

## Penn-Vettori show

LONDON, July 31 (AFP/Reuters): New Zealand came out on top after a topsy-turvy day against Leicestershire at Grace Road Friday.

They bowled out the hapless hosts for just 125, second-string medium-pacer Andrew Penn finishing with figures of six for 51.

Then the Kiwis were soon struggling with the bat themselves, and their reply stuttered to 75 for five at tea, until Daniel Vettori and Penn turned things round.

Spinner Vettori showed he is no mug with the bat by making 112 while Penn remained intact at the close on 62 -- the pair adding 91 for the eighth wicket as the Kiwis ended on 250 for eight.

### SCOREBOARD

LEICESTERSHIRE: First in-

nings  
V Wells lbw b Allott 4  
D Maddy c McMillan b O'Connor 7  
I Sutcliffe lbw b Penn 18  
B Smith c Broy b Penn 17  
A Habib b Penn 5  
D Stevens c Vettori b Penn 0  
P Nixon b Allott 19  
J Dakin c Astle b O'Connor 10  
S Boswell c Harris b Penn 15  
M Brimson not out 5  
J Ormond b Penn 5  
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-12) 20

Total: 125

Fall of wkt: 1-4; 2-18; 3-49; 4-64; 5-64; 6-73; 7-90; 8-105; 9-111.

Bowler: O M R W

Allott 12 3 37 2

O'Connor 11 2 23 2

Penn 12.3 3 51 6

Vettori 2 1 6 0

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings  
M Bell c Wells b Ormond 0

S Fleming c Brimson b Boswell 12

C McMillan lbw b Dakin 22

N Astle lbw b Boswell 0

C Harris c Sutcliffe b Boswell 4

D Vettori b Brimson 112

M Croy b Ormond 0

B Walker c Nixon b Ormond 5

A Penn not out 62

S O'Connor not out 12

Extras: (b-8, lb-5, nb-8) 21

Total: (For eight wickets) 250

Fall of wkt: 1-12; 2-14; 3-14; 4-26; 5-53; 6-76; 7-116; 8-207.

To bat: G Allott.

Bowler: (to date) O M R W

Ormond 18 5 63 3

Boswell 13 4 61 3

Wells 6 0 35 0

Dakin 12 5 37 1

Brinson 13 5 23 1

Maddy 2 0 18 0

Sales' superb double

LONDON, July 31: David Sales led a remarkable

Northamptonshire recovery

with a career-best 218 not out

on the opening day of the

County Championship game

against Essex at Northampton

on Friday, reports Reuters.

The home side were in dire

straits early in their innings

before Sales and David Ripley

(94) put together a record seven

wicket stand of 293.

That beat the 73-year-old

previous best partnership of

229 compiled by Wilt Timms

and Fanny Walden against

Warwickshire in 1926.

Earlier, Essex paceman

David Thompson took three

wickets in 16 balls on his

Championship debut to leave

Northants languishing at 58 for

six.

Sales, who hit a double

century on his Championship debut

but against Worcestershire two

years ago, struck one six and 34

fours off 264 balls as Northants

crashed to 458 for seven off 104

overs.

At Cardiff, Durham, who

had won their three previous

games, dominated the day

against bottom club Glamorgan

in posting 275 for five.

Nick Speak led the way with

103, his second century in con-

secutive Championship in-

nings.

## Lee likes NSW job

NEW SOUTH WALES, July 31 (Internet report): Australian

World Cup all-rounder Shane

Lee last night put forward rea-

sons he should be named NSW

captain this season.

It would appear Lee, Michael

Bevan and Michael Slater will

be for the Blues' top job follow-

ing Mark Taylor's retirement.

Steve Waugh is state captain

but will miss almost the entire

domestic season because of his

Australian commitments.

The NSW Cricket Associa-

tion board will elect a captain

to replace the absent Waugh

during October.

It is understood the three

candidates will captain NSW

during trial matches in Queens-

land during September.

"I've put my hand up -- I've

told that to Steve Small and to

the NSW Cricket Association,"

Lee said.

"I'm keen on the job but I

guess it will come down to

availability."

"I've been with the Aus-

tralian team for the past few

months and have seen how

Steve (Waugh) ran things and

how Mark (Taylor) previously

ran things."

"You could say I'm a good

people person and a man

manager."

"I also think I've got the

respect of players more senior

than me."

Lee said he gleaned captaincy

skills while leading club side

Mosman.

"I've captained grade teams

since I was 19 so I think I've had

plenty of experience," Lee said.

"Being captain would bring

out the best in me and hopefully

the best in others."

"Having said that, if Michael

Bevan or Michael Slater are

chosen I'll be behind them 100

per cent. And I'm sure they'd

back me if chosen."

"It has been one of my major

goals. I'm 26 this year and that

may be an advantage."



BEING BRAZILIAN! New Zealand players wearing the famous yellow shirts go on an 'unofficial' lap of honour after losing 2-0 to their mighty opponents in the Confederations' Cup. — AFP photo

## French season kicks off

PARIS, July 31: Two goals in the last 10 minutes saw reigning champions Bordeaux open their defence with a thrilling 3-2 home victory over Bastia while newly-promoted St Etienne twice came from behind to earn a 2-2 draw at Monaco as the French First Division season got underway Friday, reports AFP.

St Etienne trailed to goals

first from Monaco's Marco Simonne and then David Trezeguet, but strikes from Stephane Pedron and Brazilian striker Aloisio ensured the well-supported "Greens" returned from the principality with a point.

Late goals from Lilian Laslandes and Jean-Michel Micoud had earlier ensured a good start for Bordeaux who had led with a first half goal from Herve Alcarte only for Frederic Nee and a Dan Petersen penalty to put

Bastia in charge after the break.

St Etienne initially looked

overawed on their return to the

elite after a three-year absence

but it was no surprise when

Monaco striker Simonne put

Monaco ahead after 11 minutes

after good work from Francisco Da Costa.

It was an encouraging start

for Simonne, signed from Paris

St Germain during the

close season. The former AC Milan

star was an underachiever at

PSG and was frequently blamed

for dressing room tensions

within the capital club.

But midway through the first

half St Etienne hit back

through midfielder Stephane

Pedron.

Pedron, signed from relegat-

Lorient, let fly with a dipping

left-foot shot from the left

side of the penalty area, giving

the diving Fabien Barthet no

chance.

The first real opportunity

fell to Bordeaux's French

international striker Sylvain

Wiltord.

Wiltord, who had never won

a ATP Tour match before this

week, upset Michael Chang 2-6,

6-2, 6-2. He rallied past An-