

Tour of India
SA to ring in
changes for
ODIs

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 14: South Africa's selectors began their quest to form separate Test and one-day squads by naming a significantly different side to face India in five one-day internationals after their two-Test series later this month, reports Reuters.

Four players from the 14-man Test squad will return home and be replaced by five extra players for the one-day matches with Makhaya Ntini joining the squad for the one-day series in Sharjah that immediately follows the Indian tour.

Alan Donald and Daryll Cullinan, who are both unavailable for personal reasons, will return home along with spinner Clive Eksteen and opening batsman Boeta Dippenaar.

They will be replaced by batsmen Dale Benkenstein and Neil McKenzie, all rounders Steve Elworthy and Derek Crookes and seam bowler Henry Williams.

South Africa one-day squad: Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Hansie Cronje (captain), Neil McKenzie, Dale Benkenstein, Pieter Strydom, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Steve Elworthy, Mornantau Hayward, Henry Williams, Makhaya Ntini (Sharjah only).

Quaid-e-Azam final
PIA win inside two days

KARACHI, Feb 14 (Internet report): A disappointing spectacle and a let-down was the 1999-2000 final of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy.

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) are the champions after what should have been a five-day game ended on the second afternoon, PIA defeating Habib Bank by two wickets on Sunday.

Thirty wickets had fallen by lunchtime on day two Sunday, with PIA requiring 166 runs for victory on a difficult surface. Initially it looked as if PIA would falter as the experienced opening pair of Rizwanuzzaman (6) and Shoaib Mohammad (6) were removed with just 25 runs on the board. However, it was the next pair, almost as experienced at domestic level - Ghulam Ali (73*) and Asif Mujtaba (54*) - who saw PIA through to victory, the only half-century scorers of the match.

Former SA fast bowler dies at 33

DURBAN, Feb 14 (Reuters): Former South African Test fast bowler Tertius Bosch died in a Durban hospital on Sunday after a long fight against a virus. He was a month short of his 34th birthday.

Bosch played in one Test, against West Indies in Bridgetown in 1992, which marked South Africa's return to the Test arena after the dismantling of apartheid.

He had match figures of three for 104.

He also played twice for South Africa at the 1992 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

Bosch, a dentist, began his first-class career with Northern Transvaal (now Northern) in 1986-87 and played for Natal for four seasons from 1994-95.

In 68 first-class matches he took 210 wickets at an average of 27.56, with a best analysis of seven for 75.

Bosch leaves a wife, Karen, and two sons.

High security for Lankan board polls

COLOMBO, Feb 14: Security guards will be on duty to prevent violence when Sri Lanka's cricket officials gather next month to elect a new cricket board, replacing an interim committee, the Sports Ministry said Monday, reports AP.

The ministry ordered a new election for a regular board to take place on March 11. The voters - who are representatives from district cricket boards, affiliated clubs and former cricketers - must hold their meeting inside the ministry building, under the eyes of guards.

The ministry said the meeting could not be held at the cricket board offices, where the last election took place March 28, 1999. It ended in the representatives attacking each other and guards had to be sent in to separate them.

Thilanga Sumathipala, who had been chosen president in the brawl meeting, but prevented from taking office by a court order, told The Associated Press on Monday, "I will be contesting for the post of the president because I think I am needed for Sri Lankan cricket."

Sumathipala had received 79 of the 127 votes in last year's election.

His opponent, Clifford Ratwatte, a relative of President Chandrika Kumaratunga, accused him of vote buying and rigging. Ratwatte, who received 11 votes, won a court order barring Sumathipala from taking office.

Consequently a five-member interim committee was set up to run Sri Lankan cricket for the past 11 months.

"I think any allegation of vote buying is an insult cast on the whole cricketing fraternity," Sumathipala said in response to the allegations made against him.

Serie A

Juve stay a point ahead



ROME, Feb 13 (Reuters/Internet): Lazio were held to a goalless draw at home to Parma on Sunday to leave Juventus a point clear at the top of the Italian First Division.

The Rome side needed a victory at the Olympic Stadium to overhaul Juve, who had climbed to the top of the pile earlier in the day courtesy of a hard-fought 1-0 defeat of mid-table Lecce.

But although they had the better of the late match and their Croatian striker Alen Boksic had two worthwhile penalty appeals, both turned down, Lazio failed to find the back of the net.

Juventus lead Serie A on 44 points from Lazio on 43 and defending champions AC Milan on 41.

Juve and Lazio have now swapped the league leadership five times over the last eight championship rounds and have emerged as title favourites but they now face a clear challenge from a rejuvenated Milan, whose 3-2 win at Bologna on Saturday was their third straight league victory.

Juventus had to play the whole of the second half of their match in Turin with 10 men after midfielder Alessio Tacchinardi was sent off in the 44th minute for protesting a booking after he had tripped Brazilian midfielder Lima.

But Zinedine Zidane's 26th minute goal, his fourth since the New Year, was enough to give Carlo Ancelotti's three points and avenge Juve's 2-0 loss at Lecce in September - their only league defeat this season.

Behind the leading three sides stand AS Roma, who had captain Francesco Totti sent off after just 20 minutes at Perugia and then threw away a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2.

Totti was dismissed for pushing referee Gennaro Borrelli during an argument about a Perugia defensive wall breaching the 10-metre rule. Television replays showed he gave the official a gentle shove in the chest after being booked for dissent. He was immediately dismissed.

Four minutes later Japanese midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata scored against his former club

with a delicate lob and when team mate Vincenzo Montella slotted home a penalty kick in the 42nd minute, Roma appeared well set.

But Perugia staged a comeback after the break, midfielder

to respect us and not treat us like kids...I don't understand why every Sunday we have to hold out our hands to be caned."

Inter Milan also struggled and needed a 31st minute equaliser from a revitalised



Juventus' French star Zinedine Zidane (L) celebrates after scoring against Lecce in their Serie A match on February 13. His Dutch teammate Edgar Davids joins in the fun.

Renato Olive scoring in the 54th and 82nd minutes to wipe out the visitors' lead and earn his side a valuable point.

Roma coach Fabio Capello was dismissed from the bench for complaining about the corner kick from which Olive scored his second goal.

"I told the linesman that the corner he had just given didn't exist... The only answer I got was a dismissal," the former AC Milan and Real Madrid coach said.

"We have to respect referees but at the same time they have

Christian Vieri to salvage a 1-1 draw at the San Siro against Vieri's former club Torino.

Uruguayan defender Gustavo Mendez gave Torino the lead in the 20th minute before Vieri headed home an Alvaro Recoba cross for his third goal in four days and his 11th of the campaign.

Gabriel Batistuta came to Fiorentina's rescue again, finding the net for the third consecutive weekend to earn Giovanni Trapattoni's side a 1-1 home draw at home to Udinese and take his season's tally to 15.

Sybase Open Philippoussis'



SAN JOSE, California, Feb 14: Coming up with big serves and clever shotmaking at big moments, Australian Mark Philippoussis successfully defended his title at the \$75,000 dollars Sybase Open yesterday with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 win over unseeded Swede Mikael Tillstrom, reports Reuters.

"It's a great feeling," said Philippoussis, who won his eighth career title. "It always tough to come back and defend a title. It does a lot for my self-confidence."

Tillstrom, who knocked off three seeds this week, said he ran out of gas.

"I was sore," said Tillstrom. "The four matches before I had to run a lot from the baseline. I wasn't moving as well as I did during the week."

As he has much of the week, Philippoussis struggled with his returns of serves and backhands much of the contest but whenever he fell into serious trouble, he produced a huge serve or sterling forehand.

Tillstrom, a 27-year-old journeyman, played his best tennis of the week, surprising his foe with frequent net rushes, soft drop shots and penetrating crosscourt forehands.

The two wowed the crowd in the first set with spectacular end-to-end rallies. Using a variety of angles and speeds on his serves, Tillstrom appeared

to have Philippoussis confused but at 5-6, the Aussie broke him with a couple of thunderous returns and watched Tillstrom double fault on set point.

"I had a better start than my other matches because I wasn't broken straight off," Philippoussis said. "I thought that would be the same today when I was down 0-30 in the first game. It took a lot of pressure off myself when I was able to hold."

Tillstrom broke Philippoussis to open the second set by forcing a forehand error and never looked back, winning the set with a thumping serve down the middle that the Aussie hit high into the scoreboard.

But Philippoussis didn't become unnerved, gamely hanging with Tillstrom from the baseline and breaking him to go ahead 4-1 in the third set when the Swede pushed a forehand wide. Philippoussis was never pushed on his service games, ending the match with a 137 mph (220 kph) ace.

"It's tough when he serves like that," said Tillstrom. "I've been down before and came back and I told myself I jump on his serves if I got a chance, but I didn't get any. He played solid."

Philippoussis served 19 aces in the match and smoked 14 serves faster than 130 mph (210 kph). In the third set, he turned up the volume.

"I knew I need a good start to the third set and I came out firing, took some chances and towards the end hit the ball as

well as I had all week," Philippoussis said. "Once I get a break my adrenaline kicks in, my serve gets harder without me even realising."

Since he broke through on the tour five years ago by reaching the Scotsdale final as a 19-year-old, Philippoussis has looked to be on the verge of winning a Grand Slam title or entering the top five.

Last year after winning San Jose and an elite Tennis Masters title at Indian Wells three weeks later, he appeared to be on his way. But up a set on Pete Sampras at Wimbledon, Philippoussis tore cartilage in his knee and had to undergo surgery. He didn't regain his form until late last autumn.

Now he appears ready to join the elite.

"I've had a good start to this year," said Philippoussis, who is now ninth in the ATP Championships race.

"I'm hitting the ball well and have a lot of self-belief. The most important thing is to stay healthy this year and commit myself in every match I play," he said.

"I don't like to talk much but I've been concentrating on all parts of my game and I feel comfortable on all surfaces," he added.

If I stay healthy, it could be an exciting year for me."

Rosset lifts Marseille title

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 14: Switzerland's Marc Rosset beat his young compatriot Roger Federer 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 (7/5) in a tense battle to win the \$500,000-dollar ATP tennis tournament here yesterday, reports AP.

Rosset, the 1992 Olympic champion, had to suffer for his two-hour win however against his 18-year-old opponent.

Serving for the match at 5-4 in the final set, Rosset squandered three match points in a game where he also served three double faults. Federer also played some impressive passing shots and returned well to level at 5-5.

"On my match points, I felt victory was within my grasp but I choked a little. I was tense," Rosset said. Rosset had to wait till the final set tiebreak, which he won 7-5 after an unforced error from his opponent, to win the match.

Federer admitted it was his turn to feel stressed at the end of the match. "In the tiebreak, I really felt the pressure," Federer said.

Federer started the match with gusto from the back of the court while Rosset had problems getting his big serve into full swing. Federer went on to break Rosset's service twice before winning the set 6-2.

In the second set, Rosset found his mark with his first service and Federer's performance was not up to the same standard as in the first set and Rosset consequently went on to win the set 6-3.

Rosset added: "I concentrated on the quality of my service and I got back into the match."

Somalia forfeit
home leg in
WC qualifier

LAGOS, Feb 14 (Reuters/Internet): Somalia have forfeited the home leg of their World Cup qualifier against newly-crowned African champions Cameroon because of security concerns in the capital Mogadishu.

Cameroon were due to play in the Somali capital on April 9 in the first leg of a preliminary knock-out round match but the tie will now be decided by just one match, the return leg in Yaounde on April 23.

"There is no way we can guarantee their safety and it is not something we want to risk," said Somalia Football Association president Farah Addo in Lagos on Monday.

Addo, who was attending the African Nations Cup finals in Nigeria, said Somalia's under-20 and under-17 teams would also forfeit their home leg matches in forthcoming African championship qualifiers this year.

"We have put a lot of money into trying to fix the stadium, too, but this is also still not up to standard," he added.

Somalia remains in turmoil a decade after civil war but teams from the country have travelled outside to compete in regional competitions.

German Cup
Reaching final
a must for
Bayern

BERLIN, Feb 14 (Reuters/Internet): Bayern Munich's first crunch match of a busy season at home to Hansa Rostock in the German Cup semifinals on Wednesday is a "must win" according to commercial manager Uli Hoernes.

Hoernes said: "We must be in the final for psychological reasons. Then at least we will have achieved something."

Last season was all about losing finals for the prestigious Bavarian outfit, who fell to Manchester United in the European Cup final and were beaten on penalties by Werder Bremen in the German Cup final.

Werder host Second Division Stuttgart Kickers in the other semifinal tie on Tuesday.

Bayern, who have lifted the German Cup a record nine times, are looking good this season and are still in contention in the European Cup as well as the domestic league and Cup.

Strikers Carsten Jancker and Roque Santa Cruz have both recovered from minor injuries and the German league leaders should be at full strength.

Only a few fans are expected for the match at Munich's Olympic stadium.

"We will be lucky if we get 10,000 people," said Bayern financial director Fritz Scherer.

Lowly Rostock, who managed only a 1-1 draw at home to VfL Wolfsburg at the weekend and are 15th in the 18-team First Division, will have nothing to lose.

"All the pressure's on Bayern," said Hansa striker Steffen Baumgart. "Nobody expects us to win."

In-form Werder, who impressed by crushing Hertha Berlin 4-1 in a Bundesliga match on Friday, will be favoured to beat Stuttgart Kickers.

"There is a 98 percent chance that we will lose this match," said Kickers coach Michael Feichtenbeiner.

Werder coach Thomas Schaaf will be without defender Andree Wiedener, recovering from a slight brain trauma sustained in a clash with Hertha's Marko Rehmer in Friday's match.

Dokic plans to boycott Sydney Games

SYDNEY, Feb 14: Australia's top-ranked female tennis player Jelena Dokic is planning a boycott of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, saying she feels "betrayed" by tennis officials and the media who've ruined her reputation, reports AP.

Dokic made a splash at Wimbledon last year by ousting No 1 Martina Hingis before losing in the quarterfinals.

The 16-year-old said her Olympic boycott was payback for the treatment she received during last month's Australian Open.

"I'm 95 per cent certain I'm not going to play in the Olympics, because of everything that happened to me over the summer... It's my revenge," Dokic told New Idea magazine in an interview published Monday.

"I didn't feel like I was supported, no-one got behind me, and that really hurt me. I feel betrayed, ruined."

Dokic lost to Rita Kuti Kis of Hungary 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 at the Australian Open and was fined \$2,500 for arriving late to a news conference.

She said she was late because she'd been to church to pray and then, reading from a statement, she dismissed Kuti Kis as a player without a future.

Dokic was also quoted in Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper saying tennis officials had intentionally saddled her with tough draws to sabotage her career but she later denied the report.

In the magazine interview, for which she was reportedly paid 50,000 Australian dollars (US \$32,000), she said she was proud to play for Australia and would continue to represent Australia in Fed Cup.

"If I feel I was attacked from all sides during the Australian Open and I'm very hurt and that's why I don't want to play (the Olympics), for revenge."

Serena stoops to injury



PARIS, Feb 14: French veteran Nathalie Tauziat was too solid for injured Serena Williams when she won the Paris Open 7-5, 6-2 on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Outwitted for most of the first set by the experienced

Tauziat, playing in her 20th final, Williams lost ground in the second set, partly because of a knee injury.

The 18-year-old American, who was top seed and title holder in the \$35,000 dollars tournament, had to receive treatment early in the second set and spent most of the dying

minutes of the match close to tears.

"It happened all of a sudden at 2-1 in the first set. I'm sorry," she said.

Williams had won the first title of her career in the same tournament last year and was eager to do well against the second-seeded Tauziat.

But it was an uphill battle from the start.

"I think I actually won in the first set," said the 32-year-old Frenchwoman after her seventh victory in a career spanning over 16 years.

"I had decided to serve and volley and it is a game she really doesn't like," added Tauziat, who had lost to Williams in their two previous encounters.

The former Wimbledon finalist did not give the American a chance to breathe in the first set, rushing to the net at every opportunity. The tactics paid off when she broke Williams in the third game.

Williams reacted but bowed again in the 11th game, allowing Tauziat to serve for the set. The local player went 0-40 down on her serve but got a grip of her game and took the set 7-5 in 50 minutes.

It was the turning point of the match as Williams asked for the physiotherapist and resumed playing with a bandaged right knee. With her opponent unable to run effectively Tauziat showed no mercy and quickly went 2-0 up.

Williams fought bravely but had to be content with holding serve twice before crashing on a long return after 92 minutes of an unexpectedly one-sided clash.

The Williams sisters have been very unlucky in this early season. Venus announced she was pulling out of the Hanover tournament with an injured wrist and it was still unclear whether Serena would follow suit.

Kiefer king of Dubai



DUBAI, Feb 14: Top seed Nicolas Kiefer of Germany overcame his talented, unseeded rival, Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 in Sunday's final to capture the Dubai Open, reports AP.

The German, the losing finalist last year to Jerome Golmard of France, became the first top-seeded player to win the tournament. He takes home 187,000 dollars and a BMW for his efforts.

Ferrero, the youngest player

in the competition, fought hard throughout the 2-hour final. The Spaniard, who turned 20 on Saturday, saved two match points in the penultimate game, but Kiefer clinched the final with superb serving, his fastest timed at 191 kph (119 mph).

In all, the champion served 11 aces compared to just one by Ferrero, who won \$1,000.

Kiefer, who defeated former rival Golmard in the quarterfinals, led 4-1 in the final set before Ferrero regained his touch. Despite some fine forehand returns and cross-court shots, the

Spaniard could not vanquish the German.

"I'm happy to have won this year after coming close last time," said Kiefer, who moves to fourth place in the ATP world rankings, up from sixth. "It's been a great week and I thank my coach Bob (Brette) for the victory."

Ferrero, known as "The Mosquito" among his fellow Spaniards for his wiry frame, moved to 10th place in the ATP rankings, his highest in his short career after coming here ranked number 43.

"I played so good this week and today, but Nicolas played better," said Ferrero, who thanked the crowd for its support.

Kiefer, who trains with world pole vault champion Sergei Bubka, used high lobs and steady baseline play to keep his talented rival off guard. The tactics paid off when Ferrero, fighting to save the first set with some typically bold returns, was unable to press home the advantage.

Earlier Sunday, Czechs Jiri Novak and David Riko, saying their friendship was the reason behind their strong play, defeated Robbie Koenig, South Africa and Australian Peter Tramacchi 6-2, 7-5 to win the doubles title. This is the eighth ATP title for the Czech duo, who won 73,750 dollars in this tournament.

Raul out of Croatia friendly

MADRID, Feb 14 (Reuters/Internet): Real Madrid forward Raul Gonzalez will miss Spain's friendly against Croatia in Split on February 23 because of a thigh injury, the club said on Monday.

Raul was taken off midway through Real's 1-0 win over Malaga in the Spanish league on Saturday and a scan revealed a slight muscle tear which will keep him out for around two weeks.

The 22-year-old forward will miss Real's games against Valladolid, Merida and Valencia, while he is a doubt for the key league match at home to Barcelona on February 26.

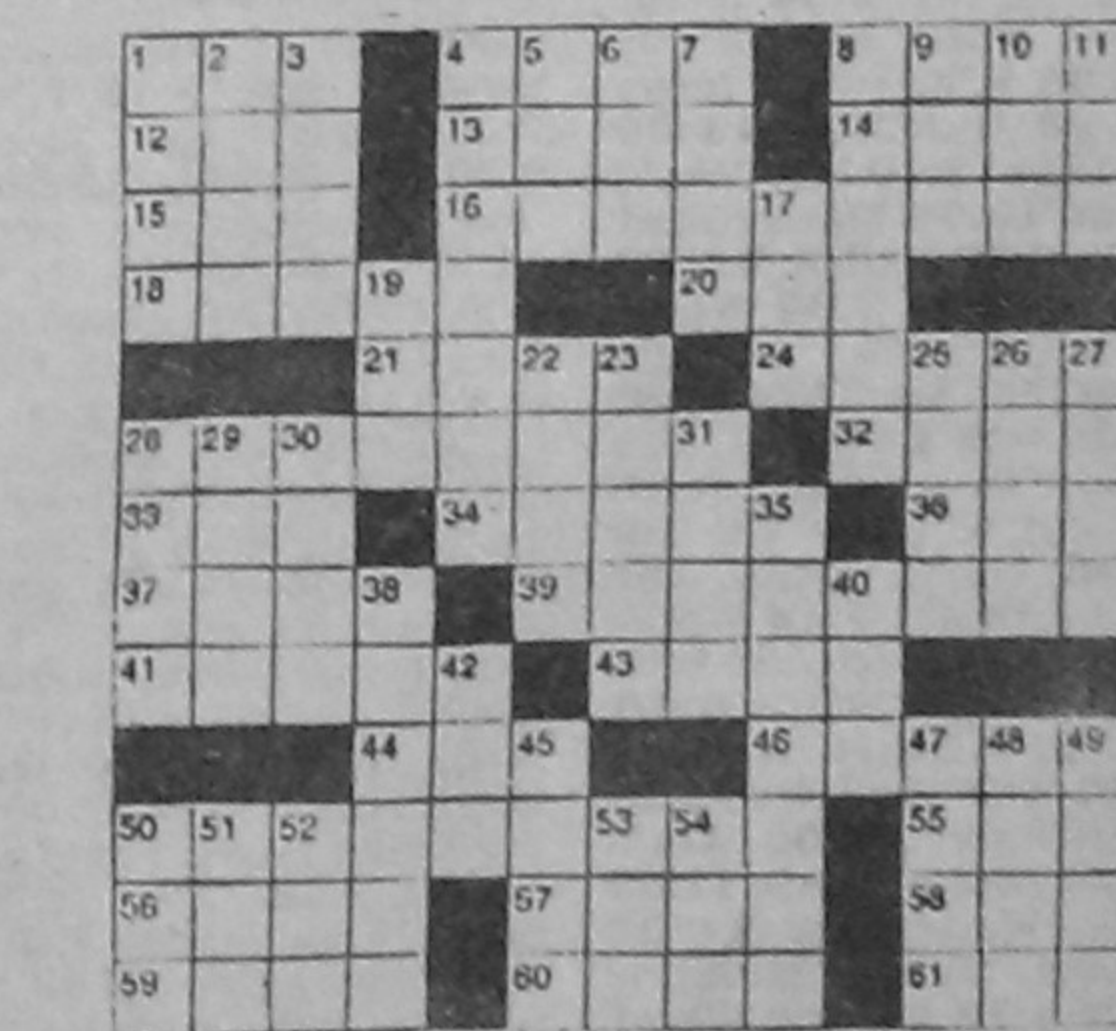
Nicolas Kiefer of Germany holds aloft the Dubai Open trophy.

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