

Reiffel turns to umpiring

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's World Cup-winning seam bowler Paul Reiffel has made a comeback to the cricketing arena, this time as an umpire.

Reiffel started the 2001-02 domestic campaign as Victoria's captain in the inter-state competition, but retired in January in a shock mid-season announcement.

The 35-year-old registered under another name to umpire a Victoria club competition match in Melbourne on Saturday to avoid attracting attention.

Reiffel said he would draw on his playing experience in his new role as an umpire.

"I know all the tricks because I've tried them all," he was quoted as saying in the Sunday Herald Sun newspaper in Melbourne.

The laconic Reiffel played in 35 Tests, taking 104 wickets at 26.96 and scoring 955 runs at 26.52 with six half-centuries.

Lara toast of Trinidad

AP, Port-of-Spain

West Indies star batsman Brian Lara, recently sidelined with an injury, was named 2001 sportsman of the year in Trinidad and Tobago.

President Arthur Robinson presented Lara with the award Friday night at a hotel ballroom in the capital, Port-of-Spain.

The double world record holder walked away with the award ahead of challenges from the likes of pro golfer Stephen Ames, who plays on the PGA tour, sprinter Darryl Brown and swimmer George Bovell.

Lara shared the night's honours with table tennis player Rheann Chung, 16, who received the sports-woman of the year title. Chung, who now lives in France, was absent and her award was collected by her aunt, Yuklin Chung.

The awards are sponsored by the West Indian Tobacco Company Ltd.

Lara also won the award in 1993, '94 and '99. He won this time on the strength of his 688-run aggregate in the three Test series with Sri Lanka, averaging a stunning 114.66 runs per innings. In the process he became only the second batsmen to surpass 600-runs in a three-Test series.

ATC final Lankans off to Lahore

AP, Colombo

The Sri Lankan cricket team left for Pakistan on Sunday to play in the final Test in the Asian Test Championship, a spokesman for the Board of Control for Cricket said.

Shashi Dhanatunge, the board's director of administration, said the Test against Pakistan will take place in Lahore March 6-10.

The Board said it agreed to take part in the tournament after it was approved by the Asian Cricket Council.

The ACC decided to do away with the traditional round robin format and instead approved a straight final after India pulled out. India has refused to play cricket against Pakistan since 1999.

Sri Lanka and Pakistan scored massive victories over Bangladesh- the third participating nation league matches played last year.



PHOTO: STAR

Enamul Hossain Rajib of Biman makes a move against Ansars' Sheikh Nasir Ahmed in the fifth round of the Prof Abdur Razzak National Chess Championship at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Parore hopes for recall



INTERNET, Auckland

Adam Parore is to hold talks with New Zealand Cricket chief Martin Snedden next week, hoping to secure his selection for the Test series against England.

The 30-year-old wicketkeeper, veteran of 75 Tests, had decided to take a break from the domestic game after being dropped for the one-day series against the tourists.

But his abrupt about-turn when told that he could be ruled out of the three Tests that follow was not viewed sympathetically by provincial side Auckland, who dropped him for their next match.

"The purpose of this meeting is to assess myself whether Adam Parore is committed to playing Test cricket again," Snedden said.

"If he is committed, and I expect he will be, it will be in the hands of the selectors whether they pick him."

Parore will turn out for club side

Parnell in a bid to prove he is in shape for the first Test.

Chris Nevin replaced Parore in the ODI squad

"Hopefully I'll be able to show the selectors that I'm fit and ready to play," he said.

"I'm not sure how they feel about it but I think they've seen me enough to know that I'm capable and my standard of fitness has always been pretty high."

Chris Nevin replaced Parore for the recent one-day series and has long been favourite to succeed him.

However, Otago wicketkeeper Martin Croy took seven catches during a match against Auckland this week, a New Zealand first class record, and may come into contention.

Meanwhile Reuters adds: New Zealand left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori has been asked to sit out his Northern Districts side's next match in the State Championship to ensure his fitness for the forthcoming Test series against England.

Vettori was out of cricket last season after suffering a back injury in Zimbabwe, and complained of

soreness at the completion of last month's one-day series against England, which immediately followed the triangular series in Australia.

New Zealand Cricket medical adviser Warren Frost said: "He has had a huge workload from the tour of Australia, the triangular series there, and then the England one-day series and he deserves a rest."

"Daniel is important for the success of New Zealand in the Test series and this rest is important for the future well-being of his back."

Frost talked to all the players likely to be involved in the Test series after the last one-day match in Dunedin and suggested Vettori miss the Northern Districts game against Wellington.

All-rounder Chris Harris, who is unlikely to be in the Test side, was also asked to rest.

Vettori is a certainty for the Test side and his next game will probably be the first Test in Christchurch starting on March 13.

Nat'l Chess Zia keeps easy going

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master (GM) Ziaur Rahman of Biman maintained his solo lead in the Professor Abdur Razzak 28th National Chess Championship with an easy win over Titas Club's Saifuddin Lovlu in the fifth round at the NSC chess room on Sunday.

Playing with white pieces, Zia adopted Catalan opening and won the board after 37 moves to register fifth successive win.

International Master (IM) Abdullah Al-Rakib of Biman, Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars and Enamul Hossain Rajib are following Zia with four points.

On Sunday, Rakib beat his teammate IM Reefat Bin Sattar. Rakib played with white in Queen's Gambit and won the board after 40 moves.

Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars beat GM Niaz Mursheed of Titas while Rajib of Biman drew with Sk Nasir Ahmed of Ansars.

In the other boards, Ruhul Kabir Shipul of Titas beat Sawkat Hossain Pollab of Ansar while Taibur Rahman Sumon of BPATC drew with Syed Ejaz Husain of Dhaka University. Points: 5-Zia, 4-Rakib, Razib and Shakil, 2.5-Reefat, 2-Lavlu, Nasir, 1.5-Niaz, Ejaz, Shipul 1-Sumon, 0.5-Pollab.

The sixth round begins at the same venue today at 3 pm.

Today's matches: Ejaz v Shipul, Nasir v Pollab, Niaz v Rajib, Reefat v Shakil, Lavlu v Rakib and Sumon v Zia.

Caddick claws Eng back

AFP, Queenstown

England's walkover of struggling Otago has not materialised in Queenstown, but with Andy Caddick showing a glimpse of form all has not been lost.

After being dismissed for just 153, with Craig Pryor taking 5-45, England needed their new-ball bowlers to strike early on day two, but it took a while for Caddick to find his groove as Otago made light of their position at the bottom of the State Championship.

Caddick had difficulty finding his line but was far more effective than his opening bowling partner, Jimmy Ormond, who endured a difficult day conceding 47 from 15 wicketless overs.

It was down to Caddick to give his side a chance of arresting Otago's progress and he responded with 4-42 as Otago ended the day 150 for six.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Hercules Sporting Club defeated Udayan Sporting Club by 147 runs in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Sunday.

Winning the toss, Hercules batted first and scored 249 runs for nine wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, Udayan were all out for 102 runs in 21.2 overs.

Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Agrani Shilpi Sangha defeated Mohsin Smriti Sangha 1-0 in the AR Cement First Division Football League at the local stadium on Sunday.

Abul netted the match-winner.

Sylhet scramble home

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Nafis c Shahin b Ashfaq 11
Sabbir lbw b Anis 140
Azam c Shahin b Imran 14
Minhazul ckamal b Moin 4
Aftab c Shahin b Moin 0
Enamul not out 34
Mortuza not out 3
Extras: (lb-8, nb-11, w-4) 23
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs) 269

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-136, 3-181, 4-208, 5-208, 6-262.

Bowler O M R W
Anis 10 0 41 1
Ashfaq 10 0 45 1
Kamal 7 0 41 0
Liton 6 0 39 0
Moin 10 0 49 3
Imran 7 0 46 1

BARISAL

Ashfaq c Debabrata c Suja 20
Shafayet c & b Aftab 1
Nayan c Mortuza b Sabbir 61
Shahin run out 15
Imran c Mortuza b Sabbir 3
Ilyas c & b Enamul 5
Kamal c Debabrata b Enamul 10
Anis c Debabrata b Sabbir 1
Moin not out 2
Liton run out 0
Sanwar retired out 0
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, nb-2, w-6) 14
Total: (All out in 36.1 overs) 132

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-58, 3-105, 4-111, 5-114, 6-126, 7-130, 8-132, 9-132.

Bowler O M R W
Debabrata 4 0 22 0
Aftab 4 0 23 1
Suja 7 0 25 1
Shafiuddin 3 0 16 0
Minhazul 1 0 8 0
Enamul 10 0 22 2
Sabbir 7.1 1 10 3

Result: Chittagong won by 137 runs.

Khulna v Dhaka
Venue: Jessore

KHULNA
Niaz c & b K Mahmud 49
Sajjad c Neeyamur b Bikash 0
Jamil c Jahangir b Neeyamur 1
Shahriar c Bikash b Arafat 50
Monirul c K Mahmud b Rashedul 4
Hasanuzzaman c Rashedul b K Mahmud 31
Biplob c Rashedul b K Mahmud 18
Razzak c Arafat b K Mahmud 30
Raju not out 11
Masud run out 1
Russel not out 3
Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-3, w-22) 33
Total: (For 9 wickets in 47 overs) 228
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-23, 3-67, 4-95, 5-143, 6-169, 7-178, 8-225, 9-227

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cavalry weapon
6 Panisian ruffian
12 See 42-
13 Realm
14 Pleasure trip
15 Brawny guy
16 "Consume it all!"
17 Wile E.'s supplier
19 "Sweet as apple cider" gal
20 Catherine — Jones
22 "Mayday!"
24 Not hers
27 Fishing gear
29 Prince Charles' hobby
32 Legal eagle
35 Thy
36 Part of a foot
37 Pinkerton Agency logo
38 Standard 40 Throw

DOWN
1 Acidic
Solution time: 27 mins.

18 Rhythmic flow
19 Lingerie item
20 Sicilian province
21 Prove fallible
23 Make up your mind
24 Equine entree
25 Simpson judge
26 Less sensible
28 Button-wood
30 Set down
31 Have debits
33 — pro nobis
34 Oohs' mates
39 Honey badger
41 Polster's finding
42 Immense
43 Tournament format
45 Not his member
48 "— Three Ships"
49 First st.
51 Nitrogenous
53 Stimpy's pal

STB RAND SPITIN
PST ALLEE TORO
AERO FLOT ADIAM
SEDATE RAG
KEY OCELOT
JOKER WIT EIG
AGONY OF A KIS
ZENITH HARKES
ZEALOT CAN
APT ONIONS
WARM LANCELOT
ATOP ERGO GOA
NEWS REAR ANY

Bowler O M R W
Bikash 5 1 27 1
Neeyamur 5 0 37 1
Arafat 7 1 36 2
Ashrafal 8 1 24 0
Rashedul 4 0 22 1
Fahim 9 1 29 0
K Mahmud 9 0 43 3

DHAKA
Rashedul b Russel 0
Pappu c sub b Russe 18
Ashrafal c sub b Masud 5
Jahangir c Raju b Razzak 11
Shipon c Raju b Hasanuzzaman 22
Halim lbw b Razzak 3
Fahim c Sajjad b Razzak 0
Neeyamur not out 46
K Mahmud c Sajjad b Hasanuzzaman 12
Bikash c Raju b Razzak 4
Arafat lbw b Razzak 0

Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-3, w-15) 24
Total: (All out in 29.5 overs) 135
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-7, 3-29, 4-31, 5-38, 6-45, 7-91, 8-107, 9-119

Bowler O M R W
Russel 8 0 30 2
Masud 2 0 13 1
Razzak 8.5 0 26 5
Sajjad 4 0 20 0
Jamil 4 0 16 0
Hasanuzzaman 3 0 24 2

Result: Khulna won by 93 runs.

Spin-filled day

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Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-31, 3-31, 4-69, 5-95, 6-113, 7-114, 8-129, 9-142.

Bowler O M R W
Srinath 4 0 12 0
Zaheer 3 0 12 0
Harbhajan 31 5 62 6
Kumble 29.3 8 58 4

INDIA: Second innings

S. Das not out 10
Dasgupta run out 1
Ganguly lbw b G. Flower 20
Kumble c Gripper b G. Flower 0
Tendulkar not out 0
Extras: (nb-5) 36
Total: (For three wickets in 17 overs) 5

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-36, 3-36.

Bowler O M R W
Streak 5 1 12 0
Friend 3 0 17 0
Price 6 3 7 0
G. Flower 3 3 0 2

Toss: Zimbabwe.
Umpires: Avi Jayaprakash (Ind) and Asoka de Silva (Sri).
Match referee: John Reid (NZ).

Aussies sail past SA A

AFP, Port Elizabeth

The Australian cricket team continued their juggernaut progress when they beat South Africa A by an innings and 41 runs with a day to spare at St George's Park here Sunday.

Shane Watson hammered a century off 97 balls in his first match in Australian colours as the Australians took a 273-run first innings lead before declaring on the third morning of the scheduled four-day match.

South Africa A lost their top five batsmen between lunch and tea before being bowled out for 232. A hard-hitting seventh wicket stand of 87 in 75 minutes between Justin Kemp (56) and Goolam Bodi (45) was the only highlight for the South Africans.

Australian captain Steve Waugh declared as soon as Watson became the third century-maker in an innings of 574 for nine declared. Justin Langer (161) and Mark Waugh (110) made hundreds Saturday.

Watson faced only 67 balls Sunday in taking his overnight score of 20 to 100 not out. The blond Tasmanian hit 14 fours and three sixes, reaching his second first-class century with a pulled six off left-arm spinner Goolam Bodi.

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Pandit Para AC defeated Shapla Krira Chakra by four wickets in the Premier Division Cricket League at the Circuit House ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat first, Shapla scored 153 runs all out in 39.1 overs.

In reply, Pandit Para made 156 losing six wickets in 38.3 overs.

BRIEF SOCRS
SHAPLA KRIRA CHAKRA: 153/10 (Selim 36, Habibul Bashar 30, Tinku 22; Al-Amin 3/10; Soheli 2/19 and Babul 1/23)

PANDIT PARA AC: 156/6 (Riyad 48, Babul 63, Rangan 22; Rashid 2/27, Prince 2/28, Saiful 1/13, Afroz 1/27).



REUTERS, Melbourne

Western Australia beat Victoria by 37 runs on Sunday to become only the third side in the history of Australia's inter-state championship, from 1892-93 onwards, to win after being forced to follow on.

Victoria, who had declared at 450 for six, dismissed Western Australia for 175 before the visiting side resumed on Sunday for the fourth and final day's play on 27/8 for six.

Marcus North, 127 not out overnight, smashed an unbeaten 200 from 378 balls with 18 fours and three sixes to lift the visiting side to 410.

Former Victoria fast bowler Brad Williams then took four for 34 as Victoria crashed to 98 all out in 34 overs as they chased 136 to win.

"The feeling in the (dressing)

room before we went out, was a lot of belief we could win it, particularly if we could get early wickets," Western Australia captain Simon Katich told reporters.

Victoria lost opener Matthew Mott off the second ball of the innings and fellow opener and captain Matthew Elliott top-scored with 23.

"In the end, 130 on that wicket should have been a relatively easy task," Elliott said.

Katich added: "It was a weird game of cricket."

In Sydney, New South Wales wicketkeeper Brad Haddin smashed 102 from 155 balls with 14 boundaries, his maiden first-class century, in the home side's 398 for eight in reply to Queensland's 528 for four declared.

Corey Richards (74) and Matthew Phelps (84) put on 166 for the first wicket after New South Wales had resumed on 95 without loss at the start of day three.

New South Wales lost five wickets for 22 before Haddin and Michael Clarke (76) added 175 for the sixth wicket.

Right-arm off-spinner Nathan Hauritz took four for 100.

New South Wales still trail competition leaders Queensland by 130 runs on first innings with one day's play remaining.

In Adelaide, Tasmania were hoping to take another eight wickets and claim outright victory over South Australia with one day's play remaining in their four-day match.

South Australia (200 and 66 for two) were still 208 runs short of making Tasmania (474 for eight declared) bat again.

Tasmania captain Jamie Cox, resuming on 144 with his side 291 for three, hit 174 from 399 balls with 17 fours.

Cox, who batted for more than eight hours, was one of five Tasmania batsmen to reach 50 in the innings.

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1:30	Cook it Up
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2:30	Kutumb
3:00	Chamatkaar
3:30	Dhadkan
4:00	Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zarurat Hai
4:30	Chot si Asha
5:00	Spash
5:30	Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar Gaya Jee
6:00	C.A.T.S
6:30	Just Mohabbat
7:00	Disney Hour
7:30	Disney Hour
8:00	Chartbusters
8:30	Music Mantra
9:00	Family No. 1
9:30	Dhadkan
10:00	Kkusum
10:30	Kutumb
11:00	Aahat Specials
11:30	Aahat Specials
12:00	Bhanwar
12:30	Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya

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