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(The Professor does)

That prediction often comes out true. During a match at Adelaide in 1950-51, a local journalist wrote that 'If South Australia does not pass the MCC score by tea today, then the state batting is weaker, the English attack stronger, and the pitch more responsive than I think they are — and you can call me a poor judge right out loud. By tea, South Australia were all out for 126.

Who said fakirs were only made in India?



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Who won the Asian Test Championship title? India Sri Lanka Pakistan

Kevin Keegan is the manager of Scotland

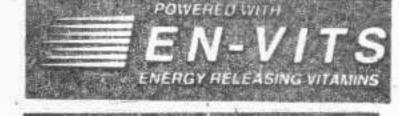
Warne is a leg-spinner off-spinner medium-pacer Who is the first Bangladesh batsman to score an ODI century?

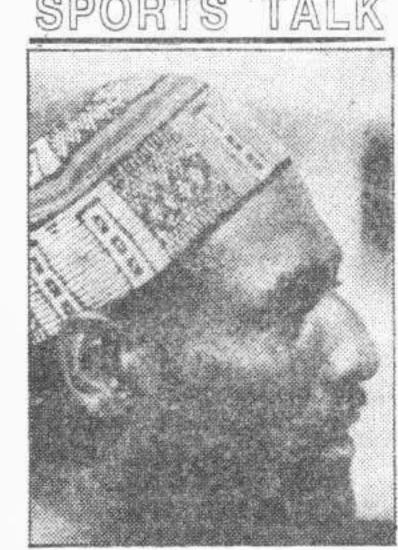
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Viv Richards

(Former West Indies captain) "He is a born leader, but he must have a team to lead." On Brian Lara's capability as skipper.

England's friendly against Hungary

LONDON, Mar 31 (Reuters/ Internet): The Football Associ ation (FA) remains confident that England's friendly away to Hungary next month will take place as scheduled, despite any threats posed by the Balkan

"We have said all along that we are monitoring the situation (in Serbia) and, as things stand at the moment, obviously the game is on," FA press spokesman Steve Double told

the news agency. "However, if the situation deteriorates markedly, then we'll reassess the situation."

lated on Wednesday that the match was likely to be called off because of the political crisis in the region.

"England's friendly...looks certain to be called off because of the Balkan crisis. The war in Serbia, which borders Hungary, has put FA officials on full alert

to abandon the fixture," reported The Sun. England are due to play Hungary in Budapest on April 28

and the match would be new coach Kevin Keegan's second in charge. His part-time contract will then finish with England's Euro 2000 qualifiers against Sweden and Bulagria in June.

But the FA are well aware of the impact made by Keegan in England's 3-1 victory over Poland at the weekend and they will want to keep that momen-

tum going. A successful England performance against Hungary in a match where Keegan will have the opportunity to experiment could well persuade the coach to stay on for a longer contract.

Tanveer defends Faruque's inclusion Residential camp resumes

Sports Reporter



six-day recess due to Eid. The elite fifteen, selected for the forthcoming World Cup, reported to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office last evening from where they were taken to the country's lone sports institute in Savar.

Although Gordon Greenidge, the West Indian coach of the national team, was not available at the BCB last night, the manager of the Bangladesh team Tanveer Muzhar Islam said that the team will remain at the BKSP till the second week of April.

The Bangladesh team leaves for England on April 14, one month before the beginning of the World Championship.

But Tanveer said that Faruque Ahmed will accompany the BCB Eleven to play a few matches in Pakistan. The second-string side, led by Habibul Bashar, will leave Dhaka on April 3 to take part in the Wills Cup. The limitedovers tournament will com-

WELLINGTON,

their

World Cup Wednesday with a

degree of hope after they

completed their home summer

season with a 3-2 loss in the

one-day series against a power-

drew 2-2 with India and, while

beating India 1-0 in the Test se-

ries and losing to South Africa

by the same margin, they

showed enough form to indicate

they cannot be taken lightly at

the World Cup starting in Eng-

the squad was the inclusion of

Matthew Hart, who has not

played for New Zealand since

1996. He will back up Daniel

Vettori, also a left-arm spinner.

in his two games against South

Africa was so expensive - he

completed half his allotted

ent and while he may not have

bowled up to his or our expecta-

tions, he's got pace and the abil-

ity to bounce the ball," con-

venor of selectors Ross Dykes

cessful but it is something

cates an element of desperation

for New Zealand, that the bowl-

ing and other problems in the

team make-up were not resolved

been injury problems and this

year a plague of injuries that

has beset the team has, it any-

more than most countries be-

cause of the lack of playing

Injuries to key playes such

as captain Stephen Fleming.

all-rounder Chris Cairns and

the talented batsman Craig

thing, been as bad as ever.

Foremost among these has

New Zealand are affected

during the long home season.

"His two games were not suc-

But Bulfin's selection indi-

"He offers something differ-

overs, was also included.

worth persisting with."

Fast bowler Carl Bulfin, who

The only minor surprise in

land in May.

Earlier in the season they

ful South African line-up.

Mar 31 (AFP/

Internet): New

Zealand named

squad for cricket's

15-man

mence from April 4. It was also learnt that Faruque will play in

the opening two matches.

Faruque, who was sidelined during the Meril International tri-nation tournament due to injury, was drafted into the Pakistan-bound side so that the player could gain some muchneeded match practice before the last championship of the

century. "Faruque is going to Eng-land. We have already sent the final fifteen list to the ICC," said Tanveer, adding that the board had decided to send the experienced batsman so that he was match-fit he before the World Cup.

Although Faruque made a speedy recovery thanks to Australian physic Alan Hunt, allrounder Naimur Rahman is still nursing a knee injury. The dapper right-hander has been advised to take a six-week rest.

Injuries aside, Greenidge should be more concerned with how his boys fair in this tournament if their current results are anything to go by Bangladesh lost all four matches, including two heavy defeats against arch-rivals Kenya, in the meet that also included champions Zimbabwe.

New Zealand name WC squad

McMillan affected the perfor-

of the summer to a hamstring

injury greatly upset the balance

of the team. New Zealand's Cup

chances would take a dive if he

Other problems remain.

They have not settled on an

opening batting combination

lost early wickets. Experienced

opener Bryan Young, who was

used against the South

Africans, was not included in

the New Zealand batsmen

proved capable of making big

scores. Most were unable to cure

Serious problems also re-

their habit of getting out when

main with the bowlers. Left-

arm paceman Geoff Allott

proved he could take early

wickets but he also gave away

runs at the rate of about five an

over and there was no wicket-

taking support from the other

cate his Test form in the one-

day arena and others such as

restrain the batsmen and New

Zealand still rely on its

medium-pacers Gavin Larsen,

Chris Harris and Astle, who

contain batsmen but lack pene-

partment remains problematic

with Adam Parore mostly out of

form with the bat and keeping

excelled in its home series was

fielding of the South Africa

team, hit the wickets with a

high percentage of throws and

took some mind-boggling

Rixon rated New Zealand's Cup

preparation against South

Africa as first rate.

New Zealand coach Steve

Even the wicketkeeping de-

One area where New Zealand

They matched the renowned

Bulfin proved expensive.

Simon Doull failed to repli-

Vettori also often failed to

Nathan Astle apart, none of

and New Zealand invariably

fails to regain fitness.

The loss of Cairns for much

mance.

the team.

well set.

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indifferently.

in fielding.

catches.

Women's hockey

Australia clinch series

PRETORIA, Mar 31: The Australian women's hockey team claimed a 3-0 victory over South Africa in their final Test today to win the five-Test series 3-2, reports Reuters.

The reigning Olympic, World and Commonwealth Games champions led 2-0 at half-time through goals by Michelle Andrews and Nikki Mott, the player-of-the-match.

Andrews sixth minute opener was a simple tap in to an open goal.

Teammate Louise Dobson had made a solid break down the right flank, and with no cover defence, South Africa goalkeeper lnke van Wyk was forced to come off her line, leaving Andrews open for Dobson's Mott scored from a short

corner variation five minutes later, with Australia in total command of the midfield. South Africa stepped up the pressure in the second half,

showing glimpses of the form which saw them level the series at 2-2 with the world's best coming into this Test.

But poor finishing from the hosts and a solid Australian defence combined with Claire Mitchell-Traverner's goal midway through the second half prevented another South African upset.

"I believe South Africa will

"We've got a couple of players

"I believe what we've done is

be one of the two favourites in

(McMillan and Cairns) to come

back into the squad. Both have

very major roles in our side.

the World Cup," he said.

Lara delivers a Windies miracle



BRIDGETOWN, Mar (AFP/Reuters/Int ernet): Brian Lara scored an unbeaten 153 to

guide the West Indies to a dramatic one-wicket win over Australia in the third Test at Kensington Oval here on Tues-The West Indies skipper kept his nerve as the West Indies won

one of the closest finishes in Test match history to take a 2-1 lead in the four-Test series. Chasing a victory target of 308, the West Indies finished on

311 for nine to spark off wild celebrations. It was only the fourth time that the West Indies had scored more than 300 runs in the fourth innings to win a

Lara, who sealed the win with his 19th four of the innings, lifted the West Indies to their second straight win of the series after they had previously

lost six Tests in a row. He scored 213 as the West Indies won the second Test in Kingston and again proved the difference between two evenly-

matched sides. Lara, who was named man of the match, batted for 256 minutes and slammed one six in addition to his 19 boundaries.

The Australians, were left to rue two opportunities that could have swung the match late in the day.

First wicketkeeper Ian Healy dropped Lara off the bowling of paceman Jason Gillespie with the West Indies seven runs from victory and then Shane Warne missed a half-chance off the bowling of Glenn McGrath that could have again seen Lara dismissed.

The Australians appeared almost certain to win when the West Indies went to tea at 254 for eight, still needing a further 54 runs to win while the Australians needed only two more wickets.

Instead, Lara cleverly protected his partner Curly Ambrose, who finally fell to Gillespie for 12 with just six runs needed. Courtney Walsh was not out

without scoring at the end. The Australians were left to rue the complete ineffectiveness of spinners Warne and Stuart

MacGill after they had been lifted within sight of a memorable triumph by a superb fiery spell from combative paceman McGrath. McGrath dismissed first Jimmy Adams and then Australian vice-captain Adam | claimed Ridley Jacobs and Ne-

hemiah Perry with successive balls shortly before tea. The West Indies resumed on Tuesday morning at 85 for three, requiring a further 223

runs for victory. They added 76 runs in the first session for the loss of two wickets and then lost Adams. Jacobs and Perry in the session between lunch and tea as their hopes began to fade.

Adams and Lara put on 133 runs for the sixth wicket before Adams fell to McGrath for a patient 38 from 125 balls. Adams was bowled between bat and pad by a superb delivery.

Lara was involved in a confrontation with McGrath during the stand after a fiery bouncer with the second new ball clattered into his helmet. Lara took a leg-bye and as he passed McGrath there was a heated verbal exchange.

But Lara quickly regained his composure, hitting the next ball he faced through midwicket for four to move to 81

Jacobs then made only five before being trapped lbw by the dangerous McGrath and Perry was then out lbw first ball to McGrath — the bowler's fifth victim of the innings - sparking scenes of celebration among the Australian fans in the crowd. They proved premature.

Lara had earlier completed his 12th century in fine style with a big hit off the bowling of Warne. His ten came from 169 balls and featured 14 fours and one six.

The West Indies had struggled to avoid the follow-on in their first innings, but then gave themselves a gettable tar get of 308 for victory by dismissing the Australians for

Opener Adrian Griffith was the first batsman to fall on Tuesday when he was trapped lbw by Australian paceman Jason Gillespie after a painstaking 35.

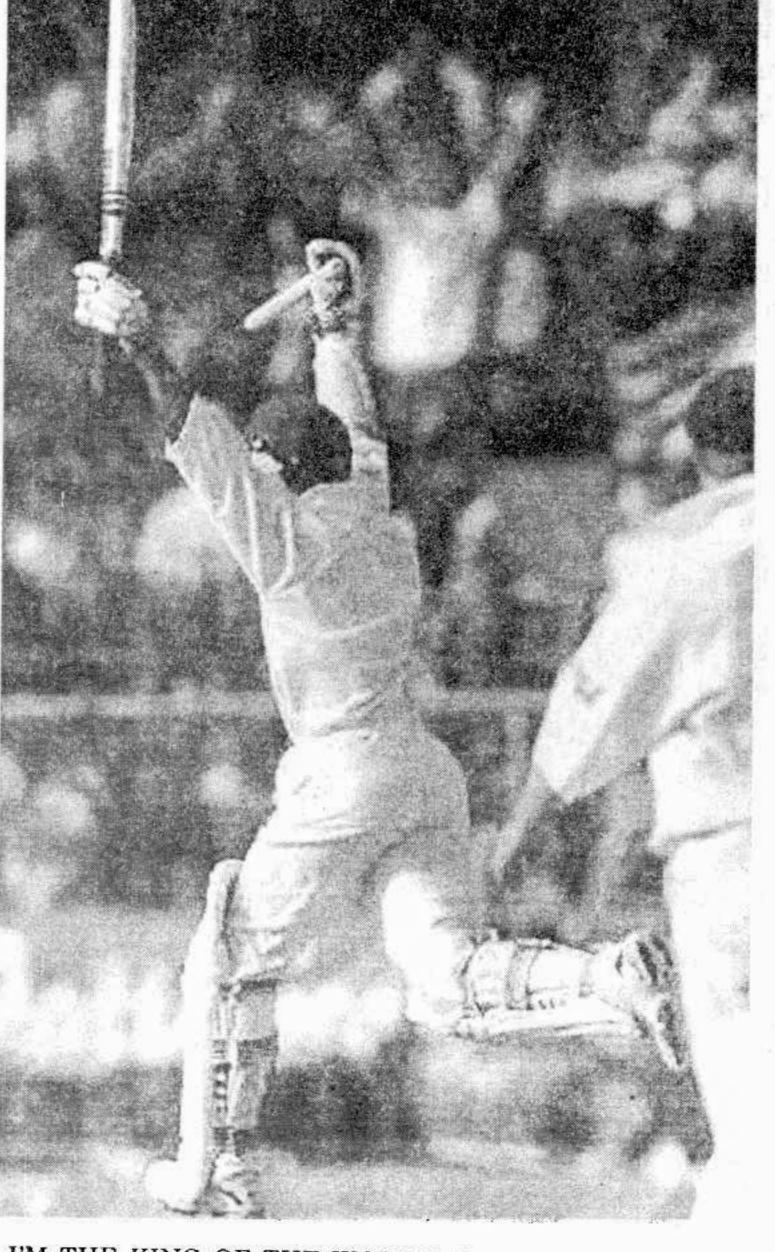
Carl Hooper, recalled after missing the first two Tests, then went for six when he got an inside edge to a Gillespie delivery and was caught behind by Ian Healy. Adams and Lara brought up

their half-century partnership shortly before lunch and then continued in the same confident fashion until Adams' dismissal. Lara kept cool to the end and eventually sealed victory in one of the great Tests. After scoring 213 to win the

second Test almost singlehandedly, Lara will lead his team into the fourth and final Test in Antiqua with his reputation as the world's finest batsman new firmly pack in place. West Indies' reputation, in tatters after a 5-0 whitewash in

South Africa and a pitiful defeat in the first Test of this series, is also back on track. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the final day of the third Test between West

Indies and Australia at Kens-



I'M THE KING OF THE WORLD! An ecstatic Brian Lara sets off for the dressing room after hitting the winning runs at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on March 30. - Internet photo

FACTFILE



(Reuters) : Factfile on Brian Lara: Born: Santa Cruz. Trinidad, May 2,

Left-hand batsman, occasional right-arm leg-break

1984: First represented West Indies, at under-19 level, 1988: Trinidad debut. 1989: Captained West Indies

B team to Zimbabwe. 1990: Test debut, 3rd Test v Pakistan, Lahore, making 44 and 6.

1993: First Test century, 277 v Australia, Sydney. 1994: World Test record 375 in 5th Test v England, St

John's. Antigua. 1994: World first class record 501 not out for Warwickshire v Durham at Edgbaston.

1994: Scores six hundreds in his first seven first-class innings for Warwickshire 147, 106, 120 not out, 136, 26, 140, 501 not out.

1995: Walks out of West Indies' tour of England after dressing room row at end of the fourth Test but is persuaded to rejoin party four days later.

1995: Pulls out of tour of Australia two days before squad leaves the Caribbean following fine by West Indies board disciplinary committee for breach of contract on England tour.

1996: Reprimanded by West Indies board for derogatory remarks attributed to him following a World Cup defeat by Kenya

team physio Denis Waight on flight from Bombay to London following World Cup. 1998: Named as West Indies captain against England in the Caribbean, leading his side to 3-

1 Test series victory. 1998: Sacked as West Indies captain when players' revolt over pay delays start to tour of South Africa but reinstated as skipper after four days of talks end impasse. West Indies suffer

and for an altercation with

5-0 drubbing in Test series and lose one-day series 6-1. 1999: Returns from disastrous tour of South Africa where West Indies suffer 5-0 drubbing in Test series and lose one-day series 6-1.

1999: Re-appointed West Indies captain for first two of four Test series against Australia in the Caribbean. West Indies lose first Test by

312 runs, collapsing to 51 all out in second innings - their lowest-ever Test match total. Scores first century for a

year — 213 in Kingston — to lead West Indies to victory in second Test. Scores unbeaten 153 as West Indies, for only the fourth time,

ington Oval on Tuesday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings Slater c Lara b Ambrose Elliott c Jacobs b Walsh Langer b Hooper M Waugh b Ambrose S Waugh lbw b Perry Ponting c Hooper b Perry Healy lbw b Walsh Warne c Lara b Perry Gillespie not out MacGill run out McGrath c Joseph b Hooper Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-34) Total: Fall of wkts: 1-31; 2-36; 3-36;

4-144; 5-425; 6-427; 7-429; 4-446; 9-483 Bowler

Ambrose 31 Perry Collins WEST INDIES: First

innings Campbell c S Waugh b Gillespie Griffith run out Joseph lbw b McGrath Collins lbw b McGrath Lara c Healy b Gillespie Hooper c Warne b McGrath Adams c M Waugh b McGrath Jacobs c M Waugh b Ponting Perry lbw b Gillespie Ambrose not out Walsh c Slater b Warne Extras: (b-10, lb-3, nb-20)

Fall of wkts: 1-1; 2-58; 3-60; 4-64; 5-98; 6-98; 7-251; 8-265; 9-

Bowler McGrath Gillespie Warne McGill Ponting AUSTRALIA: Second in-

nings Elliott c Jacobs b Walsh Slater run out (Campbell) Langer lbw b Ambrose Gillespie b Ambrose M Waugh lbw b Walsh S Waugh b Collins Ponting c Griffith b Walsh Healy c Jacobs b Collins Warne lbw b Walsh MacGill c Campbell b Walsh McGrath not out Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-19) Total: Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-12; 3-35; 4-

46; 5-48; 6-73; 7-81; 8-134; 9-Bowler

Ambrose 20 Collins WEST INDIES: Second innings Campbell Ibw b McGrath

Griffith lbw b Gillespie Joseph Ibw b MacGill Collins lbw b McGrath Lara not out Hooper c Healy b Gillespie Adams b McGrath Jacobs lbw b McGrath Perry lbw b McGrath Ambrose c Elliott b Gillespie 12 Walsh not out Extra: (b-8, lb-13, w-2, nb-5) 28

Fall of wkts: 1-72; 2-77; 3-78; 4-91; 5-105; 6-238; 7-248; 8-248; 9-302 Bowler McGrath Gillespie 26.1 Warne MacGill 21 S Waugh 5

Total: (For nine wickets) 311

Result: West Indies won by one wicket. Man-of-the-match: Brian First Test : Australia won

by 312 runs. Second Test: West Indies won by 10 wickets. Fourth Test: April 3-7 — St John's, Antigua.

Waugh was gracious in defeat.

"I think cricket was the win-

ner." he said. "It was the best

Test I've ever played in. It was

Melbourne's

MELBOURNE, Mar 31: Offi-

cials behind Melbourne's bid to

host the 2006 Commonwealth

Games fear the city may face

late challenges from Cape Town

and New Delhi, reports Reuters.

to have any opposition for the drop out of the bidding process

Walker said on Friday there

were rumblings that the South.

African and Indian cities were

both interested in hosting the

Bidding closes in London

"There is some information

Melbourne, with many

world class sporting facilities

coming out of Cape Town and

Delhi that they may just enter

the race at the last minute."

Walker told reporters.

Melbourne was not expected

However, bid chief Ron

score more than 300 in the West Indies lead 2-1 in fourth innings to win a Test. four-match series.

great to play in."

in February.

Games.

April 9.

Impressions on the classic

down, I knew that someone had

to defend a couple of balls per

over and Ambrose was capable

of that," he said. "He did it

pretty well almost until the



BRIDGETOWN, Mar 31 (AP/ Reuters/Internet): West Indies captain Brian Lara played one of his

greatest ever innings Tuesday, an unbeaten 153 to lead the West Indies to a one-wicket victory over Australia in the crucial third Test on the fifth and final afternoon. But the 29-year-old star

played down his role, instead crediting an overall team effort. "Forget the innings. It was a great contribution from everyone," the diminutive Trinidadian said.

"It was a tremendous effort by everyone, good teamwork and we came up with the victory - a memorable one," Lara said. "We'll remember this for years, forever. It's just a really joyful moment. The West Indies slumped to

105 for five and then 248 for eight during the day. But Lara said he never contemplated de-"I told myself this morning

that if I stayed till the end, think the other guys would stay there with me," Lara said. "So I didn't give up hope at all, even when we were eight wickets down." He and fellow left-handers

Jimmy Adams and Curtly Ambrose shared the two most telling stands of the day. He put on 133 with Adams, who made 38 and 54 for the ninth wicket with Ambrose, whose contribution was only 12, but spanned 90 minutes. "The partnership between

myself and Jimmy Adams was vital," Lara said. "He batted pretty well. I can't give him enough credit." "Even with eight wickets

When Ambrose was out, the West Indies was left six runs with only Courtney Walsh to partner Lara. Walsh survived and Lara sealed the victory with an extra-cover driven bound-

"Courtney facing four balls from (Jason) Gillespie's over was a tremendous effort," Lara

said. Manager Clive Lloyd was more willing to heap the praise on his batting hero. He reminded everyone of the previous Test in Jamaica, where Lara's epic 213 inspired a seriestying triumph.

"I think this is genius stuff," Lloyd said. "I just think it's probably two of the best innings I've seen, and this one today crowns it. To bat through an innings like that with guys of lesser ability and nurse them along, that proves how great you are."

Lara modestly put the win down to his bowlers' showing in the second innings, when the Australians were dismissed for

"It was a great team effort — a great effort by everyone," he said. "The bowlers plugged it back in the second innings. "Coming in today I thought

with my own form.

we had a good chance. It's nice to go 2-1 up. We're looking forward to Antigua and going 3-1 up in the series."

Lara, when asked about his

already in placed, has been lobbying for three years to host the Games. "But it's a big prize we are seeking and you cannot take anything for granted," Walker said.

"The moment Wellington pulled out we had certain rumblings from other countries that they may bid and they still may bid." A decision on who should

own scintillating performance, said simply: "I'm pretty happy host the 2006 Games will be decided at a meeting in Fiji on Australian captain Steve October 10.

still on British newspapers specu-

WILL THE LIGHTS SEE THE LIGHT? Rajshahi is now the proud owner of flood lights which have been installed at the Rajshahi Stadium recently. However when and how they should come in use remains a mystery (story on Page 14). Star photo

(instilled) a lot of belief that we can do it against the best." TEAM Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Matt Horne,

Craig McMillan. Roger Twose, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Dion Nash Daniel Vettori, Matthew Hart, Simon Doull, Gavin Larsen, Carl Bulfin, Geoff Allott.

> Gilchrist is coming PERTH, Mar 31: Western

Gilchrist raced to catch a flight

to the West Indies today after

receiving an SOS from Australian selectors to stand in for injured Test wicketkeeper Ian Healy, reports AFP. Gilchrist, Australia's oneday wicketkeeper for the past 18 months has not played in a Test, but appears to have good prospects of making his debut

in the fourth Test starting in Antigua on Saturday. Gilchrist 27, is also a good left-hand batsman who opens for the Australian limitedovers side, a role in which he hit two centuries in the recent one-day series against England

and Sri Lanka. Born in New South Wales, he transferred to Western Australia five seasons ago to further his first-class career.

He has made a major impact on the inter-state scene and has been considered Healy's understudy in the Test arena for sev-

eral years. Gilchrist was a member of the Western Australian side which won the Sheffield Shield by beating Queensland in the final in Brisbane a week ago.

SL cricket chief accuses govt of

trying to fix COLOMBO, Mar 31 (AFP/ Internet): The president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) on Tuesday accused the government of trying to fix the board election in favour of his rival Clifford

Ratwatte. Governing body chief. Thilanga Sumathipala, accused officials of President Chandrika Kumaratunga's security division of attempting to rig last Sunday's poll when he was returned for a second term.

Flaunting photos of Nihal Karunaratna, director of the president's security division (PSD) at the meeting, Sumathipala told a press conference that attempts were made by senior police officials to intimidate members to vote for Ratwatte, an uncle of Kumaratunga. He said Karunratna, accom-

panied by a senior police offi-

cer, had gate-crashed the an-

nual general meeting just before

the election. He and other police left the premises after Ratwatte walked out raising procedural objections, Sumathipala said. "The PSD officials had no business to be there in the first

place and this was extremley

dangerous development," he

tion by 79 votes to 11, but sup-

Sumathipala won the elec-

porters of the rival candidates exchanged blows. Ratwatte has alleged the elections were rigged by Sumathipala's backers and he would challenge the result in

court.

BRIDGETOWN. Barbados, Mar 31