#### Lloyd urges WI to think twice

AFP, Islamabad

Cricket legend Clive Lloyd said Saturday he hoped the West Indies would reconsider their demand for this month's Test series against Pakistan to be played on neutral grounds because of regional ten-

"No country would like to play its series on neutral venues ... I hope both Pakistan and West Indies boards have a dialogue and settle the matter," Lloyd told this news agency.

Last week the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) demanded the series be played at a neutral venue such as Sharjah or Dhaka out of security concerns.

On Saturday Bangladesh offered to host the three Test and three one-day international series which is due to begin on January

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lieutenant General Taugir Zia last week said WICB president Wes Hall had promised he would consult Llovd who is currently in Pakistan about the security situation. "Obviously it's difficult for

Pakistan to give full guarantee but we (West Indies) have been here before when there were some problems," said Lloyd, who led the West Indies on tour to Pakistan in 1974-75 and 1980-81.

"The situation may be a little tense but a week or so after this may lead to improvement," he said.

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Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-14)	25
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FROM PAGE 13 Flower 72; M Muralitharan 9-51) SRI LANKA: First innings (overniaht 334-4)

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Buddika c Friend b Masakadza 45 Zovsa run out Muralitharan b Streak Extras: (b-3, lb-1, w-1 Total: (All out in 148.5 overs) 505 Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-82, 3-202, 4-273, 5-336, 6-365, 7-388, 8-499,

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# Polly seeks clarification

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

South African captain Shaun Pollock called Sunday for a clearcut selection policy concerning black players in the national cricket

The Proteas were shaken last week when South African cricket boss Percy Sonn ruled that Justin Ontong should be selected for the third Sydney Test against Australia. "I think having a structure in

place and everyone knowing and having it out there for everyone to see does make it less difficult because then you know what to expect," Pollock said after Australia's 10-wicket victory to take the series 3-0. "Everyone knows what's

expected, there's no reason to be upset or controversial about any decision that's made."

Pollock said Ontong's inclusion late on the eve of the third Test had not affected his team's on-field performance in the first series clean sweep against Australia in 70 years. But he did admit the controversy

of his country's cricket's policy of selecting more players of colour was "not ideal".

"I'm not going to shy away from that but it doesn't affect your team," Pollock said.

"You walk out that morning, you've got your 11 and that's the 11 you're playing with. "Obviously, it probably would

have been less disruption if it had gone a bit smoothly but that's all in the past, that didn't affect the way

Team unity was the strength behind

the Australian team who walloped

nearest rivals South Africa 3-0 in

their billed World Test

Championship, captain Steve

Waugh's exceptional team is built around a communal system

where all the players appear to

and cohesive," Waugh said after the 10-wicket demolition of the Proteas

in four days in the third Sydney Test,

other's company and the guys enjoy

"We get on well and enjoy each

"As a unit this one is very strong

thrive on each other's success.

which finished Saturday.

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Cricket

Waugh said Sunday.

AFP, Sydney

Ontong was brought into the side after the original team selection was overruled by Sonn.

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa has a policy of playing "at least one person of colour" in every Test -- a quota met by the inclusion of Herschelle Gibbs.

But Sonn said the Ontong matter went beyond that to another policy where, if there was an opportunity



SHAUN POLLOCK

for a black player to represent South Africa, he should be chosen over an equally qualified non-black candi-

Pollock said Ontong, who made scores of nine and 32 against Australia, was a good prospect for South African cricket

"He's got a lot of talent," Pollock said. "He'll take a lot away from this game, a lot of positives for himself.

"I thought he acquitted himself well, especially his second innings

score, he really did look the part." Sonn was angry that his Ontong intervention had been leaked to to explain his comments.

each other's success -- that's the X-

factor in a really good side, you can

enjoy your mates' success even if

STEVE WAUGH

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SURGEONS CAN ACT RATHER FUNNY. THEY'RE WELL-KNOWN FOR

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals D

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

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.

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application to come and do something we must have a decent look Sonn has been told by the UCB

Sonn said.

Unity their strength

personally you're not playing well.

judge his team favourably.

Waugh felt history would his

"We're playing pretty exceptional cricket, you'll look back in 10

years' time and say 'not a bad side,

"Beating South Africa 3-nil is a

very good performance. It's a great

result for the side, it's a credit to the

whole squad, the amount of hard

work we've put into the planning

and the way we've executed our

huge margins -- 246 runs, nine wickets and 10 wickets -- but the

victories weren't easy, Waugh said.

around and coming away with the

winnings every time without work-

periods -- it wasn't always going in

our favour and we had to work really

its detractors, who wrote off Australia before the series, and by a

we always believed we were the

The team was also motivated by

"We had a few things to prove,

ing hard -- it is hard out there.

desire to Test its own limits.

best side even if others didn't

hard in this game.

"It's not as if we're waltzing

"We hung in there in tough

Australia won all three Tests by

"The people who have breached

"All our officials, on their election,

"(The veto) is not something that

"We're a family and supposed to

"There's nothing wrong with

having a disagreement in a family --

but you don't harm yourself by telling

the opposition you are having

Sonn also saved a verbal punch

for former players Pat Symcox,

Fanie de Villiers and Ray Jennings,

who criticised his selection interven-

"They are people without per-

"I don't think they are doing

spective who do not think before

anything good for South African

cricket, nor do I think they have

remarks about disgraced former

captain Hansie Cronje, insisting he

wasn't claiming that Cronje was

I said that he's a South African, he's

a UCB child who went off the rails,"

"When I was questioned on radio

"We can't say, 'You're damned

"If he comes to us and he's

rehabilitated and he makes an

Sonn also tried to clarify his

South African cricket at heart.

about to have a life ban lifted.

they spout," Sonn said.

confidence shall be dealt with,"

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who breach them shall be dealt with

was supposed to get out to the

Sonn said.

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## 'It's up to selectors'

REUTERS, London

Nasser Hussain has moved to clarify the position over his England captaincy, insisting it is up to the selectors

Hussain, 33, seemed to indicate in an interview over the New Year he would probably step down after next year's World Cup.

But, writing in The Sunday Telegraph, he says: "I want to make it clear that it is not up to me to dictate how long I do the job. The selectors make those decisions.

"What I have said is that I would like to be captain for another 15

"We have a packed programme over that period and there is no point looking beyond. I am not sitting on the fence -- it is a long time and I intend to continue throwing myself

"It is only after the World Cup that I will sit down with the selectors and decide what is best for English cricket.'

Hussain captained England in the recent 1-0 Test series loss to India and heads back there soon for a one-day series ahead of a three-Test tour of New Zealand starting in

#### Ford in for trouble

**REUTERS**, Johannesburg

Coach Graham Ford could face the chop over South Africa's disastrous Test series in Australia, a Johannesburg newspaper reported on Sunday.

He also inflamed the Protea camp by hinting that selector Graeme Pollock should face disciplinary action.

World champions Australia surged to emphatic victories in all three Tests, triumphing by 246 runs Adelaide, nine wickets in Melbourne, and 10 wickets in "If a coach doesn't see to it that

there should be an inquiry about that," the Sunday Times quoted United Cricket Board (UCB) president Percy Sonn as saying. "If that coach is no longer good

his people perform up to standard

for the team then obviously he has breached his contract -- our contracts are performance contracts."

The Test series loss to Australia was Ford's first as coach. He has guided South Africa to seven series wins with another drawn and is contracted until after the 2003 World Cup. The Proteas had never lost a series during Ford's reign until the much-hyped World Championship showdown with Steve Waugh's team became a one-sided contest.

Meanwhile, Graeme Pollock could be punished for revealing on Australian radio that Sonn had vetoed the selection of Jacques Rudolph to play in the third Test and insisted that black all-rounder Justin Ontong be picked instead, prompting a race debate in South African

## El Aynaoui annexes Qatar crown

AFP, Doha

Younes El Aynaoui became the first Arab player to win the Qatar Open with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 defeat of Spain's Felix Mantilla in the final of the million dollar ATP event here on Saturday

The Moroccan sixth seed overcame an indifferent start that saw him lose the first set to deny Mantilla his first title on a non-clay surface.

El Aynaoui had suffered the heartbreak of losing the 1996 final here to Czech Petr Korda, but on Saturday he made the Qatar Tennis Federation's day with a fine performance in the event which is celebrating its 10th year.

#### Taposh destrovs

FROM PAGE 13 Taposh c paltu b Jamal Mistu not out Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-20) 27 Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 195 Fall of wickets: 1/42, 2/71, 3/91, 4/187, 5/187, 6/187, 7/188 M 0 BOWLER 0

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Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-11)

Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 146

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Fall of wickets: 1/7, 2/9, 3/21,

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Part of the unifying in this current team is the captain's own strength of will. "I was always confident in my ability to do the job -- it obviously helps when you've got matchwinners in the side but there has

been a lot of hard work put in to get to this stage," he said. "It's not as if we were always playing this well -- we've all grown together in the job."

Waugh's next task is to win the return series in South Africa, where conditions are less likely to suit Shane Warne, who was Australia's leading wicket-taker in this series with 17

"We'd like to win three in South Africa -- that is a big ask, we know that. But this side's capable of achieving anything we put our minds to.

# Otherwise it's 10

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Kandy

Ace Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan set a record by achieving 10 10-wicket hauls in a Test after capturing the scalp of Zimbabwe's Trevor Gripper.

A day after missing out on taking all 10 wickets in an innings, Muralitharan broke New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee's effort of nine 10-wicket match hauls. Muralitharan, who finished with

nine wickets in the first innings on Saturday, trapped Gripper Ibw for 21 in Zimbabwe's second innings to claim the feat in his 71st Test.

Hadlee took 10 wickets in a match on nine occasions in 86

Muralitharan, however, believes he can still achieve a perfect 10 after narrowly missing out on the rare

"Getting 10 wickets (in a Test innings) is still achievable. Some other day maybe," said Muralitharan, who took 9-51 in the first innings on Friday. The 29-year-old had a chance of

Laker of England and Anil Kumble of India, when he began the first over on his home ground on Saturday. But a bat-pad catch was dropped off his first ball and then a confident

leg-before appeal against Travis

joining the famous spin twins, Jim

Friend was turned down by the umpire three balls later. That turned out to be his last over as seamer Chaminda Vaas ended the Zimbabwean innings with his sixth ball by dismissing last-man

Muralitharan's bowling figures would have been the best in Test history had close-in fielder Russel

offered by Friend. "Bat-pad catches are always

difficult and you can not blame the fielder," said Muralitharan, who returned the fifth-best figures after Laker (10-53), Kumble (10-74), England's George Lohmann (9-28) and Laker (9-37).

"Russel (Arnold), Mahela (Jayawardene) and Hashan (Tillakaratne) have helped me get a lot of wickets," said the seventhhighest wicket-taker in the world with 391 scalps in 71 Tests.



**MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN** 

"I am a little disappointed, but quite pleased with my performance," he said. "On another day, luck would have gone my way and I would have got the tenth wicket, but that is part of the game."

'The Kandy Man' did not agree that he should not have risked injury by going for a diving catch in the last over on Friday after taking the first nine wickets.

He dislocated a finger on the right hand, but still bowled the first over on Saturday in pursuit of his tenth wicket.

"Whenever catches come you have to take them," he said. "I did

not think about the tenth wicket

then. The guys are always catching when I am bowling so I have to do the same "I was in a little bit of pain in the morning, but there is no gain without pain. Hopefully, I will be able to bowl

in the second innings. Even if there is pain I have to bowl and help my team get wickets. "Hopefully, I can get another five wickets here and finish on 14, which

will give me a chance of going past 400 at Galle (venue for the third and final Test). Zimbahwean coach Geoff

Marsh, a former Australian opener, lauded the Sri Lankan's performance, saying his accuracy and huge turn make him a special spin-

"It was a great performance, particularly because he did it in the first innings. His length and accuracy were very good. He is still improving. While we

have been here, he has been work-

ing on some different balls, but it is the accuracy combined with the turn that make him so special," Marsh Muralitharan, however, rated his

9-65 performance against England at the Oval in 1998 as better than the "The nine-wicket performance against England was better than this

support and England were a stronger side than Zimbabwe. "However, at the Oval I got a bit more bounce. I got turn here, but I

one because here I had my home

would not call it dangerous." Muralitharan said he expected tougher challenges abroad, especially during Sri Lanka's tour of

England this summer. 'We have to try hard in England. If I can pick up four or five in a game on seaming tracks, I could get to 500

# Wait keeps him going

Cricket

Henry Olonga.

Stuart MacGill says his rare playing opportunities for Australia are the only thing prolonging his first-class cricket career. The 30-year-old New South

Wales leg-spinner claimed seven match wickets to steer Australia to a 3-0 series whitewash of South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, bowling in tandem with Shane Warne MacGill has taken 82 wickets in 17 Test appearances, stretched

over four years -- his previous appearance was a year ago against the West Indies in Sydney where he claimed 7-104 in the first innings. He revealed after Australia's 10wicket triumph that he would proba-

for the infrequent chances he gets to or his country. "If the opportunity to play for Australia wasn't there, my career would be pretty much shortened,"

bly quit cricket altogether if it wasn't

MacGill said. MacGill has been stuck in a cycle of playing a Test or two when Warne is injured -- and every now and then ioining Warne, as he did here this week in a dual legspin attack.

"You'd be really disappointed if the repeating moment was a bad moment "he said

"I'm quite happy for history to repeat if it means I'm getting seven

"And if I never play another Test match I'll know I took seven wickets

thought or a bad thought regarding my Test career because everything's gone pretty well and I've been pretty lucky.

my 17 Tests -- I may not even have a



STUART MacGILL

third of the wickets I've got." MacGill praised Warne for his tight control -- a factor which helped MacGill take wickets.

"If Shane Warne is bowling at his best at the other end you've got to be dying to get the ball into your hand. "Shane is so incredibly consis-

tent, which is what makes him the best ever in my opinion. "He works very tight lines and tight margins which play on the

batsman's mind "With Warney they're just looking

to survive." That, he said, helped him take wickets because batsmen would try to attack his more frequent loose

Playing two legspinners in the same team is unusual and Australia thought long about combining Warne and MacGill here. They hadn't bowled together for

almost three years and their previous five matches netted 31 wickets between them -- or roughly six per In this match, the two

legspinners took 13 wickets between them -- seven to MacGill and six for Warne. "For the first time we both bowled

to our potential in a match," MacGill Captain Steve Waugh said pair

complemented each other well and there was room for both in the team -- and not just at Sydney. They're both quality bowlers ..

but with spinners you've got to have

conditions to suit -- there's no point playing two spinners on a green, grassy wicket. "But most Tests wickets do turn from day three onwards, so there's

certainly a case to say they could both play in the future together." However, at this stage it's unlikely MacGill will get a place in the touring party to South Africa next month, meaning he'll have another long wait before his next Test.

had hampered his preparation.

He looked to be in superb form

for most of the first set, losing just

one point in his first four service

games, as he made a huge percent-

age of first serves to continue the

blistering form that carried him

through the earlier rounds in impres-

But trailing 5-4 on serve, Philippoussis tightened up and lost

direction with his ball toss, serving

three double faults for the game,

including two in a row to move from

deuce to game and first set

in the second set, playing a sharp

and aggressive opening game on

his serve before breaking

Philippoussis in the fourth game of

cost Philippoussis badly, setting up

of heart to save the set from 5-3

down, hitting two dipping backhand

returns to force Henman to volley

into the net twice in a row to win the

In the tense tiebreak.

Philippoussis gained the advantage

at 6-6 with a huge backhand pass

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But the Australian showed plenty

the set for a 3-1 lead.

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Henman piled on pressure early

sive style.

# Scud gunned down



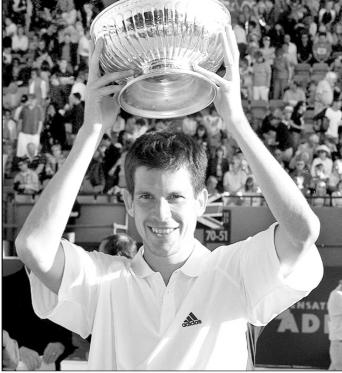
Australia's Mark Philippoussis 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 in a rain-delayed final at the Australian Hardcourt Championships here Sunday.

Philippoussis' awesome serve

double faults at crucial times costing him against Henman.

World No.9 Henman pocketed 87,500 dollars (46,000 US) for winning, breaking Philippoussis' serve in the final game after earlier failing in an attempt to serve out the match in the second set.

Rain delayed the start of the match for almost three hours, but when the weather eventually



down the line, a shot that served him well throughout the match. His serve finally came through for him on a crucial point as he took the set with an ace to level the

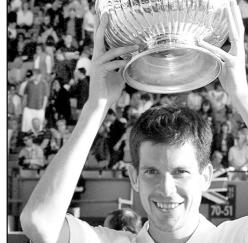
But at 1-1 in the deciding set, Philippoussis again double faulted at 30-40 to give Henman the crucial

break and this time there was no coming back, Henman finishing the match on his second match point on Philippoussis' serve in the eighth

#### cleared Philippoussis showed no proved a two-edged sword with immediate sign that the long wait

AFP, Adelaide

British top seed Tim Henman beat



Briton Tim Henman holds aloft the winner's trophy after beating Australian Mark Philippoussis at the Hardcourt Championship in Adelaide on Sunday.

wickets a Test match. in my last game. "I'm never going to have a sour

'Imagine if I'd been playing in the 80s and played on green-tops for