

Katich gets the nod
Warne chosen
for both

SYDNEY, July 13: Spin maestro Shane Warne was included in both the Australian Test and one-day cricket squads named Tuesday for the August-October tours of Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, reports AFP.

Warne only confirmed his availability last Friday after returning from the World Cup in England expressing doubts about his international future.

The leg spinner was dropped from Australia's Test team on their tour of the West Indies in April, but returned to form with a vengeance at the World Cup finishing with 20 wickets, top equal with New Zealander Geoff Allott, and being named man of the match in Australia's rout of Pakistan in the final.

The two surprises in the 15-man test squad announced by the Australian Cricket Board Tuesday are West Australian batsman Simon Katich and Queensland opener Matthew Hayden.

"This was every young cricketer's dream, but it's the last thing I thought would happen," Katich, 23, said.

The selection of left-hander was foreshadowed last week, however, when he was beneficiary of an Australian Cricket Board contract worth a minimum 65,000 dollars (43,000 US\$).

Captain Steve Waugh and the three-man panel requested the ACB blood a young player as 15th man and Katich has the goods following his 1,039 first-class runs at 61.12 last season.

Katich said he hopes to use the tour to Sri Lanka and later Zimbabwe from August 16 to October 25 as a learning experience.

Hayden, who is playing county cricket in England, takes the place of Victorian opener Matthew Elliott, who was dumped off the contracted player list last week.

Elliott, recalled in February when Mark Taylor retired, had a wretched tour of the West Indies and was dropped for the final Test in Antigua.

Australians play four one-dayers in Sri Lanka followed by three Tests, before flying to Zimbabwe for an inaugural Test and three one-dayers.

Test squad: Steve Waugh (captain), Shane Warne (vice-captain), Greg Blewett, Damien Fleming, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Ian Healy, Simon Katich, Justin Langer, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller, Ricky Ponting, Michael Slater, Mark Waugh.

One-day squad: Steve Waugh (captain), Shane Warne (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath, Damien Martyn, Tom Moody, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Andrew Symonds, Mark Waugh.

WWC final China allege unfairness

SHANGHAI, July 13: US goalkeeper Briana Scurry made the penalty shoot-out save that decided the Women's World Cup championship through a deliberate rule violation, the official Shanghai News daily charged Tuesday, reports AFP.

It ran time-sequence photographs of the crucial save alongside the article and quoted a US newspaper interview in which Scurry allegedly admitted guilt.

The United States depended on goalkeeper Briana Scurry's save of Liu Ying's penalty shot to become champions, the Shanghai News said.

"But television cameras showed Scurry had already left the goal line to charge forward before Liu Ying kicked the ball."

The US won the World Cup final against China 5-4 on penalties Saturday before a roaring home crowd that included President Bill Clinton after the two sides battled to a scoreless draw.

In the photographs, Scurry is shown forward of the line crossing the goal mouth while China's Liu was still in the run-up for her penalty shot.

Goalkeepers must remain in position on the line until the moment a penalty kick is struck.

The penalty for the foul is that a penalty be retaken, a former international referee based in Hong Kong, Wu Jian, was quoted as saying.

Scurry was quoted as saying in Sunday's Los Angeles Times that she broke the rule as part of a calculated gamble, the Shanghai News said.

PWD SC's new committee

Public works department chief engineer A K M Mukur Rahman and engineer Mohammad Akhtarul Alam were elected president and general secretary respectively of PWD Sports Club for the next two years, said a press release, two years BSS.

A 33-member executive committee of the club was also formed at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the organisation held at the conference room of the PWD building in the capital recently.

The other elected executive committee office bearers are: Sr vice-president: Md Motiar Rahman; vice-Presidents: A K M Shahiduzzaman, Mohammad Sezuan Ali, A F M Monzurul Islam; joint secretaries: Md Hafizur Rahman Munshi, Md Abu Hossain, Md Abdul Gaffar; office secretary: A B M Motiar Rahman Bhuiyan and treasurer: Rausan Habib.

Still it haunts Ronaldo



PARIS, July 13 (AFP): As France celebrates the first anniversary of their World Cup victory, Brazil striker Ronaldo said Monday he had "sad memory" after being made the scapegoat for his team's 3-0 Final defeat at the hands of the host nation.

Asked to explain the team's defeat the Brazilian said: "We did not concentrate as we should have done. The outcome, after Zidane's first goal, was practically settled. The team never got back in the match, it did not play well. Without taking any credit away from France, Brazil did not really look like scoring."

He conceded that the World Cup was "a sad memory". Ronaldo had been billed as the tournament's star player months before and during the World Cup and on the day of the final the scene seemed to be set for the Inter Milan striker to be crowned the king of world football.

Speaking from Paraguay where he is playing in the Copa America, Ronaldo told France 2 that the final had "disturbed his concentration".

However, the 22-year-old added: "The medical tests showed I was fully fit to play in the match. The decision to play

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