

## Tauqir's turn to sermon ECB

RAWALPINDI, Nov 2: Pakistan Cricket Board chairman General Tauqir Zia said Wednesday England must take seriously an Indian report into alleged match-fixing, reports AFP.

The report named five Indian and nine foreign players, including England's former captain Alec Stewart as well as Pakistan's Asif Iqbal and Salim Malik.

"I think that had the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) taken Chris Lewis' allegations against England players seriously, we would have known this much earlier," Zia told this news agency.

Former England all-rounder Lewis had alleged in 1998 that some English players were also involved in match fixing but ECB did not take any action.

"I am shocked that so many foreign players are named in the report," the Pakistani cricket chief said.

"Now it's up to the England and Wales Cricket Board and others to reach the truth," he said.

Zia welcomed an ECB proposal that Sir Paul Condon, head of the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s anti-corruption unit, be asked, on behalf of all the Cricket Boards who have had players named in the Indian Government report, to investigate the claims further and see if there was any evidence to corroborate any of them.

"It's a welcome sign and the matter must be investigated thoroughly," he said.

"Pakistan took the lead and cleaned up the mess and we are ready to cooperate at any stage to have a clean and fair cricket," he said, referring to Pakistan match fixing inquiry report released in May.

In a dig at the ECB he said: "They (ECB) did not realize that if they throw stones at any country the same thing may come back on them."

ECB Chairman Lord MacLaurin had demanded suspension of six Pakistani players, including Wasim Akram, after they were penalised in the Pakistan match fixing report. MacLaurin had later retracted his statement.

The 162-page Indian report is largely made up of testimony from Indian bookmakers as well as players and does not amount to the levelling of formal charges against any of those named.

## England gain upper hand

RAWALPINDI, Nov 2: Captain Graeme Hick led England's fightback against Pakistan's XI on the second day of their four-day side game at Pindi Stadium on Thursday, reports AFP.

### SCORECARD

Scorecard on Day Two of the four-day cricket match between England and a Pakistan XI at Pindi Stadium on Thursday:

**PATRON'S XI:** (Overnight 188-5)

Naveed c Nixon b Trescottick	29
I Abbas c Hick b Hoggard	10
Kamran c Thorpe b Hoggard	15
M Wasim c Hick b Giles	20
G Abbas lbw b Hoggard	71
Salman c White b Hoggard	17
Qadeer b Hoggard	2
Ansari c Atherton b Trescottick	8
Shafiq c Trescottick b Cork	32
M Akram c Thorpe b Cork	2
Sami not out	6
Extras: (lb-4; lb-5; nb-7)	16
Total (All out in 102.1 overs)	237
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-44, 3-85, 4-95, 5-162, 6-188, 7-189, 8-225, 9-229	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	27	11	62	5
Cork	15	4	42	2
Trescottick	8.1	2	12	2
White	16	3	46	0
Salisbury	14	4	32	0
Giles	18	6	25	1
Vaughan	3	1	5	0
Thorpe	1	0	4	0

ENGLAND	
Atherton c Shafiq b Sami	22
Trescottick c I Abbas b Akram	8
Vaughan c Qadeer b Akram	3
Thorpe c Wasim b Q Abbas	88
Hick not out	77
White not out	6
Extras: (lb-2; nb-6)	8
Total (For 4 wickets in 60 overs)	212
To bat: P.Nixon, D.Cork, A.Giles, I.Salisbury, M.Hoggard	
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-33, 3-52, 4-195	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
M Akram	15	3	64	2
Sami	11	0	52	1
Shafiq	17	5	45	0
Salman	3	1	12	0
Ansari	9	1	25	0
Q Abbas	5	1	12	1

## Mark to be

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"It's either a variation of the original allegation against Mark Waugh or a new allegation against Mark Waugh," he said Thursday.

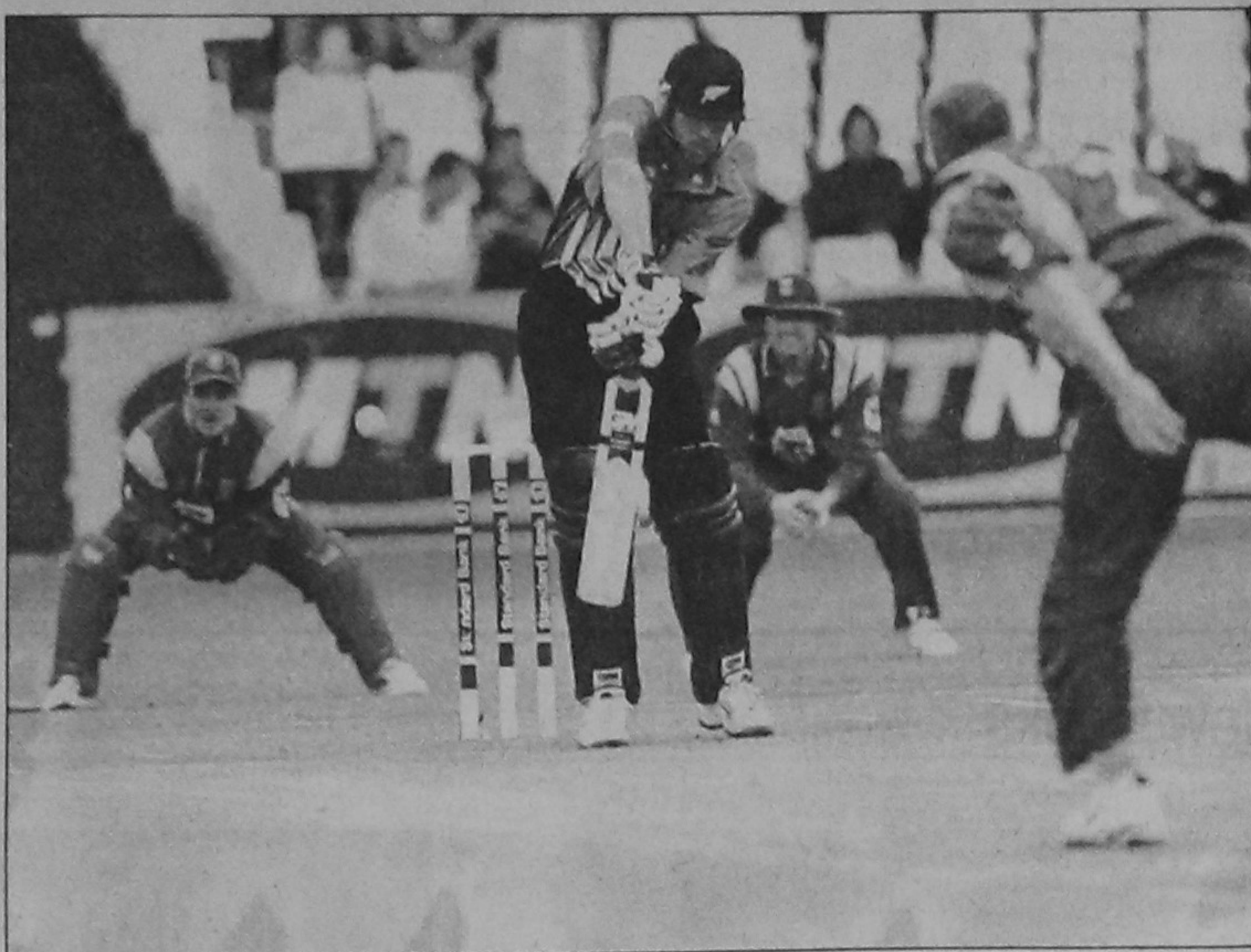
Speed Thursday ordered both ACB special investigator Greg Melick and the head of the ICC's anti-corruption unit Sir Paul Condon to investigate the allegation against Waugh.

The ACB chief also spoke to Waugh, who not only assured him the allegations were false but agreed to cooperate fully with investigators.

Speed said the allegations against Waugh needed to be "tested" to see if they were credible insisting that in the meantime the 35-year-old right-hander would not be stood down from this month's home Test series against the West Indies.

"It's very important we respect the players' rights," Speed said.

"The player is entitled to the presumption of innocence."



New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming plays defensively during the fifth one-day international against South Africa at Kingsmead on Wednesday.

— AFP photo

## Lance lances Black Caps



DURBAN, Nov 2: Lance Klusener hit two successive sixes as South Africa completed their fourth successive win over New Zealand in a rain-hit fifth limited-overs international at Kingsmead Wednesday, reports AFP.

Klusener made an unbeaten 41 off 18 balls as South Africa won by six wickets with nine balls to spare after being set a still target under the Duckworth-Lewis scoring method.

Jacques Kallis played the anchor role for South Africa, making 50 not out off 80 balls. New Zealand had struggled to 114 for five off 32.4 overs in an innings interrupted twice by rain but South Africa had to make 153 off 32 overs, with the target being revised upwards to make allowance for the curtailment of the New Zealand innings.

The task looked difficult on a pitch which helped seam bowlers until Klusener joined Kallis and cut loose. Klusener hit three fours in an over from Geoff Allott, then finished the match with two successive sixes off Shayne O'Connor.

Kallis won the man of the match award. Apart from his crucial innings he held two slip catches and took his 100th limited overs international wicket in his 113th match.

New Zealand were sent in to bat in seam-friendly conditions after rain delayed the start by half an hour.

South Africa's fast bowlers prospered in helpful conditions

after skipper Shaun Pollock won the toss, although New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming (21) and fellow left-hander Roger Twose (38) put on 63 for the third wicket.

Chris Cairns batted brightly in making an unbeaten 25 off 30 balls.

There was an interruption of more than an hour when New Zealand were on 81 for five after 27.3 overs.

Cairns hammered Klusener for three fours in an over when play resumed and then hit a straight six in Klusener's next over as he and Chris Harris added 33 off 5.1 overs before the second stoppage.

Pollock's decision to bowl was quickly justified when he had Chris Nevill caught at second slip for nought, with Nathan Astle following soon afterwards in the same fashion to Allan Donald.

Both Fleming and Twose played and missed several times during their partnership as the ball deviated sharply off the seam but Twose in particular played some aggressive strokes during an innings of 38.

Twose was bowled by Jacques Kallis, the 100th limited overs wicket for the South African all-rounder in his 113th match.

Fleming was given out lbw to Makhyasa Ntini in the next over, although replays showed that umpire Wilfied Driedicks had erred, with the ball pitching outside the leg stump.

South Africa lead the series 4-0. The first match of the series was rained out.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth one-day international between New Zealand and South Africa at Kingsmead on Wednesday:

NEW ZEALAND	
Nevin c Kallis b Pollock	0
Astle c Kallis b Donald	3
Fleming lbw b Ntini	21
Twose b Kallis	38
Cairns not out	25
McMillan c Boucher b Ntini	3
Harris not out	9
Extras: (lb-14; w-1)	15
Total: (For 5 wks 32.4 overs)	111
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-8, 3-	71, 4-73, 5-81

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	6	2	22	1
Donald	6	3	11	1
Ntini	8	2	21	2
Kallis	6	1	14	1
Klusener	4	0	26	0
Hall	2	4	1	0

Hall	2.4	1	6	4
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>				
Cullinan lbw b Allott				7
Kirsten c Parore b Cairns				3
Kallis not out				50
Boje c Harris b Astle				29
Rhodes b Astle				19
Klusener not out				4
Extras: (lb-1; nb-1; w-7)				9
Total: (For 4 wks in 30.3 overs)				158
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-11, 3-70, 4-100				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Allott	6	1	38	1
Cairns	7	0	29	1
O'Connor	5.3	1	22	0
Styris	6	0	27	0
Astle	5	0	32	2
McMillan	1	0	9	0

**Result:** South Africa won by 6 wickets (Duckworth/Lewis method, target 153 in 32 overs).

**Man-of-the-match:** Jacques Kallis.

## WI's toughest of Tests



PERTH, Nov 2 (AFP): Jimmy Adams' new-look West Indies side fly into Australia on Friday knowing they will have their work cut out in the upcoming five-Test series.

The former Caribbean kings, a pale shadow of the legendary sides skippered by Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards in the 1970s and 1980s, look horns with a Steve Waugh-led Australia line-up which has displaced the Windies as the most feared combination in the game.

Adams' 16-man squad arrives here Friday to start preparing for the Frank Worrell Trophy series starting in Brisbane on November 23.

Former Australian captain Ian Chappell, one of only three Australians to have led his side to a series win in the Caribbean, suggests the Australian summer could produce one of the most one-sided series on record.

"With the West Indies batting so badly, 10 days could be enough for five lopsided Tests — if it were not for the fact Australia will probably amass some big totals," he said.

While most commentators are less pessimistic about the prospects of a worthwhile competition, the Australian Cricket Board is obviously nervous the Windies' frail batting in recent series (totals of 54 and 61 against England in the recent series there and 51 against Australia in Port of Spain 20 months ago) do not inspire confidence.

Waugh, keen to even a few scores after being on the wrong end of Windies wallpings early in his career, is cautious, saying: "People have been telling us we're going to win easily, but it won't be easy."

Though the last series between the sides, in the West Indies early last year, produced a 2-2 draw, Australia had won the two previous confrontations — 2-1 in the Windies in 1994, 95 and 3-2 in Australia two years later.

The combatants could hardly go into the new series with more contrasting recent records.

While the West Indies crashed 1-3 to England — hardly tigers of the modern game — in the northern summer, Australia have won their past 10 Tests, whipping Zimbabwe 1-0 in a one-off Test in Harare 13 months ago, both

Pakistan and India 3-0 here last summer and New Zealand 3-0 away early this year.

The Australians have not been beaten in 12 Tests since they were conquered by Sri Lanka by six wickets in Kandy 14 months ago.

Australia's winning sequence of 10 Tests leaves Waugh's men needing to win in Brisbane to equal the record number (11) of consecutive Test victories by any team and to triumph again in the second Test in Perth a week later to establish an all-time best winning streak.

The present record was set by Lloyd's star-studded team of the 1980s.

Brisbane and Perth will provide the lethal Australian pace attack with the bounciest pitches of the summer, leaving Glenn McGrath, explosive Brett Lee and a rejuvenated Jason Gillespie licking their lips with relish.

Not so long ago, Australian batsmen would have cringed with apprehension at the prospect of facing a West Indies pace quartet on such lively strips.

Now, with only 38-year-old veteran Courtney Walsh remaining of the Windies' speed merchants, after the retirement of Curtly Ambrose, the tables are dramatically turned.

Walsh, persuaded at the last minute to extend a 15-year Test career by one more series, has his own special reasons for a productive final fling: he needs only 17 more wickets to become the game's first bowler to reach 500 scalps.

But three of the supporting pacemen, Marlon Black, 25, Kerry Jereny, 20, and Colin Stuart, 27, are virtual unknowns on their first senior tour.

Former West Indies firebrand Andy Roberts has been helping to prepare the trio for the trial of their lives.

Controversial Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Sherwin Campbell, Adams and youngsters Ramnaresh Sarwan, 20, and Daren Ganga, 21, are the key players with the task of taming the Australian attack.

While they will be without match-winning leg-spinner Shane Warne — out with a broken finger — this provides little comfort for the tourists. His near-certain leg-spinning replacement, Stuart MacGill, who was sidelined with a broken leg, is spinning finger.

The tourists start their programme with a one-day festival match against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here, Tuesday, before meeting the strong Western Australian side in a four-day first-class workout at the WACA Ground here from Thursday (November 9).

### Rubin in qtrs

QUEBEC, Nov 2: Chanda Rubin believes the third time will be a charm.

The right-hander from Lafayette, Louisiana, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Bell Challenge tennis tournament Wednesday with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over fellow American Jennifer Hopkins, reports AP.

Rubin has reached the final here the last two years, only to lose both times.

"I hope that my third try in the finals will go well," said Rubin, who is ranked 14th in the world. "But I've got two more matches to play before I get there."

Others posting second-round victories were Amy Frazier over fellow American Tara Snyder, the 1998 Bell Challenge champion, 6-4, 6-1; Tatiana Potuchek of Belarus, 6-1, 6-0; over Ludmila Cernavova of Slovakia; and Sonya Jeyaseelan of Canada, 7-6 (4), 6-4, over American Meghann Shaughnessy.

Jeyaseelan is on track to meet Jennifer Capriati in the quarterfinals.

"I've never played against Capriati," Jeyaseelan said. "But I've got nothing to lose."

Julie Halard-Decugis won a first-round match, defeating American Holly Parkinson 6-0, 6-2.

"I didn't get into Quebec from Moscow until Monday night," Halard-Decugis said. "I was tired but I was ready for a solid tournament."

**SQUAD**  
Jimmy Adams (captain), Sherwin Campbell (vice-captain), Marlon Black, Courtney Brownie, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Mervyn Dillon, Daren Ganga, Wavell Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Kerry Jereny, Brian Lara, Nixon McLean, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Colin Stuart, Courtney Walsh.

Manager: Ricky Skerritt  
Coach: Roger Harper.

## Lara, WICB rubbish it

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Nov 2 (Reuters/Internet): Former West Indies captain Brian Lara has denied any involvement in match-fixing after an Indian bookmaker named him in an official report as being paid to under-perform.

"I categorically deny taking money from a bookmaker or anyone else to under-perform," Lara said in a written statement on Wednesday.

"I have passed this matter to my lawyers to take appropriate action and I will be making no further comment," added the 32-year-old.

Meanwhile, the president of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) Pat Rousseau has dismissed the Indian match-fixing report as "rubbish".

Speaking on West Indian radio, Rousseau criticised the report for its "lack of concrete evidence."

"From what we have seen and heard thus far, there is nothing in the report to incriminate anyone. It's a series of innuendoes and basically the word of bookmakers against the word of our cricketers," Rousseau said.

The WICB president, who in an interview published in a West Indian newspaper on Tuesday stated that the board would not be conducting any "witch hunt" of West Indies players and was firm in his support for Lara.

"Quite frankly I don't believe that Brian is involved in any so-called match-fixing. The evidence is not there, and there was no questioning of the overseas players whose names were called in the Indian report," he said.

The CBI in its report said that it had not conducted any in-depth inquiry into links between Indian bookies and overseas players had not been examined to verify the evidence.

## Sixty-two calls a day

NEW DELHI, Nov 2: Indian cricketer Ajay Jadeja received 62 calls in one day from a known bookmaker during a Test match against New Zealand last year, according to a match-fixing report by federal investigators, reports AFP.

The print-outs of mobile phone bills of both Jadeja and Madras bookmaker Uttam Chand, secured by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), revealed an astonishing talking marathon during matches, the report said.

Almost all the calls were made by the bookmaker to the cricketer beginning with two calls on the opening day of the first Test at Mohali on October 10 last year.

Uttam Chand made eight calls to Jadeja on the second day, 23 on the third, 46 on the fourth and one call on the fifth day of the Test which ended in a draw, the report said.

There were no calls during the second Test in Kanpur, but a deluge followed during the controversial third and final Test in Ahmedabad, during which India declined to enforce a follow-on despite a massive lead.

On the eve of the Test, Jadeja's mobile phone received 24 calls from Uttam Chand's number, the report said.

There were 13 calls from the bookmaker on the first day of the match, 62 on the second, 30 on the third, 50 on the fourth and 14 on the last day when New Zealand batted out a draw, according to the report.

The conversations went on during the subsequent one-day series.

When confronted by the CBI, Jadeja said he took Uttam Chand's calls to ward off bad luck, according to the report.

The report states: "On being asked whether he knew Uttam Chand, Jadeja said he did not know him."

"When confronted with Uttam Chand's cell phone print-out, which disclosed very frequent telephonic contact between both of them just before or during matches, Jadeja stated he recognised Uttam Chand's cell phone number, but knew him only as Gupta."

"He did not know how Uttam Chand got his telephone number."

"Jadeja said that Uttam Chand used to ring him up often and tell him he is his fan and if he did not talk to him, he would run into bad luck and because of superstition, he used to return his call," the report said.

Uttam Chand, the report added, had told CBI that he paid Jadeja 600,000 rupees (13,300 dollars) to "get information about the pitch, weather, team composition, probable result etc which Jadeja used to provide him."

In all nine former captains from seven Test nations were mentioned in the report, which is largely made up of testimony from bookmakers and players and does not amount to the levelling of formal charges against any of those named.

## Cairns to miss Test series

WELLINGTON, Nov 2 (Internet report): New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns will miss the three-Test series against South Africa because of a knee injury, New Zealand Cricket said on Thursday.

Cairns has been plagued by the injury for the past three weeks and while it has not got worse, the extra demands of Test cricket meant it was deemed wise to cut short his tour of South Africa, NZC said in a statement.

## Anxious 'Chess Czar'

LONDON, Nov 2: The king of chess looks set to lose his crown. If his form over the last three weeks is a reliable indicator, Garry Kasparov will be toppled Thursday from his position as the world's number one, reports AFP.

As he prepares to take the stage once more at the Bruin Games World Championship in London, it is clear that for the first time in 15 years the Russian Grand Master can smell defeat.

That opinion is shared by no less an expert than the Championship's match director, Raymond Keene.

"We are watching an absolutely astonishing defeat here," he told the Daily Telegraph. "Kasparov is going to lose, no doubt about it."

The contest, whose moves are being scrutinised by thousands of chess aficionados around the world, is remarkable in one other aspect.

Kasparov, whose aggressive style and single-minded focus have allowed him to dominate the game since 1985, might have been expected to fight to the death to keep his title.

Instead, he is on course to go out with a whimper, not a bang.

His challenger, Vladimir Kramnik, just 25 years old and Kasparov's one-time pupil, is leading by eight points to six in the 16-game championship.

Victory in the series for Kramnik is a tantalising half-point away. He needs only one more draw to win two-thirds of the two-million-dollar (2.4-million-euro) purse.

Kasparov, on the other hand, must win the two remaining games. As reigning champion, he needs to level the

score to 8-8 to hold on to his title.

But as he prepares for Thursday's clash, that task seems beyond him. He has not yet won a single game in this championship.

From the start he looked as if he was in trauma of some sort. Keene told the Daily Telegraph. "He is playing much less aggressively than he normally does and he is making less informed choices."

Another possibility is that the master may have underestimated his former pupil. With victory beckoning, Kramnik is determined not to let up.

The younger Russian has shown excellent preparation and has frequently outwitted the older man, Kasparov, meanwhile, has seemed oddly distracted.

Newspapers reported that Kasparov's wife flew in unexpectedly from Moscow during the Championship, fuelling the rumour that off-board troubles were affecting his play.

After agreeing to a listless draw Sunday after only 14 moves, the current number one said: "I have experienced a problem all along during this contest. It is a long story that I shall reveal later on."

Even Kasparov seems resigned to defeat. Asked at Tuesday's post-game press conference Tuesday if he believed he still had a chance of winning, he said: "Everything can happen but, realistically, it is not going to happen."

On Thursday, more likely than not, he will be proved right.

### GARY KASPAROV

He added: "It is very hard to work out what has gone wrong with