

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 their 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, Warwicks 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 Andrei 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 375,000-dollar ATP Mercedes-Benz Cup, reports AFP.

Considered one of the top doubles players in the world, O'Brien ousted 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 Kildare 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 Sebastien 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 ACD 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.

"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 the first tour matches in Zimbabwe: Stephen Fleming (captain), Mark Richardson, Matthew Horne, Mathew Sinclair, Craig Spearman, Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Daniel Vettori, Scott Styris, Paul Wiseman, Dion Nash, Daniel Vettori, Scott Styris, Paul Wiseman, Shayne O'Connor, 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.

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.

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lock said his team would have no trouble being at its best for the Australia matches.

The rivalry between the two teams, rated as the best in world cricket, was cemented with their two gripping matches in last year's World Cup in England.

Ruled at Australia's Cup success, South Africa put the then-fresh Cronje scandal to one side last April and won a one-day series at home 2-1 against their fierce southern hemisphere rivals.

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