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Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-118

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Aug 13 '99 and draw
shortly afterwards

- 1 Who is the new England cricket coach?
Fletcher Hussain Marsh
- 2 Brazilian footballer Rivaldo plays for
Lazio Barcelona Arsenal
- 3 Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?
Simone Batistuta Ayala
- 4 How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?
22 23 24
- 5 Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?
Sampras Moya Agassi

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NOTICE

Due to unavoidable reasons draw of the **WHIZZ KID Competition-118** could not be held last night. It will now take place on August 13.

— Sports Editor

SPORTS TALK



Michael Jordan

(American basketball legend)

"It's a hundred (per cent). It's a hundred right now."

How sure he was that he wouldn't return to basketball.

Kiwis 40 for none

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 6: Mark Ramprakash grafted his way to an unbeaten half-century as England set New Zealand a respectable first innings target of 199 in the third Test at Old Trafford on Friday, reports AFP.

In reply New Zealand openers Matthew Horne and Matthew Bell guided the Kiwis to 40 without loss at tea on the second day of the match.

Kambli gets yet another recall

BARODA, India, Aug 6: India's cricket selectors on Friday recalled left-hand batsman Vinod Kambli for two upcoming one-day tournaments in Sri Lanka and Singapore, reports AFP.

Kambli, 27, replaces former captain Mohammad Azharudin, who did not want to be considered because of the slow recovery of his recently-operated right shoulder.

Young wicketkeeper M S K Prasad takes over from the injured Nayan Mongia in the only other change from the World Cup squad, which failed to make the semifinals in June.

Ajay Jadeja has been retained as vice-captain of the 15-man squad, led by Kambli's childhood friend Sachin Tendulkar.

India take on newly-crowned world champions Australia and hosts Sri Lanka from August 22 to 31. The Indians then meet Zimbabwe and the West Indies in another three-nation tournament in Singapore from September 2 to 7.

TEAM

Sachin Tendulkar (captain), Ajay Jadeja (vice-captain), Sadagopan Ramesh, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Amay Khurashia, Vinod Kambli, Robin Singh, M S K Prasad, Anil Kumble, Nikhil Chopra, Ajit Agarkar, Jagaval Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty.

Coach: Anshuman Gaekwad



England batsman Mark Ramprakash sweeps during the third Test at Old Trafford — AFP photo

England off on wrong foot

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 6: England were facing a new crisis here on Thursday after another first-innings batting slump at Old Trafford in the third Test against New Zealand, reports AFP.

The top order, which failed to fire in the nine-wicket defeat at Lord's, struggled again as England, who opted to bat, finished a rain-affected day on 108 for five.

The Old Trafford pitch, however, did not help.

England manager Graveney said: "There's been lots of debate about the wicket."

"They bowled well and we must do the same thing, and make sure we get the ball in the business area and exploit the bounce with the hardness of the new ball. Wickets will fall on a regular basis and runs will be at a premium."

From the moment play finally began, an hour late after early-morning rain, it was clear the wicket was suspect.

Mark Butcher, standing in as captain for the injured Nasser Hussain, has gone 13 Test innings without reaching 50 since his century at Brisbane in November and this time he lasted just 20 minutes before edging a lifting delivery from

Chris Cairns low to Stephen Fleming at slip.

Alec Stewart looked equally uncomfortable, making 23 in almost an hour-and-a-half before edging Cairns behind to make it 54 for two.

Four overs later a heavy downpour suspended play for a further two hours.

Michael Atherton, recalled to the team following injury with the series standing at 1-1, battled for over two hours for his 11 with just five scoring shots.

He took 69 deliveries just to reach double figures -- a testament not only to the pitch but the high standard of New Zealand's attack -- and he took 35 minutes to move from six to nine.

The slow pace prompted chants of "boring, boring England" from the smattering of supporters in the ground.

Atherton finally fell to Cairns, the fatal delivery pitching and seaming away and ending in wicketkeeper Adam Parore's gloves.

Atherton's departure saw the return of the enigmatic Graeme Hick to international cricket.

He managed to pass 3,000 Test runs by pulling Cairns for the second of his three boundaries

but soon left for 12, leg before as the wickets continued to fall.

Graham Thorpe was the last

front-line batsman to go. He put on 21 with Mark Ramprakash before left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori prompted him to miscue a drive, the chance being snatched up by Matthew Bell at short leg.

Fleming said: "I was very pleased with our patience and discipline. It may be called boring but it was perfect Test match bowling on a wicket that is a little bit inconsistent in bounce."

Score at close of play on the first day of the third Test between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford on Thursday:

ENGLAND:

First innings

Butcher c Fleming b Cairns 5
Atherton c Parore b Cairns 11
Stewart c Parore b Nash 23
Thorpe c Bell b Vettori 27
Hick lbw b Nash 12
Ramprakash not out 12
Headley not out 1
Astle 10 4-10 0
Extras (B-6; lb-6; w-5) 17
Total: For five wkts in 61 overs 108

Fall of wkts: 1-13; 2-54; 3-60; 4-83; 5-104

To Bat: C Read, A Caddick, P Such, P Tufnell

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