

Harvey hopeful

REUTERS, Melbourne
Australian all-rounder Ian Harvey said Monday he hoped to be included in the squad for the five-match series in India starting later this month despite having a fractured thumb.

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Foes gearing up differently

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo
England captain Nasser Hussain will tell his players to put the umpiring controversies of the first Test against Sri Lanka behind them as they bid to stay in the three-match series this week.

England, always fighting for survival after losing the toss on a crumbling pitch tailor-made for the Sri Lankan spinners, felt their efforts to salvage a draw were undermined by a series of umpiring decisions.

Constant appealing by the Sri Lankan close fielders -- which led to four of them being fined -- helped raise the tension still further.

Hussain, while clearly frustrated, has tried to look forward rather than back. He said: "We can go on about umpiring for as long as we want but...we have to get on with it."

Pace bowler Dilhara Fernando looks certain to be replaced after bowling just two overs in the first innings and four in the second.

Struggling off-spinner Kumar Dharmasena's place could also under threat. He managed just a single wicket in Galle, while Muralitharan took seven and captain Sanath Jayasuriya, an opening batsman who bowls a bit, took eight.

England, meanwhile, look likely to retain seamer Andrew Caddick after his tidy first-Test display as well as off-spinner Robert Croft, despite his lack of penetration.

Graeme Hick will again be challenged for the final batting berth by Michael Vaughan although Hick, given a one-match suspended ban after he questioned his first-innings dismissal in the first test, looks set to get the nod.

Hussain's lack of runs at number three continues to be a worry. But the England captain may spend as much time practising tossing the coin as donning his pads over the next few days.

TV umpire to be more busy in Lanka

AP, Colombo

The two umpires on the ground must refer all doubtful appeals to the third, or television umpire, for a final ruling in the second Sri Lanka-England cricket Test, international match referee Hanuman Singh said Monday.

Singh's decision came after English players and commentators strongly questioned some of the umpiring decisions in the first Test, which England lost by an innings and 28 runs to host Sri Lanka.

"In view of the controversy and the noise raised by England officials and cricket writers, the decision was taken to tell the umpires not to take any chances," a Sri Lankan cricket official said after Singh's meeting with the three umpires before the second Test to be played at Kandy from Wednesday.

Singh was of the view that the two umpires ought to take the help of technology and should not leave any room for a controversy, said the official.

A Rusedski revival

Tennis

AFP, San Jose

Greg Rusedski's comeback from foot injuries is complete. The British ace upset Australian Open champion Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-4 here Sunday to win the 400,000-dollar ATP Sebas Open, his first title in 18 months.

"When I woke up, I felt really confident," Rusedski said. "I knew what I had to do."

Rusedski lost only one set on the way to his first title, or championship match, since capturing the Vienna crown in October of 1999. The eighth-seeded left-handed won 54,000 dollars and his 10th career title.

The left-hander battled injuries last season but has bounced back with a 14-5 record in 2001, including victories over World No. 1 Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil at the Australian Open and No. 2 Marat Safin of Russia last month in Milan.

Rusedski reached the 1997 final here but suffered a wrist injury against Pete Sampras and had to retire. Rusedski inflicted the first loss of the year upon the American after 11 wins in a row. Agassi was seeking his fifth San Jose title after crowns in 1990, 1993, 1995 and 1998.

Thirty-year-old Agassi had to withdraw last year due to a back injury but has reached the quarterfinals in eight of his previous nine appearances. His record here fell to 35-5.

Rusedski gained the early break at love in the fourth game for a 3-1 advantage in the opening set and served it out in the ninth game. He produced 17 winners in the set.



South African Amanda Coetzer is exultant after winning the ATP tournament in Mexico on Sunday.



YUMMY: Australian leg-spin wizard Shane Warne looks up at grilled chicken and kebab during a shoot for a commercial in Bombay on Monday. Australia and India meet in the second Test in Calcutta on March 11.

Injury-struck

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He had been tipped to fly out to join the team last week along with Younis Khan, Humayun Farhat and Arshad Khan, but was held back after the media blasted the selectors for relying on fading players.

Akbar has played two Tests taking four wickets, while Iqbal and Umer have yet to make their Test debuts. Pakistan media have reported continued differences, which first surfaced a week before the team's departure, between senior players and coach Javed Miandad, but Zia said these were not related to the latest injuries.

Holyfield finished?

REUTERS, New York

Evander Holyfield, who in his boxing career sometimes seems to have more lives than a cat, may have used up his last one after his performance Saturday night in losing his World Boxing Association (WBA) title to John Ruiz.

For a fighter, especially at his level, the 38-year-old Holyfield looked old and fought old.

And many boxing experts say it's time for the former undisputed champion to quit the ring for good.

"It's sad to watch him," said boxing historian and author Bert Sugar. "His timing was off, he was slow and threw very few combinations."

Holyfield, who still dreams of becoming king of the boxing hill once again, was battered around the ring in the last two rounds by a man whose skills are considered by many people to be merely mediocre.

Yet, the 29-year-old Ruiz knocked down Holyfield in the 11th round and thoroughly beat him up in the final round to earn a unanimous decision in their 12-round rematch.

Ruiz, now 37-4, won by scores of 116-110, 115-111 and 114-111. Ruiz will set his sights now on securing a fight with Briton Lennox Lewis, who holds the World Boxing Council and the International Boxing Federation titles.

Holyfield narrowly won a unanimous decision over Ruiz in their first fight last August. Many ringsiders thought Ruiz had won, prompting the WBA to order the rematch.

Holyfield occasionally got the better of Ruiz, whose left eye was nearly swollen shut by the end of the fight.

But Ruiz, who is of Puerto Rican descent, becoming the first Hispanic to win a world heavyweight title, knocked down the champion in the 11th round with a straight right to the head.

"I didn't see it coming," Holyfield said. "John Ruiz is a good fighter."

Many boxing experts would disagree with Holyfield. Despite his loss and a long haul back to title contention ahead of him, if he makes it back at all, Holyfield, who has made and apparently kept many of the millions of dollars he has won in his 16-1/2-year career, says he will not retire.

"I'd love to fight him again," said Holyfield, who is just 1-2-1 over his last four fights and without a knockout win in more than three years.

"It's not over with me," said the 37-5-1 Holyfield, who first won a heavyweight title in 1990. "I've just got to go back to what I used to do and not leave things to the judges."

But some ringsiders think it's time for Holyfield to leave the fighting to younger men.

"Yes, he should retire," says Steve Farhood, boxing analyst for CNN/SI. "He shows the classic symptoms of a great fighter who has gone on too long, such as the inability to pull the trigger when he sees an opening, especially with the right hand."

He also has a problem of getting hit flush with punches from a fringe contender like Ruiz, and the inability to accelerate when he has his man in trouble," said Farhood, the former editor of Ring Magazine.

Bradman bats stolen

REUTERS, Sydney

Police said Monday that 10 cricket bats worth 40,000 USD and signed by Australian cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman, who died eight days ago aged 92, had been stolen from a collector's home in New South Wales state.

The 10 bats, contained in wood and glass display cases, were stolen from a house in the Hunter Valley region north of Sydney on the weekend.

The bats were limited editions issued in the past 10 years.

Cairns on road to recovery

Cricket

REUTERS, Christchurch

Although New Zealand's Chris Cairns will play no part in this week's first Test against Pakistan, he said on Monday that he hopes to be fit to face the same opposition on the sub-continent in September.

Cairns recently underwent an operation on the patella tendon in his right knee. A similar operation on his left knee seven years ago saw him out of action for nine months.

"The operation went well and I have every confidence that it will be fine, as I had the same operation on my left knee in 1994 which proved a success," the all-rounder said.

and my target of September is still on track," Cairns added.

According to surgeon Paul Armour the injury was worse than he had expected.

"He must have been in considerable pain when he played," Armour said.

His problem is just one of a raft of injuries that have hit the New Zealand team over recent months. The problem is particularly acute among the bowlers, with the three month tour of Zimbabwe, Kenya and South Africa seeing a procession of players taking an early flight home.

There is good news for Shayne O'Connor who survived the African tour only to hurt his knee playing for Otago in domestic competition.

He has started bowling again and, according to convenor of selectors Richard Hadlee, could be back in action for his country by the third Test against Pakistan in two weeks time.

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