Aravinda not available

COLOMBO, Jan 6: Batsman Aravinda de Silva has told the cricket selectors that he cannot joint the Sri Lankan team for the third Test against South Africa, for lack of practice, a cricket board official said Saturday, reports AP.

Ajith Javasekera, the team manager, has suggested De Silva's name as a replacement to all-rounder Upul Chandana. who fractured a finger during practice, said Anura Tennekoon, chief executive officer of the Sri Lankan cricket board.

But when the selectors asked Aravinda whether he was available, he indicated that he did not have enough preparation for the tour and, as a result. he felt he could not play. Tennekoon told.

He said Chandana will be unable to play for at least six weeks.

Sri Lanka suffered a humiliating innings defeat at the hands of South Africa in the second Test after the first Test had ended in a draw. The third and final Test is scheduled to begin next Saturday.

Tennekoon said the selectors would meet on Sunday to decide Chandana's replacement. Del Silva could not be reached for comment.

The Daily Mirror, an independent English language daily. said De Silva was dropped from the team after he was named a suspect in the match-fixing scandal by India's tederal investigators

The Sri Lankan cricket authorities are investigating the accise mon against De Silva.

Weeping From page 13

height"

The West Indies Cricket Board has not escaped the barrage of abuse either and many Caribbean cricket fans believe the WICB is as responsible as the players it picked for the embarrassments Down Under. "Carl Hooper's status, for ex-

ample, is a perplexing. The elegant batsman was not considered for the tour because he did not play in last year's regional first-class competition.

But Marlon Samuel was chosen to replace the injured Shivnarine Chanderpaul de spite the fact that he did not take part in the same competi-

In a letter to the Trinidad and Tobago Guardian, cricket fan Hector Salisbury called for a public inquiry into the selection procedures of the WICB.

Salisbury said the inquiry would "help create an acceptable environment of transparency and bring respectability to the WICB".

> He added that it would also allow "the public the opportunity to understand how a team is selected and the assurance of absolutely no outside influences or territorial bi-partisanship".

Outspoken Nevis sports commentator Trevor Chapman wants the entire selection panel to resign "for placing our cricket in a state of disarray

Chapman said: "It is about time we asked Sir Vivian Richards. Gordon Greenidge, lan Bishop, Andy Roberts, Maurice Foster and Franklyn Stephenson to help us out of this crisis.

"Sir Vivian would be my chairman of selectors and team manager. Stephenson would be coach-selector. Greenidge the batting coach and Andy Roberts the bowling coach. Bishop and Foster will be selectors."

Making a gentle splash. though, in an ocean of bad news for West Indies followers was 34-year-old Hooper's recent announcement that he was planning

to play again in this year's domestic competition. "I have informed the Board I

am available to play for the West Indies. I told the selectors I am no longer in retirement and if they feel I can make a meaningful contribution to the team.

am willing to play at any time." If Hooper and a fit-again Chanderpaul can re-emerge to strengthen the batting line-up. it could galvanise the inconsistent Brian Lara.

And if Lara again started producing big scores on a regular basis, the West Indies would at least have a chance of again developing a side difficult for opponents to beat.

Khulna serve

From page 13 Rana c Azam b Ehsanul Al-Amin not out Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-4, w-9) Total: (for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 242 Fall of wickets: 1/13, 2/24. 3/87. 4/94. 5/141. 6/182. 7/182. 8/202. 9/242

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runs.

Result: Khulna won by 30



Wayne Phillips, a former Australia wicketkeeper who is the manager-cum-coach of Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy, imparts some tips to Shahriar Hossain and Hasibul Hossain at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

- Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Aussies standardise cricket Adams wants to continue captaining

have raised the bar in world cricket and it is up to the other cricketing nations to raise their standards to match them. West Indies captain Jimmy Adams said on Saturday, reports AFP.

Australia surged to a sixwicket victory in the final Test against the West Indies here Saturday and with it a 5-0 series clean sweep and 15 consecutive Test wins.

Adams said rather than en- one game." he said. vying the Australian success he had great respect for the way the Australian system had changed things for the better in world cricket.

"I have a lot of respect for the standard of cricket that they play," Adams said.

"I say that not as an opposition captain but as a cricketer. "What they are in the process doing is good for world cricket. They have lifted the mark and that is a great

"And I have a great deal of respect for the system which has produced this kind of

Adams said the major difference between the two sides over the last six week was Austra-

lia's superior mental toughness. "What stands out for us, especially on tour, is that mentally we need to be stronger.

Adams said. "The Australians come across as mentally tougher group than any other team in

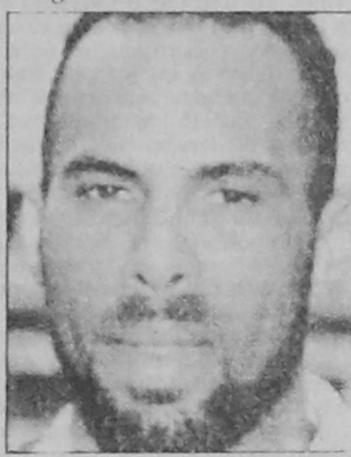
world cricket at the moment." He admitted Steve Waugh's australians were also physically tougher than his side this summer — adding "five Test matches in six weeks was a tiring prospect".

Despite the humiliation of a first-ever series clean sweep,

SYDNEY. Jan 6: Australia 33-year-old Adams said his gut reaction was that he wanted to a few good signs. continue as captain.

ibbean from March.

"There have been positive collectively. signs all along on this tour - it just would have been nice if we been a feature of the Australian had gotten all those signs in team this summer and it was



JIMMY ADAMS

"But this last game did show

He said the batting in the He said there were positives second innings, when the West as the West Indies face the next Indies made 352, was encourtoughest side in Test cricket aging because the tourists after Australia - South Africa "were looking down the barrel in a five-Test series in the Car- and the fellows really put their heads down and batted well

"That's something that's good to see our lads doing it especially under the circum stances when a lot of people thought we would roll over and

"It's a credit to the team that they really stuck at it and took the game into the fifth day."

Adams said part of the reason the West Indies showed more fight in this match had a lot to do with the fact it was the last Test match. "We gave people licence, we

said 'this is the last Test, what ever you have left you have to leave it out in the middle'." he "It wasn't as simple as that

but the fellows were more re laxed and it showed in the way we played.

5-0 wins

SYDNEY, Jan 6 (Reuters): Australia's victory over the West Indies in the fifth Test today saw them become just the eighth team in Test cricket history to complete a "cleansweep" of a five-

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Extras: (b-3, lb-7, w-1, nb-7) 18

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"We're not worried about winning or losing, the outcome will take care of itself if we play the same way as we planned before the game and that is aggressively ... the wins will come along if we stick with

those basics." It was an emotional day for the West Indies' bowling trojan Courtney Walsh, 38 who was feted for playing his final Test in Australia and was given a standing ovation by the crowd.

Unfortunately for the amiable Jamaican he could not get the six wickets he needed for his 500th Test wicket, but indicated that he would be trying to get himself fit for the home series against South Africa in a few months time

SCORECARD

Final scorecard of the fifth and final Test between Australia and West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Satur-

272 (S Campbell 79, W Hinds and final Test on Saturday, 70 S MacGill 7-104)

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3-119. C Stuart 2-81) WEST INDIES: Second in- 1984-85 nings 352 (M Nagamootoo 68, R Jacobs 62 S Campbell 54: C Miller 4-102. G McGrath 3-80) AUSTRALIA: Second in-

nings (44 2 overnight)

1998-99 West Indies

2000-01 Australia

Slater not out

Result: Australia won by 6 wickets and swept the series

Man-of-the-match: Michael

Player-of-the-series: Glenn McGrath.

SYDNEY. (AFP/Reuters): Australia stretched their world record number of consecutive Test cricket wins to 15 with victory 2000 WEST INDIES: First innings over the West Indies in the fifth

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The winning streak: Zimbabwe by 10 wickets.

Harare, October 14-17 1999. Pakistan by 10 wickets, Brisbane, November 5-9 1999. Pakistan by four wickets, Hobart, November 18-22 1999.

Pakistan by innings and 20 runs. Perth. November 26-28 India by 285 runs. Adelaide

December 10-14 1999. India by 180 runs. Melbourne, December 26-30 1999.

India by innings and 141 runs. Sydney, January 2-4 New Zealand by 62 runs, Auckland, March 11-15 2000.

New Zealand by six wickets Wellington. March 24-27 2000. New Zealand by six wickets Hamilton, March 31-April 3

West Indies by an innings and 126 runs. Brisbane, No-Most consecutive Test vember 23-25 2000 West Indies by an innings 15 Australia 1999-00 to and 27 runs, Perth, December

1-3 2000. West Indies by five wickets.

Adelaide, December 15-19 West Indies by 352 runs,

Melbourne. December 26-29 Sydney, January 2-6 2001

West Indies by six wickets,

ROLL OF WORRELL HONOUR

SYDNEY, Jan 6 (Reuters): Australia beat West Indies 5-0 in their five-Test series of retain the Frank Worrell Trophy Results of series between Australia and West Indies (collate as series, venue, tests played, Australian wins. West Indian wins, draws, trophy).

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Delhi cops could visit S Africa, Britain

Match-fixing

NEW DELHI, Jan 6: New Delhi police will visit South Africa and Britain to pursue match-fixing charges against disgraced South African skipper Hansie Cronje, officials said here on Friday, reports AFP. "We have sought the (Indian)

government's permission for this." Delhi Police Commissioner Ajay Raj Sharma announced. "The feedback so far from

these countries has been inadequate." he said, adding that a high-powered team of detectives was likely to visit the two nations by the end of February. Delhi Police crime branch detectives in April last year charged Cronje with accepting money from bookmakers to fix matches during South Africa's tour of India that March.

The police also named South African players Herschelle Gibbs. Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom in the scandal. sparking off the biggest investigation worldwide ever into allegations of corruption in the

Sharma's detectives have sought the help of the Interpol on the whereabouts of a London-based Indian bookie, Sanjiv Chawla, in connection with the Cronje scandal.

Police here have said they secretly taped Cronje's conversations with Chawla before charging the player with match

Shamilla Batohi, the chief prosecutor in South Africa's King Commission which probed the scandal, visited India in September and agreed to send details of telephone calls made by Cronje to bookmakers in India and abroad.

Police chief Sharma also said that since Cronje had filed a "few petitions in South Africa courts, nothing much could be done as long as the matter was sub-judice.

Seeds no more at Madras

MADRAS. Jan 6: The story of he week at the Indian Open into continued quarterfinals, with the last remaining seed. France's Cedric Pioline. losing to unfancied Czech Michal Tabara on Friday. reports AFP

Tabara, who finished 195 in the 2000 ATP Champions Race to Pioline's 16, won 6-4, 6-1 in 59 minutes to set up a semifinal meeting with Danish teenager Kristian Pless. Pless, the world's top junior

in 1999 after winning the Australian Open Juniors and reaching the final of junior Wimbledon and the US Open jumors, was a 6-1, 7-5 winner over Romanian Adrian Voinca.

The other semifinal in the 400,000-dollar tournament will be between Spanish 18-year-old Tommy Robredo and Russia's Andrei Stoliarov.

Perfect warmup for Dokic

HONG KONG, Jan 6: Jelena Dokic got her Australian Open preparations off to flying start on Saturday with a hard-fought win over Anna Kournikova in the final of Hong Kong's New Year exhibition tournament, reports AFP.

The 17-year-old Australian edged a tight first set in a tiebreak and went on to win 7-6. 6-3 after 80 minutes on court.

The Belgrade-born Dokic. ranked number 25 in the world. was delighted to find her early season form with the Australian Open round the corner.

Henman bows out

ADELAIDE, Jan 6: British number one Tim Henman squandered a great chance for a rare tournament win here on Saturday when he crashed out of the Australian hardcourt championships to Nicolas Massu, reports AFP.

The unheralded Chilean. ranked 87th in the world, came from a set down to win 3-6, 7-5. 6-2 in what he described as the best win of his career. He will face Germany's

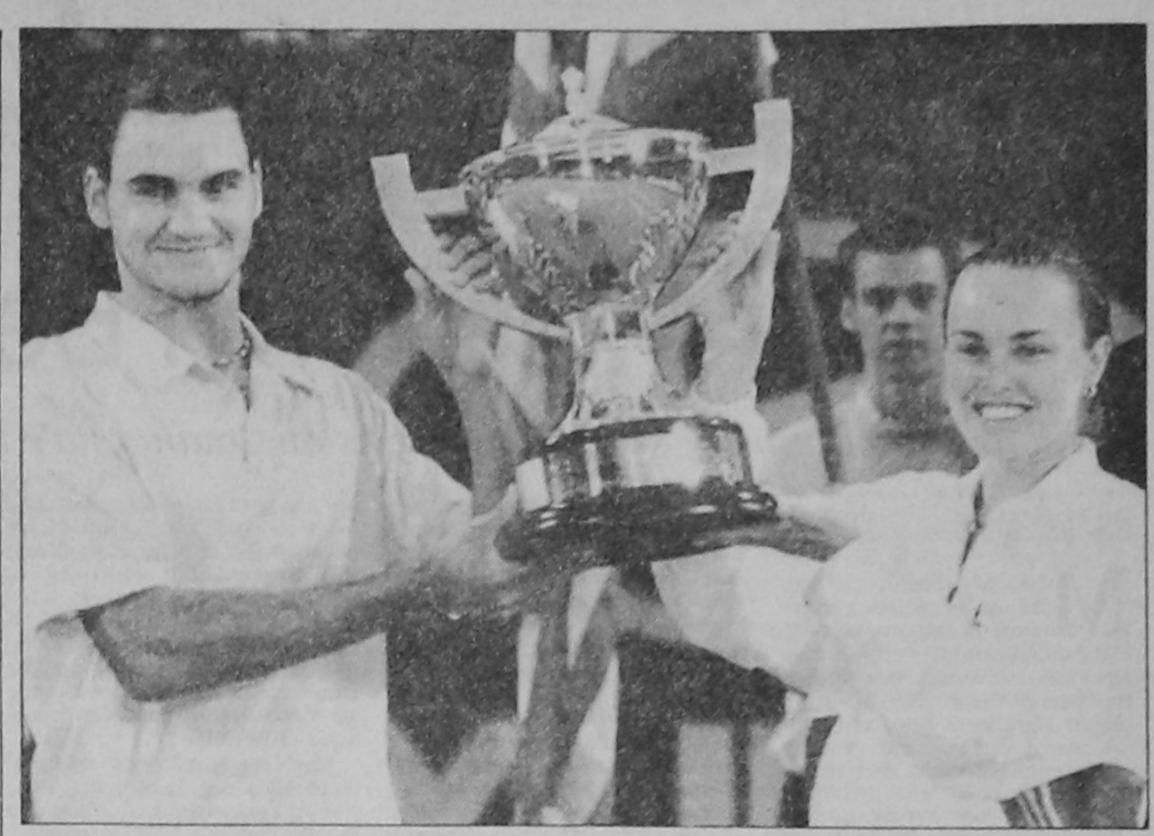
Tommy Haas, who overcame Australian Jason Stoltenberg 7-6, 6-4, in Sunday's final.

Big blow for Kafelnikov

DOHA. Jan 6: Olympic champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov. who had been keen to return as a winner to Australia next week by capturing the opening event of the 2001 season, instead collapsed to a startling quarterfinal defeat in the 1,000,000 dollars Qatar Mobil Open here, reports AFP. The top-seeded Russian was beaten 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 by Czech

Bohdan Ulihrach, who would not have made the main draw here had he not saved two match points in the final round of the qualifying competition. Kafelnikov was a set and 3-1

trouble. By contrast Kafelnikov be-Retained by Australia



Maruna Hingis and Roger Federer of Switzerland pose with the Hopman Cup after beating Americans Monica Seles and Jan-Michael Gambill in the final yesterday. - AFP photo

Swiss ride on Hingis

gis maintained a remarkable unbeaten record to lead Switzerland to a 2-1 victory over the United States in the Hopman Cup final here on Saturday, reports AFP.

never lost a singles match in the mixed team event, teamed up with former world junior champion Roger Federer to overcome Monica Seles and Jan-Michael Gambill and claim the 130,000-dollar winner's cheque in the eight-nation

It was Switzerland's second triumph in the 13-year-old contest - the first came nine years ago when Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and Jakob Hlasek beat Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova and Karel Novacek in the final. For Hingis, it was a case of

fourth time lucky after unsuccessful bids in 1996, 1997 and 1999. In Saturday's showdown, today." Hingis gave Switzerland a flying start, beating Seles, the former

women's singles clash. 7-5, 6-4. Then Federer sealed the title, beating Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4. 6-3 to make the outcome of the final mixed doubles this month. rubber academic.

The Americans gained some maybe we will continue to play small consolation when they together," she said. won the "dead" mixed doubles, getting home in three sets, 2-6, player. She has a great serve 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).

most explosive tennis to over- great chances." come Seles in 72 minutes. It was a battle royal all the way. with Hingis forced to steel her-The Swiss Miss, who has self to clinch a few crucial points to tip the delicately balanced scales her way.

> "It was a great match," said an obviously relieved Hingis. 20. "Monica is a great competitor and every time we play each other it is always a great match," she said. "She is such an aggressive player. She served very well.

sure. I definitely had to run today. Federer said he had been leaving the game at 4-4. very nervous at the start of the tournament.

she always had me under pres-

"But I handled the pressure well and played well," he said. Seles, smiling in defeat, said "Switzerland were simply better

world number one who is now ranked fourth, in a classic bles team-mates, playing to- most 8,000. gether in Sydney and the Aus-

Hingis had to produce her bles. As a team, I think we have Hingis has decided to play with Seles after a much-

'She is such a professional

and a great game for the dou-

publicised split with her former

doubles partner, glamorous Russian Anna Kournikova. A fired-up Seles made it clear from the start that Hingis would have her work cut out to overcome her older rival.

had found her rhythm by the third game, in which she broke Seles' service. Hingis dropped her own serve in the sixth game, but broke back immediately, only

Hingis was slow to start, but

for Seles to break back again. The crucial turn came in the 11th game when a relieved Hingis broke a third time and served out to take the set in 39

In the second set, play went with service until the ninth The Hingis win gave her a game, when Hingis broke Seles' 13-2 head-to-head advantage service, and then hung on in the 10th to clinch the best Hingis confirmed she and match of the tournament before Seles would soon become dou- a capacity indoor crowd of al-

In the men's singles, Fedtralian Open in Melbourne later erer, still only 19 and ranked 29th played the steadier tennis "We will see how it goes and against a frustrated Gambill.

Gap no good for cricket

says new South African su- is that big?" premo Gerald Majola.

reigns from Ali Bacher.

Test wins under its belt, while

their last eight series. club level, is it desirable for two teams to dominate completely. Majola told the Saturday Argus "We should not be happy keeps happening the game could lose impact and specta- totally changed in the profes- consistent performances."

"Something must be done to between the top countries and Ackerman, believes it is vital for whole.

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JOHANNESBURG. Jan 6 tional competition is currently West Indies) are not happy, but

With Australia and South Af- closer to the present. South that a long road lies ahead for rica pulling away from the other Africa arrive in the West Indies the Windies. He said he had eight Test-playing nations, a in March for five Tests and observed a remarkable shortage gap is forming that will damage seven one-day internationals, of emerging talent, and the the games popularity, says the and face a team at its lowest practice facilities had been man who has taken over the ebb in its proud history. Majola poor believes the once-proud Carib-Australia has 15 consecutive bean team has been left behind. Whatmore, while reluctant to

fix this situation. I'm definitely ond string South African side to 'cricket in the weaker countries. not happy to see such a big gap the Caribbean in 1999. Hylton in order to save the game as a

the game that the West Indies Majola says that series recover their former stature. have the pulling power to at-very healthy at the moment. We get smaller like Manchester tract lans already distracted by have to get the West Indies. United gruing bigger and all the numerous other leisure activi- back flying again. I still think other clubs just making up the their bowlers are not bad.

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(Internet report): Test cricket's being drawn up by the ICC, they'll still come in droves to current split into the best and where we will have to play watch South Africa. In Barbathe rest' will have a negative Bangladesh for example. Will dos, for instance, fans knew all long-term impact on the game, people come to watch if the gap, the South African players names off by heart." But Majola has concerns However Ackerman warns

Sri Lankan coach Dav

"I was in Jamaica last year admit to any ranking among the South Africa have won six of with the SA A team, and it ap- worlds Test sides without a peared that (the West Indies) formal table, agreed that the In no situation, even down to had been left behind by the division was a problem. "I don't changes in the game." he said. think it is by accident that "Maybe they have money Australia and South Africa are problems, maybe their system the two best teams they have needs to be looked at, maybe very good domestic competithat we win a series 5-0. If that their domestic, competition is tions, in which it is easy to not good enough. Cricket has identify talent on the basis of

> Whatmore believes an effort The man who took the sec- must be made to promote

"I'm not sure it is healthy that the bigger brothers get The world situation is not bigger and the smaller brothers numbers and merely trying to

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another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

up but still could not make it against a man who played with stoic determination and solid consistency when he was in

gan to get edgy and was warned by the umpire for his language early in the final set, during which, at the break of serve at 4-4. he delivered two double faults which effectively cost him the match.