From page 13 But Twose, who married a New Zealander, is not com-

pletely lost to England. One national newspaper said Twose has given "England at least one representative in the semifinals.

RICH MAN RUSSELL

LONDON, June 15 (AP): Former Test wicketkeeper Jack Russell is the only English cricketer headed for a lucrative pay day on World Cup grand final day at Lord's.

The Gloucestershire captain, who lists his career outside cricket as "professional artist", has been commissioned by a tournament sponsor to produce commemorative paintings of the June 20 finale.

The commission is reportedly worth more than the English players would have received for reaching the final.

WAUGH NUMBER

ONE LONDON, June 15 (AP): With the three leading runscorers out of the tournament, Australian skipper Steve Waugh assumes the No. 1 batting status going into the semifinals.

Waugh, who scored an unbeaten 120 against South Africa on Sunday to ensure his team qualified for the finals, was ranked No. 4 in the standings behind Indian pair Rahul Dravid and Saurav Ganguly and Zimbabwe's Neil Johnson.

But with India and Zimbabwe eliminated in the second round (Super Six), Waugh leads the tournament batting standings with 342 runs from seven innings.

There's no such problem at the top of the bowling stand-

New Zealand's Geoff Allott will be looking to extend his record 20 wickets this tournament when the Black Caps take on Pakistan at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Pakistan have four bowlers among the tournament's top bowlers with Saglain Mushtag (16) in No. 3 spot, Azhar Mahmood and Shoaib Akhtar sharing No. 6 place with 13 wickets a piece and Wasim Akram close, behind with 12 wickets.

NOTTS NOT **KILLJOYS**

NOTTINGHAM, June 15, England (AP): Cricket authorities at Trent Bridge who urged spectators not to stand or make "excessive noise" during New Zealand's Super Six win over India on Saturday have denied being "killjoys.

Accused of ruining the "Carnival of Cricket" atmosphere with a series of ground announcements basically telling the crowd to sit down and shut up, Nottinghamshire Cricket officials say they were simply trying to get a fair balance for all fans.

"We wouldn't want to be seen as killjoys because we wanted everyone to enjoy the carnival of cricket," said Notts chief executive Mark Arthur.

"We had complaints from people who had spent a lot of money on tickets and their day was being spoilt" by noisy supporters and people standing in

front of them, Arthur said. PROTEST OVER PROFIT

LONDON, June 15 (AP): At the completion of the last World Cup — jointly staged in India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 1996 many competing nations had a common complaint. What happened to the prof-

With millions of dollars being shelled out for television rights, everyone expected a bumper slice of profit which never arrived

No great fuss was made but there were quiet protests to the International Cricket Council. The protests have obviously hit their mark because the ICC has confirmed that for the first time in seven World Cups, the tournament's finances will be

independently audited. ILLEGAL SIGNS

LONDON, June 15 (AP): The companies who sponsor cricket's World Cup are jealously guarding their rights. And they're not afraid of using the police to settle any infringements of those rights.

Telecommunications company Vodafone has the branding rights for the "four" and "six" placards which are distributed to fans at World Cup venues to wave around when a batsman hits a boundary.

But when The Times newspaper started distributing similar signs at a game in Taunton, Vodafone officials called in the police and the unsanctioned signs were quickly removed.

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because the pitch has bounce. haven't used much flight, I've just tried to keep batsman quiet and frustrate them. The ball which goes away from the batsman has got me a lot of wickets."

Jones would love

From page 13 In the batting, the players have to believe in themselves and go

for it." Like his team mates from the 1992 campaign, he still shudders at the loss to Pakistan.

"It does frustrate me because we were so dominant throughout the tournament," he said. "We beat everyone. It was one of those tournaments we should have won, yet we didn't even make the final.

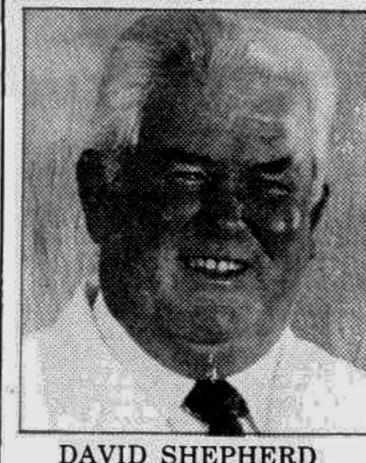
This year's New Zealand team are two wins away from a NZ\$1.0 million (US\$534,000) pay day, thanks to an insurance policy taken out by the sport's national body, New Zealand Cricket.

The tournament's NZ\$550,000 first prize would be topped up by a NZ\$450,000 bonus from the insurance pol-

Men in the middle

LONDON, June 15: David Shepherd, the 'Dancing Umpire, and Steve Bucknor, the 'Great Delayer', will take charge of their second cricket World Cup final in a row, tournament organisers announced here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The match takes place at Lord's on Sunday.



DAVID SHEPHERD

The semifinalists, who play on Wednesday and Thursday. are Pakistan and New Zealand and Australia and South

Africa. Englishman Shepherd and West Indian Bucknor, who stood together in the 1996 final between Sri Lanka and Australia in Lahore, are widely regarded as the best -- and the most colourful -- umpires in the

The portly, red-faced "Shep" is both respected and liked by the players for his firm judgement and his friendly manner. The crowds love him for his eccentricities.

The 58-year-old from the small town of Bideford, in the south west of England, begins ancing on one foot whenever the score hits the dreaded "Nel-"son" of 111. He also starts hoping on 222, 333 etc.

Cricketing folklore says that any multiple of the Nelson is unlucky and provokes the fall of wickets. The only way to combat it is to stand on one leg. Shepherd played as a bats-

made his Test debut as an umpire in 1985. When not travelling the globe, he helps out in the family post office business -- hence his

man for Gloucestershire. He

hobby of stamp collecting. For the equally-respected Bucknor, this will be a hattrick of World Cup finals. He also stood in the 1992 final between Pakistan and England in Melbourne.

The 53-year-old from Montego Bay has become best known for the long delay before he raises his finger to give batsmen out. His decisions, whichever way they go, are often accompanied by a wistful smile and a sad shake of the head.

Bucknor, a sports consultant, did not play the game but enjoys the unique distinction of having officiated in both cricket and football World

He was a football referee between 1985-92. He made his international cricket umpiring debut in 1988. Shepherd -- a bachelor who

has lived with his partner for more than 20 years ("Friends say I should get married but I don't like to rush things") -- and -- and Bucknor, married with two sons, three daughters and one stepdaughter, were put through their paces during the World Cup second-round match between India and Pakistan.

tially explosive due to the teams' traditional rivalry, which had been compounded in the run-up to the game by political and military tensions be-

tween the two nations. But the game passed off without incident, thanks to the



STEVE BUCKNOR

pires, who had fostered goodwill with a big smile and friendly handshake in front of the fans before starting the

have been blocked from standing in the final if England and the West Indies were still in the tournament, but both were knocked out in the first round.

Darell Hair of Australia and Peter Willey of England will stand in the first semifinal be-Zealand at Old Trafford on

Shepherd and Srinivas

PLAYER PROFILES

OLD TRAFFORD, England, June 15 (AFP) -- New Zealand and Pakistan players' infor-NEW ZEALAND

Nathan Astle Right-hand batsman, rightarm back-up seamer. Aged 27. One of New Zealand's leading one-day performers but who has yet to come good at this World Cup. In eight matches, he has scored 76 runs, leaving the Kiwis struggling with poor starts. His flamboyant technique outside the off stump has let him down but the drier conditions are now offering less help to the bowlers. Helped put on 45 for the first wicket in even time against India. Has also taken five wickets at 32.80.

Points: 5 Matthew Horne Right-hand opener. Aged 28. Has been more successful than

his opening partner but has rarely looked convincing until he suddenly opened out against India, lofting the infielders on his way to a 74 which helped the team to a win that qualified them for the semifinals. Maybe being dropped earlier in the tournament has helped him turn the corner. Has scored 164 from seven games at an average of 23.42.

Points: 5

Craig McMillan Right-hand batsman, occasional right-arm slow-medium bowler. One of the disappointment of the World Cup. He came with the reputation for aggressive strokeplay and a neversay-die temperament but has made just 150 runs in eight games, with a best of 32. Naturally a front-foot player, he has looked in trouble whenever the quicks have forced him back off his front foot.

Points: 5

Stephen Fleming (capt) Left-hand batsman. Aged 26. He looks the part but, like the men above him, he has failed to deliver. He has 167 runs from eight matches at an average of 23.85. Seems to have become tentative in the face of the moving ball. In form, there are few better front-foot drivers.

Points: 6

Roger Twose Left-hand batsman. Aged 31. A solid, workman-like and unspectacular player, he has become the surprise star of the New Zealand batting, singlehandedly holding it together. The English-born Twose, who emigrated to New Zealand to pursue love as well as his cricketing ambitions, has scored 272 runs in eight matches, with two match-winning knocks of 80 not out against Australia and 60 not out against India. He had looked set to quit international cricket last year to pursue business interests but was called back following an injury crisis. Points: 9

Adam Parore Right-hand batsman, wicketkeeper. Aged 28. Tough competitor. Neat behind the stumps but another man who owes his side a top performance in front of them. His best effort at the World Cup was a quick-fire 26 off 14 balls as he teamed up with Twose to beat India with 10 balls remaining. Has aggregated only 62 runs in eight matches.

Points: 6

Chris Cairns All-rounder. Right-hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. Aged 29. Celebrated his birthday on Sunday. An explosive strokeplayer at his best but there have only been a few glimpses here, most of them during the crucial run-chase against Scotland which made sure of New Zealand's place in the second round. He scored 60 not out that day, a large slice of his 138 runs for the tournament. His bowling has been handicapped by recent back injuries but he had done well here, taking 11 wickets at 27.27 apiece.

Points: 7 Chris Harris

All-rounder. Left-hand batsman and right-arm slowmedium seamer. Aged 29. Ultracompetitive and never far from the action. His bowling, a mix of spinners and cutters at varying pace, defies description but he is said to perplex batsmen unused to such unorthodoxy. It has fetched him nine wickets at 24.88 apiece. He has also scored runs on all three occasions that he has been asked to bat, hitting 30 against West Indies, 42 against Pakistan and 27 not out against South Africa. A fine fielder and an inspira-

Points: 8.5

tion to his team-mates.

Gavin Larsen Right-arm medium-pacer. Aged 36. An experienced oneday specialist who, like Harris, looks a lot easier to handle than he really is. A container rather than a wicket-taker, as his figures have proved. He has taken six wickets at an average of 37.16 but his selling point is an economy rate of just 3.38.

Points: 6.5 Dion Nash

Right-arm medium-quick bowler. Aged 27. Has failed to deliver as a wicket-taker, with just three wickets in eight games, each costing an ugly 95.33. Sachin Tendulkar's wicket was some compensation in New Zealand's must-win second-round match. Like Larsen, however, he has kept the score down, also conceding less than four an over. Batting improving all the time.

Points: 6

Geoff Allott Left-arm fast bowler. Aged 27. New Zealand's new hero, with a record 20 wickets in the tournament. Extracts plenty of pace and bounce but was considered too wild for one-dayers. But the man from Canterbury man has performed superbly. surpassing three bowlers including Wasim Akram, who took 18 wickets when Pakistan won the 1992 World Cup.

Points: 9.5 Team total: 73.5

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar Left-hand opener. Aged 30. Regarded as the team's top batsman, he came good with a century against Zimbabwe after a lean start to the World Cup, after being put down in the slips off an easy chance early in his innings. Has made several good starts but his attacking play has not fully paid off in English conditions, failing to get much beyond the 20s and 30s. But he is still Pakistan's leading scorer in the tournament with 240 runs in eight matches.

Points: 7

Wajahatullah Wasti Right-hand opener, Aged 24. A solid batsman who made his international debut earlier this year against India. Has played only three matches in the World Cup, with a best of 40 against Zimbabwe when he helped put on 95 for the first wicket. May get another game as the pinchhitting Shahid Afridi, his main rival for the opener's spot, has been pushed down the order because of injury to Yousuf Youhana. Points: 6

Abdul Razzaq

All-rounder. Right-hand batsman and right-arm seamer. Aged 19. A surprise success. Prospered in the pinch-hitter's role at number three when the tournament began, making 60 against Australia, 33 against New Zealand and 30 against South Africa. Has now demoted to lower down the order. He has also taken 11 wickets with a best of three for 25 against Zimbabwe. Points: 8

Ijaz Ahmed

Right-hand batsman. Aged 30. A hard-hitting, impulsive strokemaker, his I'll-get-you-ifyou-don't-get-me style has enjoyed mixed success, making 51 against New Zealand and 36 against the West Indies but collecting two ducks as well. Likes to go over the top, but has been hampered by the moving ball. A man for the big occasion, his team is waiting for a major innings in the later matches. Points: 6

Inzamamul Haq

Right-hand batsman. Aged 29. The burly 6ft 2ins player has been Pakistan's mainstay, with 239 runs in eight matches, including 81 against Australia. Mixes delicate, late strokes with massive power. But his poor running between the wickets has cost the team dear. He has been run out twice and has run out several of his teammates. The team is willing to ignore his blunders as long as he keeps getting runs. Blotted his copybook in the defeat to India, however, by scoring very slowly for 41 and leaving too much to do in the final overs. Points: 8

Shahid Afridi

man, leg spinner. Aged 19. The scorer of the fastest one-day century in history, off 37 balls. he has not managed to shine here in English conditions. Loves to hit in the air and on the up. Wasim Akram's decision to drop him down the order from a top-order pinch-hitting role was justified when Afridi came good against Zimbabwe, cracking 37 off 38 balls. Bowls his leg spin unusually quickly. Points: 5.5

Wicketkeeper, right-hand batsman, Aged 28. The Pakistani vice-captain has been in terrific form with the bat, making 236 runs in the "slog" overs. His best of 63 off 58 balls against South Africa helped Pakistan recover from 118 for five to 220 for seven. Nearly all his runs have been hit at more than a run a ball, while his abilities behind the stumps have been shown in varying ways, keeping to Shoaib Akhtar, the fastest bowler in the world, and to Saglain Mushtaq, the best one-day spinner in the business. Points: 8.5

Wasim Akram (capt)

Points: 8.5

all-rounders perfectly.

All rounder, right-hand batsman, right-arm seamer. Aged 24. One of the more promising cricketers in Pakistan, has impressed with both bat and ball. Scored 37 and then took three for 48 against the West Indies to win the man-ofthe-match award. He also took three for 38 against New Zealand and three for 24 against South Africa. Quicker than he looks, he generates sharp movement both ways off the seam. Points: 8

Saglain Mushtaq

Off spinner. Aged 22. Regarded as the best one-day bowler in the world. Has taken 16 wickets from eight matches with a lower-order hat-trick against Zimbabwe -- only the second in World Cup history -and five for 35 against Bangladesh. Bowls excellent floaters and slower balls. His stint with English county Surrey has given him vital experi-Points: 8

Shoaib Akhtar Right-arm fast bowler. Aged

23. The fastest bowler in the world and a sensation at the World Cup. Has been timed at 95 miles an hour here, on his way to 13 wickets in eight matches. His end-of-innings spells, however, have been less fast and less effective. Akram said his lack of control had cost the side victory against South Africa. Points: 8.5

LONDON, June 15 (Reuters):

South Africa have been reinstated as favourites to win the World Cup despite their defeat by Australia on Sunday and the fact they have to face them again in the semifinals. Bookmakers William Hill said they had cut South Africa's odds to 7 4 from 11-5 after receiving several substantial bets. "We took a string of three and four figure bets, including two of 5,000 and 6,000 pounds (8,000 dollars and 9,670 dollars), as well as an 11,000 pounds (17,730 dollars) bet for them to beat Australia in the semifinal," a spokesman said. Pakistan, the former 13-8 favourites, are now 2-1 second favourites with Australia at 9-4 and New Zealand 15-2.

LATEST ODDS 7-4 South Africa 2-1 Pakistan

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Lance an Aussie

by mistake!

June 15 (Reuters/Internet):

Lance Klusener would probably

be the first name on every

and Australia's Steve Waugh

Sitting proudly atop the

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cluded ahead of Waugh and his

team-mates in the Australia

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against the Aussies in the final

Super Six match, averages 125

after being dismissed only twice

Cornered

captain

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Control for Cricket after the

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on the election which made

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BIRMINGHAM. England

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BIRMINGHAM, June 15

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15-2 New Zealand

(Reuters/Internet): Australian batsman Darren Lehmann de-

Bucknor and Shepherd could

tween Pakistan and New Wednesday.

Venkataraghvan of India will stand in the second at Edgbaston the following day.

powerful hitter in the middle order, has had a disappointing tournament to date, scoring 122 runs at an average of 24. His only decent knock came in the group stage defeat by New Zealand when he topscored with 76. Martyn scored 11 on Sunday before falling to Steve Elwor-Australia have no other fitness worries. Steve Waugh, who suffered cramp during his epic undefeated 120, shrugged off the

problem. "You get a bit stiff at my age and you have to stretch a bit,' said the 34-year-old skipper.

Attacking right-hand bats-World Cup captain's wish list must have been thinking "if only" when he saw the organisers' latest averages.

Moin Khan

All-rounder. Left-hand batsman, left-arm fast bowler. His inspiring captaincy has both united and lifted the team, after coach Javed Miandad quite just before the start of the tournament. The only bowler to take 350 wickets in both Test and one-day cricket, he has shone with his hard-hitting batting in the early matches. Has also taken 12 wickets. His style of bowling over the wicket, angling deliveries across the right-hander, complements Shoaib Akhtar and the team's

Azhar Mahmood

ence of local conditions.

tled and probably make irrational decisions. Rixon said: "The theme have been running the last few games is that we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. "If we keep thinking along those lines, we have to have our day in the sun soon because we Team total: 82 haven't done it yet."

Bookies fancy SAfrica Grey, green and white

From page 13 tenacity were both in evidence when he faced a world record 101 balls without scoring in a Test against South Africa this

year. The same determination combined with a natural ebullience has given the New Zealand World Cup team a cutting edge it would otherwise have lacked. Now Allott is looking to turn

the tables on Wasim Akram's side who won by 62 runs in a group encounter between the sides at Derby, and clinch the Kiwis first ever final appear-Allott said: "I've been de-

lighted to do well but guys like Nash, Larsen, Harris and Cairns have also done well and it's just been one of those tournaments where I've got the wickets. Things can swing both ways. Sometimes you can bowl well and not get wickets. But I've

got a job to do which is to try

and then to come back at the

death and try and keep it tight and contain. "The conditions were helpful early on and the ball has been a big help to the seam bowlers in general. But now the wickets are drying out and we are also playing on unused wickets so there

"This one at Old Trafford looks pretty dry with not a lot of grass on it and if it has got pace it should be a good deck. It's a used pitch so it might get a

is not so much seam and swing

bit slower and lower in the second innings.

Allott admitted: "After what happened to me, I'm literally taking things series by series. Every one is a bonus because this time last year I thought I might not be able to play again.

I'm just glad to be here. "I had two stress fractures and a bulging disc and you get really down when you are faced with the prospect of never playing again.

"It is hard watching from the stands at Lancaster Park, seeing the guys in action you had been playing alongside a few months earlier. "But if I ever had any doubts

about having the passion for

the game, then that time out rekindled all that enthusiasm and gave me a hunger and desire to make it back and play again.
"I had to remodel my action completely because even if I had come back then the same problems would have happened

again unless I changed particuand get a couple of early wickets larly with the amount of cricket played now. "I had to start literally again from scratch. I began by walking through a revised action and run-up. Dayle Hadlee and Ashley Ross at the New Zealand Academy supervised and were

> "I feel good now although I still do a lot of exercise to strengthen my back and I wear a brace as well. I've also cut a hole in the front of my boot to help loosen the pressure on my

responsible for getting my ac-

tion back on track.

landing foot.

Allott, by his own admission, is looking to improve on his performance in the first clash with Pakistan when his four wickets cost him 64 runs.

He said: "That was a good learning experience for us. This is a completely different game. Pakistan are an excellent side. particularly in their top order batting and bowling. We will be underdogs.

"But the good thing is that we have reached the semi-final without hitting our straps. We have not turned in a top level complete performance yet.'

Allott indicated he would be open to offers from an English county and said he enjoyed playing on English pitches. "They suit me without a

doubt," he said. Richard Hadlee, who credits county cricket with transforming his own career, believes Allott will be playing in England next year.

"Two county executives have intimated to me that Allott could virtually name his price to play in the English championship next year," Hadlee said. Alfott was not aware he

made history against Zimbabwe by equalling the World Cup record of 18 set by India's Roger Binny (1983), Australian Craig McDermott (1987) and the present Pakistan captain Wasim Akram (1992).

The New Zealanders have subsequently noted that in each case the record making bowler's team went on to win the World

Unpredictables v underachievers

From page 13 that."

But he stressed: "We will have to play better than we have so far in the tournament if we are to get to the final. "The top order have not fired

yet and that applies to the mid-

dle order to some extent.

"But that is a positive, to some extent. in that ... we have got this far despite not firing.' The two sides have met six times in the World Cup, with

SQUADS NEW ZEALAND (probable)

Nathan Astle, Matthew Horne Craig McMillan, Stephen Fleming (capt), Roger Twose, Adam Parore. Chris Cairns. Chris Harris, Dion Nash, Gavin Larsen, Geoff Allott.

PAKISTAN (probable): Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Abdul Razzaq, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzama-

skipper Stephen Fleming scored 66 in an 81-run win that saw Pakistan skittled in damp conditions for 134.

WORLD CUP RESULTS TO DATE

New Zealand: First round -- lost to Pakistan by 62 runs, beat Australia by 5 wkts, lost to West Indies by 7 wkts, beat Bangladesh by 6 wkts, beat Scotland by 6 wkts. Super Six: No result against Zimbabwe, lost to South Africa by 74 runs, beat India by 5 wkts. Pakistan: First round -- beat New Zealand by 62 runs, beat

Lost to South Africa by 3 wkts, lost to India by 47 runs, beat Zimbabwe by 148 runs.

Australia by 10 runs, beat the West Indies by 27 runs, beat

Scotland by 94 runs, lost to Bangladesh by 62 runs. Super Six:

WORLD CUP Pakistan have won five of their six World Cup matches. New Zealand won the first encounter in 1983, but lost the return in the same tournament. In 1992, New Zealand were beaten at home twice, once in the preliminary league and then in the semifinal, which launched Inzamamul Haq on the international stage with a match-winning knock of 60. In 1996, Pakistan won easily by 46 runs at home in Lahore. In the firstround match on May 28 at Derby in this tournament, Pakistan won by 62 runs. Ijaz Ahmed and Inzamamul both made halfcentury, as did Stephen Fleming, while Geoff Allott took four wickets, his performance balanced by Azhar Mahmood's three.

VENUE

Old Trafford, Manchester. It is England's second largest cricket venue after Lord's and has been used for Test matches since 1884. It entered the record books in 1956 when Jim Laker took all 10 wickets against Australia, a feat emulated by India's Anil Kumble against Pakistan earlier this year. Hosted two other World Cup matches between Australia and the West Indies and the high-profile India v Pakistan game.

Rixon

From page 13 could come down to who handles the pressure better." Fleming said New Zealand's progress through the tourna-

"From the outside obviously the fluctuating form over a long period has given us the underdog status ... but at important times we've done things well and we take heart from that," he

ment had nothing to do with

Fleming said they were mentally tougher than they were in their 62-run loss to Pakistan in a group game at Derby. And he said he'd prefer to bat

said.

cause Pakistan can be vulnera-Waugh of wills

From page 16 those little doubts and it geed me on," Waugh said. Surprisingly Sunday's allor-nothing knock was only his

international innings. "Hundreds don't come along that often when you bat at five or six. It was the kind of innings I've always dreamed of, what you work for all your career," he

"There are hundreds scored

in one-day cricket that I don't

think are that great, but there

said. -

are some that are sort of spe-Waugh, a part-time mediumpacer in this competition, has known his lean times with the bat but the selectors have stood by him, knowing mental

toughness like his is very hard

"It's not just one facet, you sort of bring them all together experience, knowledge of conditions, body language, what your opponents make-up is,"

the 34-year-old said. Waugh now leads his side into Thursday's repeat clash with South Africa believing Australia have the psychological edge.

(South African captain) Hansie Cronje," he said after the semi-"But it would be a shame to

waste this performance."

... I think the pressure is on

"They are a tough side to beat

QUOTABLE QUOTES

LONDON, June 15 (AFP): Who said what during the Super Six second round of the 1999 cricket World

"I don't know about morals. I'm here to win the World Cup. They make the rules, we have to do as we see fit." Australian captain Steve Waugh after his decision to bat slowly against the West Indies to try and eliminate New Zealand. "I'm absolutely certain it has to be an Englishman. I just think that if it isn't, then it's just somebody

who is drawing a salary." Outgoing England coach David Lloyd on the search for his successor.

"Brian Lara has done extremely well but he can't bat for the whole team. There's nothing wrong with his captaincy. We are not far off from being a decent side." West Indies team manager Clive Lloyd after the team's first-round exit. "It almost feels like playing at home but that has been the case here in England for a long time. Asians love their cricket. The English, I think, are a bit more inclined towards football." Mohammed Azharuddin after India's victory over England at Edgbaston.

"It was like Calcutta out there and England couldn't handle the pressure," South Africa's Allan Donald. "The damage that it has done to the players and, more importantly, the cricketing public in this country, has been immense." England chairman of selectors David Graveney.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 57 '90s Broad- 11 Aware of 37 "Hollywood way hit 1 Oil-rich 17 Poke sultanate Squares" DOWN 19 Hit 5 Periodical, 1 Pitcher 22 Backdrop option in brief 39 Soft drink Hershiser fabric 2 Options list 24 Groove on 8 "Cry 41 Apportion 3 Enthusias- 25 "- Got a Freedom" 42 Ovidian elegies Secret" subject 12 - Park. 45 Bedridden 4 "Forget it!" 26 Discussion 49 First Earl of 5 Was the go-N.Y. confer-13 lvy Beaconsfield between ences Leaguer 6 Foreman 51 Stare 27 Long and 14 Portent 52 Hodgetubular 15 Eve's 7 Heart 29 Prompt 53 "A mouse!" 8 Mom-to-30 Waste no grandson 16 Take apart 54 Son of 18 Landau's Aphrodite knitwork 33 Farewell Oscar-win-55 Deli salad 36 "Parting 9 Ape ning role 56 "Ulalume" 10 Gambling is such 20 Taps sweet --" preceder Solution time: 26 min. 38 — counter 21 Cry of woe 40 Royal BABARMMARCUS 23 "...- moninsomnia GARAGE key's cause uncle!" 42 Hubbubs GAZEMEPEEMERE 24 Haste R H O WARD DALI 28 Make an structure

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CRYPTOQUIP L U Y D AWVILR LNRR

QNIDVU AYQNINM? Saturday's Cryptoquip: KING ARTHUR HAD ONE RATHER STOUT KNIGHT CALLED SIR LUNCHALOT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals B The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short

47 Fairy-tale 48 Nuisance 50 Writer words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to Buscaglia locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

mul Haq, Salim Malik, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram (capt), first if the "pitch permits" be-Azhar Mahmood. Saqlain Pakistan winning the last five Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar. encounters. HEAD-TO-HEAD The two teams have not played each other in Test matches or a one-day series in the past year. They have, however, contested one unofficial one-dayer, at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in September. Kiwi second century in 266 one-day