

## Rain hampers Kenway progress

AFP, London

Hampshire's Derek Kenway was left marooned on an unbroken century when heavy rain washed out the second day of his side's second division county championship clash with Gloucestershire on Thursday.

The 22-year-old local boy stood on 124 not out in a Hampshire total of 244 for two when the storm broke at Southampton.

It was an impressive display by a young man with a point to prove to his employers.

Kenway, hailed as one of Hampshire's brightest prospects in recent years, was disappointed to have been left off a pre-season training tour to South Africa.

He was deemed short of the necessary fitness to make the trip and was left to work with the club's second XI players in England.

But with skipper Robin Smith at the other end, Kenway was in a winning form before the weather intervened.

He completed his hundred off 206 balls with 17 fours and had added another three to be 13 runs short of a career best when the elements took over.

Smith was unbeaten with 55 at the premature close, with the pair's second-wicket partnership yielding 136 runs in 47 overs.

## Indians

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The left-hander, who only made 106 runs in six innings at an average of 17.66 during the series against Australia, said he was not too worried about his own batting form.

"That was the first time I had not scored runs for India in the last five years."

Ganguly said he had sought advice from India coach John Wright, the former New Zealand left-handed opener, but "did not plan to change his basic style."

"I have asked John and a couple of guys but, at the end of the day, it's what I feel suits me is what I'll do on the cricket field because everybody has his own technique," he said.

## BCCI

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months ago, has received no payment from the board other than costs for his surgery in South Africa.

Srinath suffered a similar fate when an overdose of international cricket saw him break down midway during a series in 1997.

Shetty said leg-spinner Kumble would represent the players in further discussions with the board and get feedback from his teammates during the Test tour of Zimbabwe, starting later this month.

The board will also study its legal aspects before finalising the contract system because some of the players also have separate jobs, he said.

"The players felt that, apart from India and Pakistan, all other teams were on contract."

## Pull yourself

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Comments from Gibbs' father, Herman, made the front page in the Johannesburg Sunday Times.

Herschelle frowned on smoking and never even wanted me to smoke," Herman Gibbs was quoted as saying. "I am very disappointed. All I can think is that a few players celebrated by smoking dagga (cannabis) and he joined in the fun."

Few could find fault with Gibbs' performance on the field in the West Indies. He scored 464 runs at an average of 51.55 with four half-centuries in the Test series, and in the seven one-day internationals he scored two centuries on his way to an aggregate of 294 runs at 42.00.

However, the cannabis incident is Gibbs' third run-in with authority in less than a year.

He was fined 15,000 rand (1,885 dollars) and suspended for three matches after he was discovered in a night club in the early hours of April 14 last year, the day of a one-day international against Australia.

Of that sentence, 10,000 and the three-match ban were suspended, and the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa will decide at the weekend whether the sentence will be enforced.

In June, came the shock revelation of Gibbs' planned collusion with Cronje, who was later banned from the game for life for his role in the match-fixing scandal.

Gibbs lied about his involvement several times before confessing to the King commission. He was banned from international cricket for six months and fined 60,000 rand.

The mood among some of Gibbs' fans was summed up in an editorial in national daily the Citizen.

... Gibbs ... must pull himself together," the paper said. "Even if he did perform heroically after the (cannabis) incident, he is a senior player with a suspension hanging over him for another late-night indiscretion."

"The UCB must act firmly."

## Hunger thy name is Steve

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Ten years ago Steve Waugh's Test cricket career appeared to be dying when he was replaced by his swashbuckling twin brother Mark. Waugh confronted his limitations and got down to work.

He is now the most respected player in the world. Tough, competitive and highly skilled - as well as ruthless out on the field - Waugh is the very essence of Australian cricket.

As a firm believer in uncompromising hard work to solve problems, it was unsurprising that current coach John Buchanan's swipe at leg-spinner Shane Warne would win him any brownie points.

Buchanan effectively said Warne was fat and out of condition on the recent tour of India.

Waugh probably agreed in private. In public it was a different matter.

Waugh is a bit down. There were probably some comments in the paper which we probably didn't want to see," he said then. "We can all learn by our mistakes. I am sure John will learn from the experience."

Buchanan's lesson was a painful one. Last week the selectors, who include Waugh, demoted him for the upcoming Ashes tour. Buchanan can coach, but he cannot pick the team.

In Steve Waugh's teams you get going when the going gets tough. And you keep your mouth shut.

An incident involving Warne two years ago confirms Waugh's way of doing things.

When he replaced Mark Taylor as captain in 1999, former captain Ian Chappell said he was too single-minded to make a great captain.

But when a tough decision was called for, he made it. That involved staring down Warne in a team meeting and dropping the world's best spinner for the decisive third Test in the West Indies to save the Frank Worrell Trophy

Australia had won under Taylor in 1995.

A World Cup one-day title and an extraordinary streak of 16 consecutive Test wins stand as powerful testaments to his ability as a batsman.

He has moulded his team in his own image - no regrets, never satisfied.

Waugh made his Test debut at a time when Australia were struggling. He was 20 and in only his second season of first-class cricket - and he failed in both innings at the Melbourne Cricket Ground against India in 1985, with scores of 13 and 5.

Two experiences helped forge his character.

The first was the way the senior players ignored him. The second was seeing captain Allan Border make 163 of Australia's 308 in an innings of enormous intensity.

STEVE WAUGH

Ten years later he matched Border's utter determination with an innings of 200 in Kingston when he resisted paceman Curly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh in a 425-ball marathon that won Australia the 15-year reign of world cricket.

And he makes sure all new-comers are warmly welcomed into the fold.

Throughout the last decade,

Waugh has distinguished himself with his ability to produce telling innings when Australia has needed them most.

But while his twin Mark is a superb stroke-maker, Steve prefers to be safe rather than sorry.

Instead of looking for the boundary, he minimises risk and digs in for long stints.

So his five-hour slog in Calcutta in March when he scored his 25th Test century in the second Test confirmed his credentials as the most successful contemporary batsman.

But Waugh dismissed any personal satisfaction from that innings because India won the Test and went on to claim the series in the third Test in Madras, where Waugh notched up another milestone when he became only the sixth cricketer to be out for handling the ball.

When Waugh was first drafted into international cricket, he was chosen for his aggressive medium pace bowling and run scoring in the middle order. And it was in the role as an attacking all-rounder that he became a major force behind Australia's World Cup win of 1987.

But as back trouble limited his appearances at the bowling crease so his tenacious batting became the biggest factor behind his success.

His memorable performances with the bat include that 200 against West Indies at Sabina Park in 1995, his twin centuries against England at Old Trafford in 1997 and his daring 120 against South Africa in a must-win match at the 1999 World Cup.

Born on 2 June, 1965 in Sydney, he is the son of Canterbury. He has played for New South Wales, Somerset, Ireland and Australia.

He was Wisden Cricketer of the Year 1989, played for Ireland in 1998 as a guest player and has been Australian captain since February, 1999.

His Test average is 50.93 from 215 innings and he has taken 89 wickets at 35.74 runs in 309 matches.

## Lanka announce side for tri-series

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka Thursday named a 22-member squad led by skipper Sanath Jayasuriya for the home tri-series tournament with India and New Zealand in July.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) said the selectors retained the former deputy skipper Aravinda de Silva in the national squad for the tri-series as well as a Test series against India here.

## SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu (vice-captain), Romesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Russel Arnold, Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Dharmasena, Tilakaratne Dilshan, Chaminda Vaas, Indika de Saram, Thilan Samaraweera, Akalanka Ganegama, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhara Fernando, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tillakaratne, Dulip Liyanage, Suresh Perera, Dinuk Hettiarachchi, Sanjeewa Weerakoon, Niroshan Bandaratilleke.

## BCCI retreats

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's cricket board has withdrawn its threat to boycott major events such as the World Cup and is ready to host next year's ICC Knockout tournament, the board's president said on Thursday.

"We are very keen to organise the ICC Knockout tournament in India," Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president AC Muthiah told by phone from the southern town of Ooty.

The BCCI had offered the tournament to India in March, but doubts had risen after the BCCI last month threatened to boycott major tournaments until the government clarified playing guidelines on venues and opponents.

The threat came after the board received a letter from the government saying the team could not play in "non-regular" venues such as Sharjah and Singapore for the next three years.

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A loss to England will not affect Australia's position but their average would fall to 1.46, narrowing the lead over South Africa (1.33).

If England win both the Pakistan and Australia series they would improve their average to 1.36 and leapfrog South Africa into second place.

If England lose both series they would stay third as these results would mirror those of 1996 and 1997.

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Spaniard Albert Costa plays a forehand return against Fabrice Santoro of France during their Masters Series tennis tournament quarterfinal encounter in Hamburg on May 18.

## Costa ends Santoro's run

Tennis

AFP, Hamburg

Albert Costa of Spain streaked into the semifinals of the Hamburg Masters Series on Friday, a brilliant performance producing a 6-1, 6-2 blitzing of Frenchman Fabrice Santoro.

Santoro had ousted Andre Agassi in the second round but here he was made to look almost amateurish as Costa hit reams of AC Muthiah told by phone from the southern town of Ooty.

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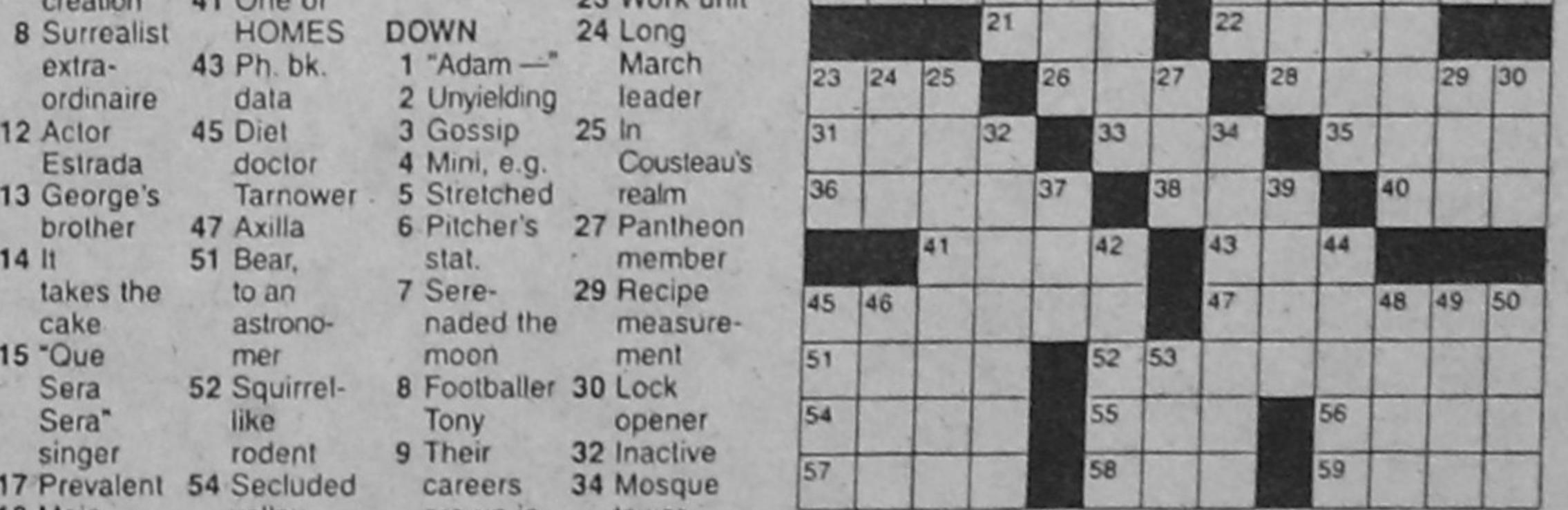
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Amelie Mauresmo of France beat Argentina's Paola Suarez 6-4, 7-5 here Friday to reach the semifinals of the 1.2 million-dollar WTA Tennis Masters Series tournament.

Mauresmo, seeded four, got off to a dismal start losing the first four games against Suarez, who was given a 17th seed ranking by organisers after 11th-seeded Justine Henin of Belgium withdrew on the eve of the tournament.

But the 21-year-old French woman, who had looked jaded in earlier rounds after her exertions in winning last week's German Open, got her game together and took the next six games and the set.

The second set followed a similar pattern. Suarez, 24, stopped the rot by winning the first two games of the