

Dale to play in Lancs League

BRISBANE, Australia, Mar 27: World Cup seam bowler Adam Dale will head to England next month for a summer playing stint with Lancashire League side Bacup, reports AFP.

The 30-year-old swing bowler, who played in Australia's World Cup winning squad last year, is looking to the English sojourn as a chance to regain national selection.

"It's been an interesting 12 months with injury and hopefully this time in England will help my chances," Dale said Monday.

Dale will be joined by six other Queenslanders in England, including captain Stuart Law (Essex) and one-day international batsman Matthew Hayden (Northamptonshire), who have signed to play in the county competition.

Martin Love, Clinton Perren (Littleborough), Geoff Foley (Burnley), Ashley Noffke (Liverpool) will play in the Lancashire league.

Basler staying at Kaiserslautern

BADEN-BADEN, Germany, March 27: Kaiserslautern's midfielder Mario Basler, who has been linked with a Turkish club, said Monday that he would stay with the German First Division club in an interview with radio station SWR3, reports AFP.

Nicknamed "Super Mario" or "The terrible child of the Bundesliga", Basler told the SWR3 radio station: "I will be finishing my career at Kaiserslautern".

The former German international left league leaders Bayern Munich last November after being suspended following an incident at a pizzeria.

Basler and reserve keeper Sven Schaefer were kicked out of the restaurant after punching another customer which led to Basler's eventual departure for Kaiserslautern.

Tennis tragedy

CAPE TOWN, Mar 27: Veteran Dutch tennis player Hubert Weijerman suffered a heart attack and died Sunday soon after losing a match at the ITF World Veterans' Champions in South Africa, a news report said Monday, reports AFP.

Weijerman, competing in the over 65 age group, died on his way to hospital after being temporarily revived by shock treatment at the court side, the Citizen newspaper reported. He was a former Wimbledon player.

About 400 international players are in South Africa for the championships, which run between March 26 and April 2.

Historic Australians

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tea due to a chronic lower back injury, suffered during Saturday's second day in the field.

Vettori, the youngest bowler to reach 100 wickets in Test cricket after his 12-wicket haul in the first Auckland Test, was sadly missed as the New Zealanders relied solely on strike bowler Cairns.

Vettori is unlikely to be available for the third Test with selectors to announce their team on Tuesday. There could be other changes.

The Kiwis resumed at 189 for five on Monday with hopes hinging on captain Stephen Fleming and Cairns to continue their defiant 105-run partnership.

But Australia broke through removing Cairns to a dubious leg before decision of Glenn McGrath for 69 and Fleming for 60 in a soft catch to Greg Blewett at mid-wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard after the fourth day of the second cricket Test between New Zealand and Australia at the Basin Reserve Monday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 298 (C Cairns 109, N Astle 61; S Warne 4-68)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 419 (S Waugh 151 not out, M Slater 143; C Cairns 3-110, C McMillan 3-57)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings (189 for 5 overnight)

Horne b Lee 14

Spearman c Langer b Miller 38

Sinclair b Lee 38

Fleming c Blewett b Miller 60

Astle b Warne 6

McMillan c M. Waugh b Warne 0

Cairns lbw b McGrath 0

Parore run out 69

33

Vettori c S. Waugh b Lee 8

Doull c S. Waugh b Warne 40

O'Connor not out 4

Extras: (b-3; lb-8; nb-3) 14

Total: (All out in 96.2 overs) 294

Fall of wkt: 1-46, 2-46, 3-69,

4-84, 5-84, 6-198, 7-205, 8-222,

9-276, 10-294

Bowler O M R W

McGrath 22.2 11 35 1

Lee 23 6 87 3

Miller 21 5 54 2

Warne 27 7 92 3

Blewett 3 0 15 0

AUSTRALIA: Second in-

nings

Slater st Parore b Vettori 12

Blewett b Cairns 25

Langer c Spearman b O'Connor 57

M. Waugh not out 45

S. Waugh c Fleming b O'Connor 15

Martyn not out 17

Extras: (b-2; lb-2; w-2) 6

Total: (For 4 wkt in 54.1 overs) 177

Fall of wkt: 1-22, 2-83, 3-

110, 4-144

Bowler O M R W

Cairns 13 2 45 1

O'Connor 11 2 43 2

Vettori 8 1 19 1

Doull 10 2 35 0

McMillan 2 0 13 0

Astle 10.1 4 19 14

Result: Australia won by 6

wickets and lead series 2-0

Man-of-the-match: Michael

Slater

Note: 2 runs scored off Vettori's wide

Pakistan shrug India off



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Mar 27: Inzamamul Haq blazed an unbeaten 121 off 113 balls as Pakistan crushed India by 98 runs in a must-win Sharjah Cup match here on Sunday.

proved it again today with a brilliant knock. No bowler can stop him when he is in such form.

"I was particularly happy for Waqar, who has overcome his injury problems and is now bowling as well as ever,"

Indian coach Kapil Dev con-

ceded Pakistan played a better all-round game in a crunch sit-

"From the start it was evi-

dent there will be plenty of runs to be had," he said. "But we gifted at least 30-40 runs by wayward bowling.

"Losing Saurav and Ten-

dulkar early was a big setback.



Man-of-the-match Inzamamul Haq raises his helmet after his magnificent century against India at Sharjah on March 26. — Internet photo

We depend on these two for a good start, but when they go early the rest of the batting be-

comes unsettled."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup one-day international be-

tween India and Pakistan here on Sunday:

PAKISTAN

Nazir c Kumble b Agarkar 11

Afridi st Karim b Kumble 28

Younis c Azhar b Joshi 44

Inzamam not out 121

Yousaf not out 56

Extras: (lb-2; w-8; nb-2) 12

Total: (For 3 wkt in 50 overs) 272

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-55, 3-

Bowler O M R W

Akram 7 2 16 1

Waqar 10 1 31 5

Razzaq 5 1 29 0

Shoaib 5 0 24 1

Azharuddin 10 0 32 2

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Prasad not out

Extras: (lb-2; w-11; nb-3) 16

Total: (For 9 wkt in 50 overs) 174

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