

## West Indies too good for Yorks

LONDON, July 26: The West Indies flexed their muscles for the third Test match against England at Old Trafford next week, completing a 10-wicket win over Yorkshire in two days at Headingley on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Although limited to a first innings lead of 83 three bowlers, this time led by Nixon McLean, were again in superb form on a responsive pitch.

The result was that the home side were bowled out for 94 in 37 overs, leaving the tourists to make just 12 runs for victory.

## Hants, Warwick reach last four

LONDON, July 26: Hampshire and Warwickshire cruised into the semifinals of English cricket's NatWest Trophy on Tuesday with convincing victories over Middlesex and Glamorgan respectively, reports Reuters.

The other two quarterfinals between holders Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire at Bristol, and Surrey and Lancashire at The Oval, are being played today.

## Ilie, Dent ousted by lucky losers

LOS ANGELES, July 26: Seventh seed Andrew Ilie of Australia was upset 6-3, 6-2 by American lucky loser Alex O'Brien here Tuesday on a tough Tuesday of first-round matches for Aussies at the \$75,000-dollar ATP Mercedes-Benz Cup, reports AFP.

Considered one of the top doubles players in the world, O'Brien surprised Ilie, who won a US clay-court event in April.

Three other Aussies suffered opening-round defeats.

French lucky loser Lionel Roux, who replaced injured top seed Andre Agassi in the draw, beat 19-year-old Aussie Taylor Dent 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 and Neville Godwin ousted Scott Draper 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 in a match-up of Aussie qualifiers.

Michael Chang downed Aussie qualifier Paul Kilderry 6-4, 6-2 at the first US hard-court tune-up for the US Open. The fourth-seeded American, a winner of 33 ATP titles, seeks his first crown since April of 1998 at Orlando.

There was an Aussie winner, Jason Stoltenberg. He beat American Bob Bryan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 while Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand eliminated Sebastian Lareau of Canada 6-4, 6-4.

## Mark ready

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(International Cricket Council chief executive) David Richards said a couple of months ago, "either put up or shut up is a fair call."

Waugh said no one from the ACB had spoken to him about opening up his bank accounts for scrutiny.

Asked if he would be willing to have his financial records examined, Waugh said: "If need be, then yeah."

Waugh, who admitted to being hurt whenever the 1994 bookie incident was brought up, said he didn't watch the Four Corners programme because he wanted to distance himself from the match-fixing scandal.

"I hope we can just get on with the game," he said. "There's too many negative things happening and I think we should concentrate more on the positive aspects of the game."

Waugh said he was surprised at allegations aired on the programme including one that former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin could have made up to 50 million US dollars from fixing cricket matches.

"I had no idea of the extent of what was going on," Waugh said. "Of course there's a lot of rumours going around but whether they're true or not, no one knows but it's a big surprise, yeah."

Waugh was adamant that every Australian team he had played on had always given 100 per cent effort.

"I think 99 per cent of the games we've played in hopefully the opposition has been trying 100 per cent," he said.

"All we can do is concentrate on our game and know we've been giving our best and that's the only thing we have control over."

"It would be a shame to think in some of those games the opposition hasn't been playing 100 per cent."

## Allott, Nash return

# New Zealand name squads



AUCKLAND, July 26: Left-arm pace bowler Geoff Allott was named today in the New Zealand cricket team to play Pakistan and South Africa in a triangular one-day series in Singapore on August 20-28, reports Reuters.

Allott has been out of the New Zealand side since fracturing his back after the World Cup in England last year where, with 20 wickets from nine matches, he was the most successful bowler of the tournament.

All-rounder Dion Nash, who missed the series against Australia earlier this year with a similar injury, also makes his return for new Zealand in the Test series against Zimbabwe which follows in September.

Selectors said Nash had been withheld from the tournament in Singapore to allow him more time to recover and Allott was not chosen for the Zimbabwe leg of the tour.

"It's dictated by the fact that they are recuperating from injury and they need to be nursed back to full fitness," selector Ross Dykes told a media conference.

Opening batsman Mark Richardson was the only new cap named to the squad for the two Test series in Zimbabwe after some solid performances for New Zealand A in their recent tour of Holland and England.

Pace bowler Daryl Tuffey was chosen in the teams for both Singapore and Zimbabwe, as was all-rounder Scott Styris — previously a one-day specialist.

Wicketkeeper Chris Nevin, who replaced Adam Parore in the final two one-day matches against Australia in March, has been chosen for the Singapore tournament while Parore remained first choice for the Zimbabwe Test series.

The New Zealand team will be re-selected ahead of the one-day series against Zimbabwe which starts on September 27. This is followed by an International Cricket Council (ICC) knock-out one-day tournament in Kenya in October and a tour

of South Africa that runs through until December.

**New Zealand team for Singapore tournament:** Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Chris Nevin, Roger Twose, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Dion Nash, Daniel Vettori, Scott Styris, Paul Wiseman, Shayne O'Connor, Geoff Allott and Daryl Tuffey.

## BLACK CAPS' TOURS

Itinerary for New Zealand's cricket tour to Singapore, Zimbabwe, Kenya and South Africa:

**Triangular one-day series, Singapore**  
**Aug 20:** Pakistan v NZ  
**Aug 23:** South Africa v Pakistan  
**Aug 25:** NZ v South Africa  
**Aug 27:** Final  
**New Zealand tour to Zimbabwe**  
**Sept 1-3:** Warm-up game, Mutare  
**Sept 7-9:** Warm-up game, Kwe Kwe  
**Sept 12-16:** v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo (first Test)  
**Sept 19-23:** v Zimbabwe, Harare (second Test)  
**Sept 25:** v Harare Academy (one day warm-up)  
**Sept 27:** v Zimbabwe, Harare (first one-day international)  
**Sept 30:** v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo (second one-day international)  
**Oct 1:** v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo (third one-day international)  
**ICC knock-out one-day tournament, Kenya**  
**Oct 3:** India v Kenya  
**Oct 4:** Sri Lanka v West Indies  
**Oct 5:** England v Bangladesh  
**Oct 7:** Australia v winner Oct 3  
**Oct 8:** Pakistan v winner Oct 4  
**Oct 9:** New Zealand v Zimbabwe  
**Oct 10:** South Africa v winner Oct 5  
**Oct 11:** Semi final (winner Oct 8 v winner Oct 9)  
**Oct 13:** Semi final (winner Oct 7 v winner Oct 10)  
**Oct 15:** Final (winner Oct 11 v winner Oct 13)

## SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

**Oct 18:** v Gauteng, Soweto  
**Oct 20:** v South Africa, Potchefstroom (first one-day international, day/night)  
**Oct 22:** v South Africa, Benoni (second one-day international)  
**Oct 25:** v South Africa, Centurion (third one-day international, day/night)  
**Oct 28:** v South Africa, Kimberley (fourth one-day international)  
**Nov 1:** v South Africa, Durban (fifth one-day international, day/night)  
**Nov 4:** v South Africa, Cape Town (sixth one-day international)  
**Nov 7-9:** v Boland, Paarl  
**Nov 11-13:** v North West, Potchefstroom  
**Nov 17-21:** v South Africa, Bloemfontein (first Test)  
**Nov 24:** v Border, Alice  
**Nov 25-27:** v Border, East London  
**Nov 30-Dec 4:** v South Africa, Port Elizabeth (second Test)  
**Dec 8-12:** v South Africa, Johannesburg (third Test).

# Shaun looks on the bright side



SYDNEY, July 26: South African cricket's anguish over the Hansie Cronje bribery scandal has helped give the Proteas a fresh start, new captain Shaun Pollock said Wednesday, reports AFP.

The revelations of Cronje's dealings with bookmakers and the King Commission hearings which followed in South Africa damaged the game, but Pollock said there had been a positive result.

"The positive thing is it's been nipped in the bud — it (match-fixing) has crept in, but it's been taken out," Pollock said in a teleconference call to here from Sri Lanka Wednesday.

"We can now concentrate on the job at hand," Pollock was thrust into the captaincy at the expense of Cronje, about two years earlier than the all-rounder expected, and he is leading the team on a tour of Sri Lanka.

The South Africans' next stop will be the three-match one-day series against Australia from August 16-20 at Melbourne's Colonial Stadium, the first official cricket international to be played indoors.

Pollock admitted it was good to be touring, giving the players a chance to concentrate on the game and not talk about match-fixing.

"It's not an ideal circumstance to come from, a lot of time in the last few months has been spent discussing it and seeing press releases and all that sort of stuff," he said.

Pollock led the South African team to the Commonwealth Games gold two years ago in Kuala Lumpur when Cronje was rested, but has found the going tougher on this tour with a loss in a one-day final and then an innings loss to Sri Lanka in the first of three Tests.

Whatever happens for the rest of the Sri Lanka tour, Pol-



SHAUN POLLOCK

"I don't think there's much motivation required when you're playing against Australia," he said.

"I think if you're asking a South African spectator which team they'd like us to beat, it would be Australia... especially in their own country, it would be special."

He also has no doubt the hosts will be at full strength, despite concerns from Australian coach John Buchanan that his team might be underdone after a lengthy off-season break.

"Australia has had a nice break and they'll be coming out fresh, but the nice thing from

our perspective is we've been involved in international cricket for the last month," Pollock said.

"It's obviously not conditions (in Sri Lanka) that are similar to Australia, but I suppose we don't know how this new pitch (at Colonial Stadium) is going to play."

## Eng pace pair allowed rest

LONDON, July 26: England have withdrawn leading strike bowlers Andrew Caddick and Darren Gough from this week's round of County Championship matches ahead of the third Test against West Indies, reports AFP.

The pair are the only members of the 14 centrally-contracted players to miss out, although Derbyshire have agreed to England's request for captain Dominic Cork to rest for the match against Kent at Canterbury.

The trio will join up with captain Nasser Hussain (Essex), Robert Croft (Glamorgan) and Surrey pair Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart, none of whom have Championship matches, for a closed training session at Old Trafford ahead of their next meeting with West Indies on August 3 in Manchester.

It allows Yorkshire to play contracted pair Michael Vaughan and Craig White in the crucial 'Roses' match against bitter rivals Lancashire, who will have Michael Atherton available, at Headingley in Leeds as both sides attempt to close ground on leaders Surrey.

The remaining members of England's 13-man Test squad will also be expected to report at Old Trafford on Monday if their Championship matches end before the scheduled finish on the same day.

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## No scope to go wrong!

KARACHI, July 26: Pakistani cricket players will be officially "watchdogged" on home and away tours to keep them in check, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief General Tanvir Zia said Wednesday, reports AFP.

The extraordinary step of planting a mole among the national side follows a spate of match-fixing allegations and off-field discipline problems which has tarnished the reputation of Pakistani cricket.

It is part of a range of drastic measures the PCB plans to introduce to "make the players' image clean and clear," Zia said.

"As per Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum's report we have decided to keep players under tight control and an official will keep a tight check on their activities on and off the field," Zia said.

He said a "one-man commission" would also be set up to check the players' assets, and tough clauses would be introduced into their contracts banning them from unauthorised phone calls and liaisons in hotel rooms.

"The notable thing is that players will not be able to know who the man watching them is and he will accompany the team during home and away series," Zia said.

The secret observer will report to the PCB after every series, he said.

Lahore High court judge Qayyum led an inquiry into match-fixing allegations in May which resulted in life bans for former captain Salim Malik and paceman Ataur Rehman, as well as fines for six players including star all-rounder Wasim Akram.

The judge also recommended tough reforms to curb match-fixing and discipline players caught breaking the rules of conduct.

## Emerson joins Roma

ROME, July 26: Bundesliga player of the year Emerson of Bayer Leverkusen has obtained his long held desire to join AS Roma when he finalised a 15.6 million dollar move to join the Italian Serie A outfit, the German club announced Tuesday, reports AFP.

The transfer is a German record which sees the 24-year-old pair with last season's Bundesliga runners-up who lost the title on the last day of the season in a bid to win their first crown. Emerson arrived at Leverkusen in 1997 from Brazilian club Gremio Porto Alegre.

Leverkusen had originally demanded between 23 and 28 million dollars for the star midfielder but agreed a deal on Tuesday ending months of negotiation.

The Frenchman Willy Sagnol from AS Monaco for 15m marks (7.1m dollars). Flush with cash right now Bayern are looking for a big name to join their ranks, probably a striker or attacking midfielder, but are choosy with Hoeneß having set an upper limit of 40m marks (19m dollars).

Compared to Figo's transfer fee that's a moderate sum but for Bayern it would mark the club's most expensive transfer ever.

A suitable candidate fails to materialise, rather than burn their money on a fly-by-night player, Hoeneß has indicated he will happily sit on the cash and wait.

## Usha retires from int'l athletics

NEW DELHI, July 26: PT Usha, who strode across the Asian tracks like a colossus for nearly two decades, yesterday announced her retirement from international athletics, reports PTL.

A nagging knee injury which has kept her out of action for the last few months and her desire to spend more time with her son prompted the 36-year-old athlete to bid farewell to the track which she dominated like no Indian before her.

"It is a painful decision but a well thought out one. Two decades is a long time as I go. I have a bag of mixed emotions, some great moments and some bitter experiences. Usha, better known as the 'Sprint Queen', said at a press conference here.

# Chile blank Venezuela

UNDATED, July 26 (Reuters): Chile rediscovered the winning touch by seeing off a spirited Venezuela while Colombia escaped with a goalless draw against Ecuador in World Cup 2002 CONCACAF Zone qualifying fixtures on Tuesday.

## CHILE-2, VENEZUELA-0

SAN CRISTOBAL: Chile overcame stubborn resistance from struggling Venezuela with two late goals for a 2-0 victory.

The away team approached the game cautiously, despite never having lost to Venezuela in World Cup matches. Chile relied on counter-attacking through the swift running of Fabian Estay and Ivan Zamorano.



Venezuelan Rolando Alvarez (R) and Fabian Estay (L) in action during their World Cup qualifier at Pueblo Nuevo Stadium in San Cristobal, Venezuela on July 25. —AFP photo

# Ronaldo wants an easy comeback



ROME, July 26: Inter Milan's stricken Brazilian star Ronaldo has reiterated his desire to be loaned out to a club that plays in a less strenuous league in an attempt to regain his form and fitness, Italian sports daily La Gazzetta reported Wednesday, reports AFP.

The former world player of the year has even hinted at a stint with a club in the Major Soccer League in America where games are more spectacular but less demanding than the Serie A.

However, Inter president Massimo Moratti is sternly against the idea of loaning out his star pupil who suffered a cruciate ligament injury on April 12 just minutes after coming on as a substitute in an Italian Cup match against Lazio.

"These last two seasons have been very distressing. I want to come back but I must regain my form and fitness. My objective is to stay in Italy and with Inter Milan, but I feel the need to try other possibilities," Ronaldo said from Brazil.

The Brazilian international, who starred in his countries run to the 1998 World Cup final, is planning a series of meetings with his agents to try and find a solution.



"I must speak with Pitta, Martins and Branchini. We will discuss the situation with Inter to take a decision on my future," said Ronaldo.

The player indicated that his knee was working up to 80 per cent of its capability, and he was hoping to get it back to full working order by September.

A possible loan to Brazilian outfit Flamengo or even a stint in Scotland or Portugal has been mentioned along with the player's American dream which would be an enormous boost for football in the United States.

# AFP FOOTBALL BRIEFS

UNDATED, July 26: AFP football briefs on Wednesday:

## BLAIR PROMISE FOR ENGLISH SOCCER

LONDON: British Prime Minister Tony Blair gave a multi-million pound boost to English soccer on Tuesday by unveiling a football foundation to improve the sport at grassroots level.

The foundation was unveiled at Downing Street in the presence of England football coach Kevin Keegan.

The new venture will seek to increase the number of youngsters coming into the sport and improve facilities with funding from the sale of English Premiership television rights.

"If we don't make the investment in sport in our coun-

try there are many children who just won't get the chance to develop their sporting ability," Blair said.

Keegan, who while Newcastle coach famously once posed with Blair as they kicked a ball around while the then leader of the opposition was on the hustings in the North East, said the setting up of the foundation — worth 60 million pounds (90 million dollars) a year from 2001 — was "long overdue" but a "fantastic step".

## STOKJOVIC SET TO BECOME NEW NATIONAL COACH

TOKYO: Yugoslavia's World Cup skipper Dragan Stokjovic, now playing for J-League club Nagoya Grampus Eight, is planning to take over as his country's coach next year.

"I'm going to become the new

Zamorano.

The first chance fell Chile's way after five minutes, when Javier Margas unleashed a booming right foot shot, pushed away by Gilberto Angelucci.

Zamorano had a golden chance to score after Francisco Rojas was upended in the box in the tenth minute. But Angelucci dived superbly to save a second consecutive penalty for Venezuela.

Venezuela started to find their way into the game, and were nearly rewarded when Ronald Fuentes cleared off the line from a 24th minute Ruben Moran shot.

The home side grew in confidence after the break, and Gabriel Urdaneta gave Chile increasing problems down the left.

But Chile took the lead against the run of play in the 70th minute. Estay stroked the ball out to substitute Hector Tapia who fired in a fierce cross shot.

Chile signalled their intent to defend the lead by bringing on Fernando Cornejo for Estay. But Venezuela only threatened once more, when Giovanni Savarese broke clear but shot over the bar. Zamorano put Chile into a two goal lead with a diving header in injury time.

Chile has seven points from six games while Venezuela remains rooted to the bottom of the table with three.

## ECUADOR-0, COLOMBIA-0

QUITO: Colombia sneaked a valuable qualifying point when they held out for a goalless draw away to Ecuador despite being outplayed for the entire game.

The match was a near replica of Colombia's last game, when they defended nearly the whole 90 minutes away to Peru and scored from their only attack to win 1-0.

As last week, Colombia goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba produced a world class performance to keep in his team in the game.

Ecuador, who were left with seven points from six games in the South American World Cup qualifying group, were unable to convert a glut of chances into goals. Colombia has nine points.

Argentine-born striker Ariel Graziani was guilty of wasting two excellent close range chances when he failed to control the ball in the first half, when Ecuador also had to penalty appeals ignored.

Clever Chala had the best first half chance when he burst through the Colombia defence only to fire his shot into the side-netting while Cordoba made an excellent save to deny Eduardo Hurtado in the 18th minute.

The second half was a similar story, with Cordoba again producing a brilliant save at the feet of Agustin Delgado in the 76th minute.

Colombia made no attempt to attack whatsoever, spent most of the second-half time-wasting and finished the match without a single forward on the pitch.

Ecuador captain and playmaker Alex Aguinaga gave an excellent performance in midfield despite being the victim of a witchunt by Colombia, whose players took it in turns to kick him.

They were allowed to do so by Paraguayan referee Ubaldo Aguino, who took no action to stop the butchery.

## TV Guide

### Thursday 27th July

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### EKUSHEY

2:00pm Ekushey News Headlines  
 2:05 Choto Choto Dheu 2:30 Prothom Kodom Phool 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:02 Bangla Cinema: Prio Tumi 5:30 Drishti Public View 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 6:30 Chardike 7:00 Ekushey News Headlines 7:02 Cartoons 7:20 Behind Sydney 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Shubho Mukti 8:30 Brihospotbarer Chayachobi: Mala Moti 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Brihospotbarer Chayachobi: Mala Moti 11:00 Behind Sydney 12:00 Ekushey News Headlines

### BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement.

Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15: Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: Barne And Friends 4:30 Dance 5:00 National School Debate Competition 5:50 Dharma-O-Jiban 6:00 Bangla News 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Aye Pritibhi (Programme On Nature) 7:25 Sandhya Maloti (Nazrul Songs) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:25 Serial: Jatay Jatay Aboshasay #2 ("Tazin Ahmad, K. S. Firoz, Rita Farिया Richi, Litu Anam, Afroza Hasan) 8:50 Monihar 9:30 Geetibichitra (Songs) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Chitra Jagat (Film Based) 10:50 English Series: The Light Wind-All Woman Police Squad 11:00 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Friday. B) National Song 11:45 Closing.

### ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic Programme 6:32 Health Prog 7:10 Film Songs 7:50

Drama Serial 8:25 Magazine Prog 9:00 Drama Serial 9:35 Magazine Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film: Sharang Bau 6:32 Islamic Prog 7:10 Musical Prog 7:50 Band Show 8:25 Drama Prog 9:35 Reporting Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film: Professor

### DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrito Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khela Ar Khele 10:30 Jamaddin (Birthday Green-tings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Hay Mohajebon 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour / Musical 12:00 Bengali Movie: 230 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Soap: Maha Probuha 3:30 Daily Soap: Mohini 3:55 Daily Soap: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Programme / Rabindra Sangeet 5:05 Shilpa Jagat 5:30 News 5:50 Bigan Prasanga 6:10 Gaan Sudhu Gaan 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Soap: Janmabumi 7:20 Tarunder Janney / Darshaker Darbare/

Ghate Baire 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Anya Sader Galpo (Serial) 8:30 Serial: Bharanti Bilas 9:00 Daily Soap: Janmabumi 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 10:20 Bengali Movie: (Underrun Closed)

### ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:00 Aahat 7:00 Grihasojja 7:30 Bhorot Bhromam 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Kono Ek Din 9:30 Bahari Aahar 10:00 Grihasojja 10:30 Serial: Mano Ya Na Mano 11:00 Serial: Kapurush 11:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 12:00 Serial: Mitthi Bari 12:20 Serial: Shani Robi Major Chobi #21 1:00 Serial: Anya Bhuvan 1:30 Bahari Aahar 2:00 Serial: Abishasya #20 2:30 Bangla Movie- Chirodiner 5:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Aahat 6:00 Bhorot Bhromam 6:30 Serial: Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangla 8:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha ("Rupa Gangguly) 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00

Saregama ("Host- Babul Suprio) 10:00 News In Bangla 10:30 Serial: Din Protidin 11:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 1