Dennis Lillee	Australia	355	70	23.9
Courtenay Walsh	Winds	353	96	25.8
Wasim Akram	Pakistan	334	77	22.3
Bob Willis	England	325	90	25.2
Lance Gibbs	Winds	309	79	29.1
Curtly Ambrose	Winds	309	74	21.6
Fred Trueman	England	307	67	21.8
Shane Warne	Australia	300	63	23.5

FIFA wants effort from all corners



SINGAPORE, Jan 5: FIFA will recruit players, referees, media and fans to help soccer tackle the risks of exploitation and abuse, Secretary-General Joseph S. Blatter said Monday, reports AP.

"We have to protect the game," Blatter said in the keynote address to Football '98, soccer's first international trade fair. "It is still a game. We should help and understand those who can save the game."

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

32-team field in France, Blatter said. Each month, soccer games draw 45 billion TV viewers.

"Is there too much soccer on television?" Blatter asked. "Not as long as the system can justify it."

At the same time, "TV is a

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.

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 home win over Mallorca.

Robert Jarni Oliverio Alvarez and Hristo Vidakovic scored for Betis 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 Leica.

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

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.

danger. We do not like that they go into our schedule."

He pointed out that matches in England are held every day of the week to accommodate television, and all First Division matches in France are only shown on pay-per-view television.

Blatter cited other challenges 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 associations.

"Please trust FIFA and the national federations to let this game be the most popular in the world," Blatter said.

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."

"We must call on the players to be part of the decision-making authority," Blatter said. "We should invite media representatives. And we cannot forget the fan. He is the connoisseur of football."

Game 3 ends drawn

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 5: Title-holder Anatoly Karpov and challenger Viswanathan Anand remain level in the FIDE World Championship finals after the third game ended in a draw Sunday.

Both players now have one and a half-points, and have won a game each with the white pieces.

After Karpov's marathon 108-move win on Friday and Anand's 42-move win Saturday, Sunday's action finished when the players agreed a draw on the 19th move.

Both players repeated the first eight moves — of the Meran variation — which they made in Friday's opening game.

Karpov, playing with the white pieces, diverted from the main variation on the 9th move, but Anand was alert to the system's nuances and quickly equalised the game.

Play at Lausanne's Olympic Museum resumes Tuesday after a rest day, with further games scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. If necessary, a tie-breaker will be played Friday.

In an interview published Sunday in the Zurich weekly SonntagsZeitung, Karpov denied that Anand's exertions in Groningen had put the Indian at a disadvantage.

The challenger had just one day's rest between the three-week qualifying tournament and the start of the finals, which the Russian Grand Master said could even be to Anand's advantage.

"I'm not as well played in as Anand," Karpov was quoted as saying. But, he said, "I don't see why a longer gap between Groningen and Lausanne wasn't scheduled."

'The saga of Bjorn Borg'

STOCKHOLM, Jan 5: A Swedish television documentary on tennis legend Bjorn Borg to be aired today reveals that the star only played in the Davis Cup in 1978 and 1979 after he was paid 220,000 dollars, reports AFP.



Borg, six-time French Open champion and five-time Wimbledon winner, had initially collaborated with the producers of "The Saga of Bjorn Borg," but pulled out after he realised the programme would discuss controversial aspects of his career, including his financial woes.

The three-part documentary features more than 90 interviews, including nine with former world number ones, as well as former US president George Bush, who occasionally played Borg for fun.

Spaniards prevail

PERTH, Jan 5: Top seeded Spain beat Slovakia in the deciding mixed doubles match today of a 2-1 first round win at the Hopman Cup tennis tournament despite an unusually sluggish performance from Carlos Moya, reports Reuters.

Slovakia took an unexpected lead in the three match tie when Karol Kucera upset Moya 7-5, 6-4, before Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario squared the tie with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Karina Habsudova.

Spain then claimed victory when Moya and Sanchez-Vicario teamed up to down Kucera and Habsudova 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 in the decisive match.

Proteas cave in at SCG



SYDNEY, Jan 5 (Reuters/AP): Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne claimed his 300th wicket in Test cricket to send South Africa crashing to defeat by an innings and 21 runs in the second Test today.

When Warne bowled Jacques Kallis for 45, the Victoria leg-spinner became only the 13th bowler in Test history to reach the milestone and completed a disastrous day for the tourists.

His six-wicket haul on the fourth day at the Sydney Cricket Ground helped rout South Africa for 113 in 53

appeared almost unplayable at times during three devastating spells.

Only number three Kallis, whose century earned South Africa a draw in the first Test in Melbourne last week, showed any application before he became the eighth wicket to fall.

It was the fourth time Warne has taken 10 wickets in a Test match and his 14th five-wicket haul.

Australia were dismissed for 421, including a century from Mark Waugh, during the morning session today, gaining a potentially match-winning lead of 134 runs.

"We definitely dominated the



CAN YOU HEAR? Player-of-the-match Australian super leg-spinner Shane Warne celebrates capturing his 300th wicket (Jacques Kallis) on the fourth day of the Sydney Test against South Africa on Jan 5. —AP/UNB photo

overs, still shy of the 134 runs they needed in their second innings just to make Australia bat again.

South Africa's demise was delayed for three hours because of a heavy downpour but Australia wrapped up the innings after the umpires brought the teams back onto the field in the early evening gloom.

Play was possible in the murky light because of the floodlights at the SCG and it was raining when pace bowler Paul Reiffel clinched victory by removing fast bowler Allan Donald at 1910 local time.

In a mesmerising performance, Warne took 11 wickets in the match at a cost of 109 runs as Mark Taylor's side took a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series.

The South Africans, like so many other Test sides before them, were simply unable to cope with Warne, who was engulfed by teammates when he captured Kallis' wicket.

Warne, who took five for 75 in South Africa's first innings,

four days of this Test match and we have been by far the best team," Taylor said.

It was an assessment shared by South Africa captain Hansie Cronje, who said his side lost their way after being restricted to 287 in their first innings in the most favourable batting conditions of the match.

"We did not get enough runs in our first innings and that put us under pressure," Cronje said. "Someone with the skills of Shane Warne is going to bowl teams out."

"This is a bad result for us," Cronje said.

"We came here feeling very positive after beating Pakistan in a Test series. It certainly hurts very much."

Cronje said back-to-back Test matches are hard both mentally and physically and felt the Australians adapted to it better than his side.

The drawn Test at Melbourne ended on December 30 while the Sydney Test started on January 2.

"They were the best team on the last four days and we accept



Spain's Carlos Moya returns the ball as teammate Arantxa Sanchez Vicario watches during their mixed doubles clash in the Hopman Cup in Perth on Jan 5. The Spaniards won 7-6, 6-1. —AP/UNB photo

that," said Cronje.

Taylor said the South Africans squandered a great opportunity to put the pressure on the Australians after winning the toss.

"They won a good toss," said Taylor. "If they had batted better in the first innings and scored a few more runs they could have put us under pressure."

Resuming on 392 for nine, Australia heightened South Africa's obvious frustration when wicketkeeper Ian Healy and fast bowler Glenn McGrath added a further 29 runs before lunch. Healy was eventually left stranded on 46 not out.

Besides, Healy had his 200th catch in Test cricket when Allan Donald edged Reiffel.

South Africa's troubles began as early as the second over, when opener Gary Kirsten was trapped leg before wicket for a duck by McGrath.

From that point, South Africa simply had no answer to Warne, who bowled unchanged from the Randwick End at the SCG either side of the lunch interval and rain interruption.

In quick succession, he removed Cronje, Herschelle Gibbs, Brian McMillan, Shaun Pollock and wicketkeeper Dave Richardson.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between Australia and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 287 (Hansie Cronje 88, Herschelle Gibbs 54; Shane Warne 5-75)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 392 for nine)

Elliott c McMillan b Symcox 32

Taylor c Richardson b Pollock 11

Blewell b McMillan 28

M Waugh lbw b Pollock 100

S Waugh b Donald 85

Ponting c and b Adams 62

Bevan c McMillan b Symcox 12

Healy not out 46

Reiffel b Donald 0

Warne lbw b Pollock 12

McGrath c Richardson b Donald 14

Extras: (nb-6, lb-12, b-1) 19

Total: (All out in 157.4 overs) 421

Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-59; 3-103; 4-219; 5-317; 6-337; 7-354; 8-357; 9-385.

Bowling O M R W

Donald 30.4 5 81 3

Pollock 33.8 71 33

Symcox 39 11 103 2

Adams 38 9 66 1

McMillan 18 5 55 1

Kallis 8 1 30 0

Cronje 1 0 2 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Second

innings

Kirsten lbw b McGrath 0

Bacher c Ponting b Reiffel 2

Kallis b Warne 45

Cronje c Ponting b Warne 5

Gibbs c Blewell b Warne 1