

## NZ keep faith in losing side

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Mar 15: New Zealand selectors Wednesday retained the same squad for the second cricket Test against Australia which lost the first Test by 62 runs here, reports AFP.

**New Zealand:** Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Matt Horne, Shayne O'Connor, Matthew Sinclair, Paul Wiseman, Chris Cairns, Simon Doull, Craig McMillan, Adam Parore, Craig Spearman, Daniel Vettori.

**The second Test starts at Wellington's Basin Reserve on March 24.**

## Pakistan win

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boundaries and with him all the hopes of a fight vanquished. Arnold was well caught by Moin off a vicious in-coming delivery by Waqar for 8.

Sri Lanka lost Tillekeratne Dilshan to a silly run out for 5 when the batsman failed to beat a throw from mid-wicket by Yousuf Youhana in his attempt to take a sharp angle.

Scoreboard in the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan at the Karachi National Stadium on Wednesday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 256 (Inzamam-ul-Haq 86, Shahid Afridi 74, M.Muralitharan 4-89).

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 227 (R.Arnold 48, R.Kaluwitharana 42, Shoaib Akhtar 3-52).

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (overnight 375 for seven) Naveed Iqbal M Tharan 27, Afridi b Pkumara 34, Ijaz c Dilshan b M Tharan 3, Inzamam c Wsinghe b M Tharan 138, Akhtar lbw Vaas 0, Youhana c Kiharana b Pkumara 11, Yousuf c Kiharana b Wsinghe 11, Moin c Arnold b Pkumara 70, Waqar c Dilshan b M Tharan 39, Fazal c J'suriya b Pkumara 3, Akram not out 1.

Extras: (lb-16; nb-18) 34. Total: (All out in 133.5 overs) 421. Fall of wickets: 1-70; 2-70; 3-84; 4-106; 5-159; 6-283; 7-320; 8-408; 9-419.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 34 8 107 1  
Pkumara 20.5 3 66 4  
Wsinghe 26 6 82 1  
M Tharan 40 6 107 4  
J'suriya 9 1 28 0  
Arnold 4 0 15 0

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings Atapattu c Moin b Akram 23, Jayasuriya lbw Waqar 20, Arnold c Moin b Waqar 8, Jayawardena b Fazal 29, Dilshan run out 5, Kaluwitharana b Akhtar 33, Saram lbw Afridi 18, Vaas c Akhtar b Afridi 28, Pushpakumara c Fazal b Afridi 44, Wickramasinghe run out 0, Muralitharan not out 25, Extras: (b-1; lb-7; nb-17) 5. Total: (All out in 46 overs) 228.

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-41; 3-41; 4-59; 5-86; 6-121; 7-145; 8-191; 9-199.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Waqar 11 4 32 2  
Akhtar 13 1 64 1  
Akram 10 1 44 1  
Fazal 4 0 30 1  
Afridi 8 1 50 3

**Result:** Pakistan won by 222 runs.

**Man-of-the-match:** Inzamam-ul-Haq.

**Men-of-the-series:** Muttiah Muralitharan (SL) and Waqar Younis (Pak).

**First Test:** Sri Lanka won by two wickets.

**Second Test:** Sri Lanka won by 57 runs.

**Sri Lanka win series 2-1.**

# Mission accomplished



AUCKLAND, Mar 15 (AFP/Reuters): Australia won a record-equaling eighth consecutive Test match and spin-king Shane Warne became his country's greatest wicket-taker as New Zealand were beaten by 62 runs in the first cricket Test here Wednesday.

Australia dismissed New Zealand for 218 runs at Eden Park after the Kiwis chased an improbable 281 runs in the fourth innings to win the Test.

The victory gave Steve Waugh's team an eighth consecutive Test victory, equalling the record set by Warwick Armstrong's Australian team in 1920.

It was also a record day for master leg-spinner Warne, who passed fast bowling great Dennis Lillee's 16-year-old Australian record with his dismissal of Kiwis tailender Paul Wiseman to clinch the Test with his 356th wicket.

Warne, playing in his 82nd Test, finished with the figures of 2-80 after it had increasingly looked as though he would not break the record in this Test as his teammates snapped up most of the wickets.

Off-spinner Colin Miller captured career best figures of 5-55 and express bowler Brett Lee took 2-36.

But skipper Waugh threw the ball to Warne in a bid to take off the pressure of breaking the record.

The blond-headed tweaker broke through for his second wicket with his third ball of his 21st over after Wiseman, attempting to sweep, got a top edge to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist for an easy catch.

The Australian players rushed to the celebrating Warne and clapped him from the field.

It was Australia's first win at the Eden Park ground in 23

years after losing their last three Tests at the Auckland ground. Greg Chappell's team won here by 10 wickets in 1977. "It's a great feat for the team," said Waugh. "We've played some excellent cricket and, coming on top of the record unbeaten streak in one-day matches, I'm really pleased to be a part of that."

Waugh admitted he felt the tension after rain had wiped out Tuesday's fourth day's play before the Test resumed Wednesday following a 90-minute delay.

"New Zealand needed one good partnership and they were a chance of winning," Waugh said.

"I definitely felt tense. Everytime they hit a four I'd look at the scoreboard and it was going down to 90 and 80 but I think (Craig) McMillan was the big wicket."

"He was their only chance of winning today and once we got him I thought we were home."

New Zealand set out on the final day after Tuesday's fourth day had been washed out with a ball bowled at 151 for five and requiring 130 more runs to pull off an amazing victory.

The odds were stacked on Australia's side and they got a quick breakthrough in the day's second over when Chris Cairns hit Miller to Steve Waugh head-high at mid-wicket and he was out for no addition to his overnight score of 20.

Craig McMillan played a determined innings and he and Adam Parore temporarily gave New Zealand faint hope of overhauling Australia with their 44-run partnership before Parore was dismissed 12 minutes after lunch for 26.

Lightning-fast Lee was brought into the attack and he induced Parore to hit a diving Steve Waugh for his second catch of the day and leave the

Kiwis at 195 for seven and still 86 runs short of the target. The game was all but over when Australia removed McMillan, who hit the highest score of the Test with 78 before edging Lee to Warne at first slip with the score at 204.

Daniel Vettori, who was later named man-of-the-match for his match haul of 12 wickets, was out for a duck, again snapped up by Warne low down at slip giving Miller his fifth wicket.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard after the final day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Australia at Eden Park here today:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 214 all out (McMillan 72 not out, Langer 46; Vettori 5-62).

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 163 all out (Cairns 35, Astle 31; McGrath 4-33).

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings 229 all out (Gilchrist 59, Langer 47; Vettori 7-87).

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings (151 for five resumed) Horne c Langer b Miller 11, Sinclair lbw b Miller 6, Fleming c Gilchrist b Miller 8, Astle b Warne 35, McMillan c Warne b Lee 78, Cairns c S Waugh b Miller 20, Parore c S Waugh b Lee 26, Vettori c Warne b Miller 0, Doull not out 5, Wiseman c Gilchrist b Warne 9.

Extras: (b-7; lb-7; nb-2) 16. Total: (All out in 73.3 overs) 218. Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-25; 3-25; 4-43; 5-121; 6-151; 7-195; 8-204; 9-204.

**Bowler** O M R W  
McGrath 23 8 33 1  
Lee 12 4 36 2  
Miller 18 5 55 5  
Warne 20.3 5 80 2

**Result:** Australia won by 62 runs.

**Australia lead series 1-0.**

**Man-of-the-match:** Daniel Vettori.

## Steve & co's streak

AUCKLAND, Mar 15 (AFP): The Australian team Wednesday equalled the second-best winning streak in Test cricket history.

**Longest Test streaks (wins only):**

11 — West Indies 1983-84 to 1984-85.

8 — Australia 1999-2000.

8 — Australia 1920-21 to 1921.

7 — England 1884-85 to 1887-88.

7 — England 1928 to 1928-29.

7 — West Indies 1984-85 to 1985-86.

7 — West Indies 1988 to 1988-89.

6 — England 1888 to 1890.

6 — England 1957 to 1958.

6 — West Indies 1961-62 to 1963.

**Streak unbroken**  
**Australia's current winning streak:**

— beat Zimbabwe by 10 wickets, Harare, October 14-17 1999.

— beat Pakistan by 10 wickets, Brisbane, November 5-9, 1999.

— beat Pakistan by four wickets, Hobart, November 18-22 1999.

— beat Pakistan by an innings and 20 runs, Perth, November 26-28 1999.

— beat India by 285 runs, Adelaide, December 10-14 1999.

— beat India by 180 runs, Melbourne, December 26-30 1999.

— beat India by innings and 141 runs, Sydney, January 2-4 2000.

— beat New Zealand by 62 runs, Auckland, March 11-15 2000.

**Hesp Barca's till end of 2001**

BARCELONA, Spain, March 15: Spanish giants Barcelona have extended the contract of Dutch keeper Ruud Hesp until the end of the 2001 season, a club spokesman announced here Tuesday, reports AFP.

"We have exercised the option on Hesp's contract and are counting on him for next season," said the spokesman.

This latest extension will fuel the rumours that former first-choice keeper Francesc Arnau could be on his way out at the end of the season either on loan or sold outright.

Hesp regained the starters job after a poor performance from Arnau in the 3-0 defeat against archrivals Real Madrid on February 26.

Hesp had spent the previous four months on the subs bench but has played all Barca's matches since the Real match including the two Champions League victories over FC Porto.

Barcelona have also reportedly signed an informal agreement with French goalkeeper Daniel Dutrieu of First Division rivals Celta Vigo.

## S Africa

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Fall of wickets: 1-61; 2-80; 3-85; 4-147; 5-182; 6-208; 7-238; 8-248.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Pollock 10 1 36 1  
Elworthy 10 1 44 1  
Cronje 10 0 69 1  
Kallis 10 0 37 2  
Kluseener 2 0 11 0  
Boje 4 0 22 0  
Benkenstein 1 0 9 0  
Strydom 3 0 15 0

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Kirsten b Tendulkar 93  
Gibbs c Tendulkar b Kumble 19  
Boje c Agarkar b Tendulkar 14  
Kallis b Joshi 10  
Cronje lbw Tendulkar 66  
Benkenstein b Kumble 0  
Kluseener c Ganguly b Tendulkar 6  
Pollock b Dravid 14  
Boucher not out 17  
Strydom not out 1  
Extras: (b-1; nb-2; w-8) 11  
Total: (For eight wickets in 48 overs) 251.

Did not bat: S.Elworthy.

Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-63; 3-91; 4-204; 5-205; 6-217; 7-219; 8-244.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Agarkar 8 0 36 0  
Kumaran 5 0 31 0  
Joshi 10 0 56 1  
Kumble 10 0 39 2  
Tendulkar 10 0 56 4  
Ganguly 3 0 16 0  
Dravid 2 0 16 1

**Result:** South Africa won by two wickets.

**Man-of-the-match:** Hansie Cronje.

**India lead 2-1 in the five-match series.**

## Shane scales

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He was also in trouble when a picture of him smoking a cigarette on a West Indies tour emerged in the media — he had been paid to endorse a nicotine patch and quit cigarettes.

His blonde hair, earring and surfer looks made him an instant hit with the fans but he has not always endeared him to the game's traditionalists.

Chosen to play for Australia after just six first-class matches, Warne made a forgettable start to his Test career, taking 1-150 against India.

But he quickly recovered from his early failure to take 7-52 against the West Indies in just his fifth Test and kick-start a career that would revolutionise spin bowling.

Australian skipper Steve Waugh said Warne had played a major role in improving the success of the national team.

"He's been great for cricket... people have come back to cricket, particularly young kids, leg spin bowlers," Waugh said of his vice-captain.

"He's exciting to watch and he's great to have on your side because he's a match winner, he's a good fieldman and he can bat as well, and when he's going well he's infectious for the side."

## UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg

# Gunners' chance to prove a point



PARIS, March 15: Despite coach Arsene Wenger's gripe that the UEFA Cup has taken too big a toll on his team, and despite Dennis Bergkamp's fear of flying, Arsenal must forget their travel sickness and make the event their top priority amid a disappointing league campaign.

The Gunners go into Thursday's quarter-final first leg against Werder Bremen of Germany anxious to make amends after their weekend loss at Middlesbrough, which left them fifth in the English Premier League and all but out of the title race.

Wenger blamed the defeat at Middlesbrough on a lack of rest for his players following their UEFA Cup tie at Deportivo La Coruna in Spain on Thursday night.

"It's a disadvantage to play in the UEFA Cup because the recovery period is too short," he said, conveniently forgetting that a Wednesday to Saturday gap is the same as Thursday to Sunday — the day the Gunners went down at the Riverside.

"At least in the Champions League, you have more time. We only had two-and-a-half days, which isn't enough, especially when you are travelling as well. We're in an experiment and paying for it," moaned Wenger, whose club are, in any case, Champions League discards.

Manchester United had Tuesday to Saturday off before beating Derby in the Premier League but often the gap between Champions League and domestic fixtures is only three days.

There was some good news for Arsenal, however, after Nigerian striker Kanu agreed Monday to sign a new contract worth around 40,000 dollars a week.

"Everything is okay regarding the contract. It has all been finished and I'm happy at Arsenal," said Kanu.

Werder go into the tie having stunned everyone, barring themselves, by knocking out

holders Parma of Italy. But the Germans will be without dangerous Peruvian international forward Claudio Pizarro, who picked up a groin injury in Sunday's 5-2 win over Freiburg.

Bremen have begun — after a couple of mediocre seasons — to move back towards the top of the Bundesliga and currently stand fifth.

Leeds have a rather more solid lingering interest in the English Premiership title as they stand just four points behind leaders Manchester United and nine ahead of Arsenal.

Prague top the Czech League with an unbeaten record of 16 wins and four draws but Leary says he knows little about the team.

"I only saw a video of them for the first time today. I'd like to know more," he said Tuesday.

"From what I can gather they're a big, strong, hard-working side. They must be decent to have come this far. But we've also done brilliantly and hopefully we can continue like that."

"One thing we have got is big hearts and the willingness to battle and play for each other. I think that gets us through."

In the other two ties, Spain's Celta Vigo, who thrashed Juventus last week, take on a Lens side who have drawn on the experience of last season, when they gave a respectable account of themselves in the Champions League.

The French scored an entertaining 6-4 aggregate win over Atletico Madrid in the previous round but Vigo will be a tougher test as they have top five aspirations in the Spanish league, despite succumbing 3-0 at Espanol at the weekend.

Mallorca also carry the Spanish flag as they host Turkish survivors Galatasaray, conquerors of Borussia Dortmund last time out and another side who fell by the Champions League wayside earlier in the season.

**Fixtures:**  
Arsenal (Eng) v Werder Bremen (Ger)  
Leeds (Eng) v Slavia Prague (Cze)  
Celta Vigo (Spa) v Lens (Fra)  
Mallorca (Spa) v Galatasaray (Tur)

**ARSENAL WENGER**

However, after heating Roma in the previous round, David O'Leary's men believe this could be their year in Europe.

Two FA Cup victories — the latter coming in 1971 — are the sum of the Yorkshire side's European trophy-winning achievements to date, but after coming through two gutsy games against Roma, Leeds do not intend to let Czech outfit Slavia Prague stand in their way.

Leeds striker Michael Bridges is refusing to let an exhausting run of eight matches in 23 days spoil the party, given

## Trinidad Test

# Murphy's moment of truth



PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar 15: Zimbabwe are putting their confidence in rookie leg-spinner Brian Murphy.

When they face the West Indies for the first Test of a two-month Caribbean tour that begins at Trinidad's Queen Park Oval on Thursday, reports AP.

"He's performed really well on tracks that haven't turned that much," captain Andy Flower said of the 23-year-old's performance during two opening first-class matches of Zimbabwe's first visit to the Caribbean.

"He's handled it and coped with the pressure well and pretty sure he'll play," added Flower, who spoke at the official series launch in Trinidad on Tuesday.

Murphy, who played only six first-class matches before this tour, has taken eight wickets in three innings at an average just over 20 runs-a-wicket in warm-up matches against the West Indies Board and President's XI.

Flower, who first saw Murphy as a 16-year-old in school cricket, was largely responsible for his surprise selection for the

tour after renewing acquaintances during the three-nation series against South Africa and England in January.

"I think he's a fine leg-spinner and we met up with him in Cape Town where he's at university doing his final year," Flower explained. "Our leg-spinners haven't been playing recently and I believe leg-spinners are a necessity in these times."

Zimbabwe have lost the services of their two leading leg-spinners over the last 12 months. Adam Huckle's untimely retirement was followed closely by a shoulder injury to Paul Strang that affected his form and is threatening his career.

Murphy, a former under-19 captain of Zimbabwe, played for Western Province while in South Africa. He will shoulder the heavy responsibility of sole spinner in a Zimbabwe bowling attack spearheaded by vice-captain Heath Streak. Henry Olonga and left-armers Brian Strang.

The 31-year-old Flower is returning from a blow to the ear when he ducked into a bouncer from Streak in the nets in Grenada. He will be ready to

continue his run of playing in every Zimbabwe Test, which he shared with former skipper and fellow left-hander Alistair Campbell.

Campbell has been in excellent form since landing in the Caribbean, following an unbeaten 116 in the tour opener in Grenada with 158 not out in the second match at Pointe-a-Pierre in south Trinidad.

"Our preparation has been good," Flower said. "The batsmen spent a lot of time in the middle and the bowlers have had good sessions on pretty good batting wickets... We're ready for the test."

New West Indies skipper Jimmy Adams is also happy with his team's lead-up to the two-test series, particularly the recently concluded 10-day camp attended by a 19-member squad in Jamaica.

"It was a very successful exercise," the 32-year-old Jamaican said. "The work ethic while we were there was very high and I think it has gone a long way in getting us in the right frame of mind for this series."

Adams will be without the services of premier batsman Brian Lara, who surprised the team by resigning as captain last month to take a self-imposed break from the game.

Adams admits the loss of the double world record holder is a big blow, but said it was an opportunity for others.

"All of us involved in West Indies cricket were very disappointed at Brian not being involved in our cricket this season," Adams said. "Having said that... we also firmly believe that we have the talent available to get the job done in this series."

## TEAMS

**WEST INDIES (From):** Jimmy Adams, Sherwin Campbell, Adrian Griffith, Chris Gayle, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ricardo Powell, Ridley Jacobs, Franklin Rose, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Reon King, Wavell Hinds, Nehemiah Perry.

**ZIMBABWE (From):** Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Trevor Gripper, Stuart Carlisle, Alistair Campbell, Murray Goodwin, Neil Johnson, Heath Streak, Brian Murphy, Henry Olonga, Brian Strang, Muleki Nkala, Andy Ignatius, Craig Wiseman, Ron Mubvumba.

Umpires: George Sharp, England; Steve Bucknor, Jamaica. Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle, Sri Lanka.

**Pakistan book Sydney tickets**

OSAKA, Japan, Mar 15: Pakistan on Wednesday joined Spain and South Korea in the Sydney Olympics as the race heated up for the remaining three men's field hockey qualifiers here, reports AFP.

**Rummenigge Beckenbauer's successor?**

MUNICH, Germany, March 15: If German footballing legend Franz Beckenbauer steps down as president of German highflyers Bayern Munich he could be replaced by another legend Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who is currently vice-president, manager Uli Hoessens told sports agency SID on Tuesday, reports AFP.

"I think that Franz will run again even if Germany win the rights to host the 2006 World Cup," said Hoessens.

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