

Tea gets on ICC's nerve

AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket board is in a dilemma whether to honour a 3.3 million dollars logo contract with a local tea company or abide by the International Cricket Council's strict dress code for two upcoming tournaments and lose money.

"A problem has cropped up indeed," Niresli Eliatamby, the spokesman of the Board of Control for Cricket, said on Monday.

The ICC issued an order January 7, saying the Sri Lankan team will not be permitted to wear the logo of the local tea company, Dilmah Tea, in two major tournaments: The Champions Trophy in September and the World Cup in March 2003.

Dilmah Tea signed the 3.3 million dollars sponsorship deal with the cricket board in 2000.

The Sri Lankan board has written to the ICC to review the order, Eliatamby said. ICC, the world cricket's governing body, is expected to discuss and take a decision on the issue at its March 15-16 meeting, he said.

The ICC says independent contracts will conflict with the exclusive contract that international beverage company, PepsiCo Inc has signed for the Champions' Trophy and the World Cup.

"The ICC has informed us that logos of certain drinks will not be allowed at the two tournaments under its contact with Pepsi," Eliatamby said.

The venue for the Champions' Trophy, in which all cricket playing nations plus Kenya and Holland will take part, is yet to be decided. The World Cup will be played in South Africa.

Sourav's foreign agenda



REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly was delighted with his side's four-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the second Test, but said the real test would come on the tour of West Indies starting early next month.

"It is important for us to win overseas and the West Indies tour is coming up which will be very crucial," Ganguly said after India swept their two-Test series against Zimbabwe.

Almost unbeatable on turning tracks at home, India have not won a Test series outside the sub-continent since the 1985-86 England tour.

India play five Tests and as many one-dayers in West Indies. The hosts suffered late hiccups before overhauling a modest 122-run fourth innings target by reaching 126 for six on a fifth day pitch, but Ganguly said his team did not panic.

"It looked like a crisis, but it wasn't. We got two rough decisions and we were a batsman short," he said.

He was referring to the dismissals of Anil Kumble, given out caught in the close cordon overnight, and

opener Shiv Sundar Das.

Slow motion television replays suggested the ball had gone off Kumble's pads. Das fell lbw to paceman Heath Streak on the fifth morning to a ball which seemed to



SOURAV GANGULY

be going down the legside. "It is always difficult to bat on a fifth day pitch and the ball was turning and bouncing," Ganguly said.

It was Ganguly's ninth Test victory as captain in 18 Tests, lifting him alongside Sunil Gavaskar and Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi as the second most successful Indian skipper behind Mohammad

Azharuddin's 14 wins.

Indian coach John Wright said chasing a target was never going to be easy on the turning track and said India's 25-run first innings lead proved crucial in the end.

"It is good we managed to win despite losing the toss," he added. Leg-spinner Anil Kumble, named man of the series with 16 wickets, was pleased after another encouraging performance at his favourite Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

Three years ago, Kumble created Test history by claiming all 10 second innings wickets in the second Test against Pakistan to set up a series-levelling victory, emulating England spinner Jim Laker.

Kumble had a match haul of 7-146 in the Zimbabwe game, his first Test in New Delhi on his return after a long layoff because of a shoulder injury.

"There are some grounds where you feel good to enter and Kotla is one of them," he said.

Kumble refused to criticise wicketkeeper Deep Dasgupta, who has dropped many catches standing up to both the leg-spinner and off-break bowler Harbhajan Singh.

"Deep is working hard. It's a team game and you miss chances. It is not easy to keep wickets on such wickets," he said.

Daryll included for second Test

REUTERS, Cape Town

South Africa recalled batsman Daryll Cullinan to the side on Monday as the selectors made sweeping changes for the second Test against Australia in Cape Town later this week.

Unorthodox left-arm spinner Paul Adams is also recalled and fast bowler Dewald Pretorius has been handed a first Test cap.

Shaun Pollock returns to captain the side after missing the first test with a side strain.

Cullinan, who turned 35 on Monday, was widely believed to have played his last Test against the West Indies in Jamaica last year.

But he returns to the side after a half-century against the Australians for South Africa A in Port Elizabeth last week.

The stylish right-hander has played 70 tests for South Africa, scoring 4554 runs at an average of 44.21, including 14 centuries.

The recall for Adams comes as something of a surprise as the spinner has been a consistent but unspectacular performer in domestic competition this year, taking 20 wickets in five first-class matches. Like Cullinan, his last Test was against the West Indies in Jamaica.

Pretorius took five for 148 in the only Australian innings in Port Elizabeth, and at 24 is considered one of the fastest young bowlers in the country.

The players dropped from the first Test in Johannesburg are fast bowler Andre Nel, all-rounder Nicky Boje and batsman Boeta Dippenaar while Allan Donald has since retired from Test cricket.

Squad Shaun Pollock (captain), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Ashwell Prince, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Paul Adams, Makhaya Ntini, Dewald Pretorius, Andrew Hall.

No room for Mark

FROM PAGE 13

Mark Waugh, 36, is the fourth-highest scorer in one-day internationals with 8,500 runs at 39.35 in 244 matches including 18 centuries. The Waugh, Justin Langer and Stuart MacGill are the members of the current touring party who will return to Australia at the end of the three-Test series.

ONE-DAY SQUAD Ricky Ponting (capt), Adam Gilchrist (vice-capt), Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Darren Lehmann, Michael Bevan, Shane Watson, Damien Martyn, Jimmy Maher, Ian Harvey, Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Andy Bichel, Glenn McGrath, Nathan Hauritz.

cricket bookmakers, Mark responded with an Australian record of 173 in the second one-day final against West Indies at Melbourne Cricket Ground in February last year. A member of Australia's 1999 World Cup-winning side, Mark's opening partnerships with wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist have been central to the team's dominance in one-day cricket in recent years, while his in-fielding and slip catching have delighted fans around the world.

Mark's total of 168 test catches is a world record and he has taken a further 108 in one-day internationals. Sometimes criticised for losing his wicket with an apparently casual shot selection, Waugh refutes the suggestion he does not make the most of his gifts.

He has scored 20 Test centuries and 18 hundreds in one-day internationals, including three in the 1996 World Cup. In the recent tri-series against South Africa and New Zealand in Australia, Waugh made just 126 runs at an average of 21.00 as pressure grew on the selectors to opt for younger players as they planned for the 2003 World Cup.

Mark publicly admitted in 1998 that he and Shane Warne had accepted money from a bookmaker called "John" for pitch and weather information in Sri Lanka in 1994.

The two players had been fined by the Australian Cricket Board in 1995 but kept quiet until the matter was exposed in 1998.

Troubled by form lapses, media pressure and further investigations into his alleged links with illegal

Otago thwart England

REUTERS, Queenstown

Otago have hung on for a draw on the third and final day of the tour match against England.

The home team's victory target of 261 in 45 overs was never a realistic one and they suffered a top-order collapse to slide to 34 for four. England paceman Andy Caddick did the damage, taking three for 43 to add to his first innings haul of four for 42, but Otago eventually finished on 124 for six with Craig Cumming 57 not out.

Earlier, Otago declared at their overnight 150 for six, three runs short of England's first innings 153. England made a rocky start to their second innings, slumping to seven for two after losing Mark Butcher and Graham Thorpe for ducks.

But Marcus Trescothick (68) and Mark Ramprakash (42) saved the day for the tourists by sharing a stand of 99 for the third wicket, with both spending precious time in the middle after failing in the first innings.

Andy Flintoff and Craig White also made ducks but Usman Afzaal contributed 30 and tail-enders Richard Dawson and James Ormond weighed in with handy scores of 35 not out and 38 respectively as England were bowled out for 257.

Dawson, who also made an unbeaten 24 in the first innings, put on 62 for the ninth wicket with the hard-hitting Ormond, and also shared a partnership of 33 for the last wicket with Caddick (16).

Kerry Walmsley, who played two tests for New Zealand in 1995, finished with five for 51 for Otago and David Sewell, who has one test appearance to his credit, took three for 78.

Tasmania move up

AFP, Adelaide

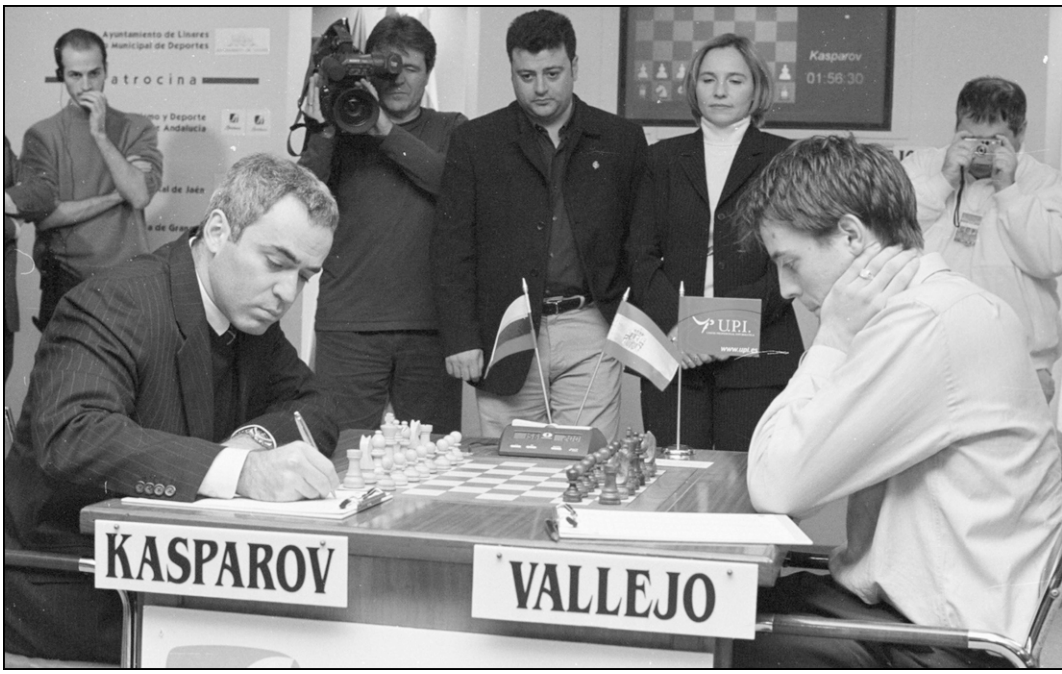
Left-arm spinner Shannon Tubb was an unlikely last-day hero as Tasmania clinched an innings victory over South Australia here Monday to lift them to second on the Sheffield Shield standings with a round to play.

Tubb snared three crucial second-innings wickets and help dismiss South Australia for 242 as Tasmania won by an innings and 32 runs.

Veteran paceman David Saker claimed 5-53 as Tasmania dominated for the fourth straight day to gain victory, which put them level on points with Western Australia.

Only an innings of 138 from SA opening batsman Ben Johnson, lasting 418 minutes, forced the Tasmanians to stay in the field until an hour before the scheduled close.

Tasmania will play New South Wales in Hobart in the last round and an outright win will guarantee them a final berth for the first time since 1997/98, when they lost to WA.



Russian Grand Master Garry Kasparov makes some notes while his Spanish opponent Francisco Vallejo ponders before their eighth round game of the Linares International Tournament in the Spanish town of Linares on March 3.

Brave Santoro

AFP, Dubai

Frenchman Fabrice Santoro, who had spent most of the day in a wheelchair in hospital suffering from acute dehydration, became one of the Tour's most courageous champions when he struggled his way to the Dubai Open title here on Sunday.

Santoro decided only half an hour before the final that he would play, and with dramatically reduced mobility, which forced him to adapt his style drastically, he somehow conjured up a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over the Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui.

The Davis Cup star had been taken ill with a very high temperature after his semifinal win against Jiri Novak which had finished after midnight on Saturday and he was unable to keep down food or fluids.

He was unable to walk and eventually had to have fluids injected into him, and when he left the hospital two hours before the start of the final he had decided not to play.

"It was only half an hour before the start that I decided to try," he said.

"I had a shower and felt better and told myself that if I felt bad I would stop after ten minutes.

"I would probably have stopped had I lost the first set, and I never really thought I could win. But a human being has amazing powers.

Sometimes you feel like you are going to die and you still have resources."

Santoro could not run much but he was still able to think.

He came in behind his serve whenever he could in order to shorten the rallies, angled the ball as much as he could to try to draw his opponent in, and was helped by bursts of adrenaline as the possibility of victory emerged in the final set.

He got a crucial break of serve in the seventh game of the match and was able to cling to it despite a final game in the first set which had fully eight deuces.

India seal

FROM PAGE 13

Zimbabwe at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground on Monday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 329 (D Ebrahim 94, A Flower 92, T Friend 43; A Kumble 3-88)

INDIA: First innings 354 (S Ganguly 136, V Sehwag 74; H Streak 4-92, R Price 3-108)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings 146 (G Flower 49, S Carlisle 37; H Singh 6-62, A Kumble 4-58)

INDIA: Second innings (over-

night 36-3)

S Das lbw b Streak 31

Dasgupta run out 1

Ganguly lbw b G Flower 20

Kumble c Gripper b G Flower 0

Tendulkar lbw b Price 42

David c A Flower b Price 6

Bangar not out 3

H. Singh not out 14

Extras: (lb-4, nb-5) 9

Total: (For six wkts in 45.5 overs) 126

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-36, 3-36, 4-93, 5-103, 6-105.

Bowler O M R W

Streak 16.5 4 53 1

Friend 3 0 17 0

Price 19 9 24 2

G. Flower 6 3 22 2

Gripper 1 0 6 0

Result: India win by four wickets and take series 2-0.

Man of the match: Harbhajan Singh

Toss: Zimbabwe

Umpires: Avi Jayaprakash (Ind) and Asoka de Silva (Sri)

Match referee: John Reid (NZ)

FACTBOX

Factbox on batsman Mark Waugh:

Born: 2.6.65, Sydney

Right-hand batsman, occasional off-break bowler.

Teams: New South Wales, Australia.

Tests: 123, 7,833 runs, avg 42.57, 20 centuries, 46 half-centuries.

Highest score: 153 not out, 57 wickets, avg 40.00. Best bowling 5-40. Catches: 168 (world record).

One-dayers: 244, 8,500 runs, avg 39.35, 18 centuries, 50 half-centuries. 85 wickets, avg 34.56. Best bowling 5-24. Catches: 108.

The twin brother of Australian test skipper and 1999 World Cup-winning captain Steve, Mark's achievements include the title of the fourth highest run-scorer in one-day internationals in a career which began in 1988-89.

Troubled by form lapses, media pressure and further investigations into his alleged links with illegal

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across, Down, and Cryptic sections.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a key for deciphering the message.

CRYPTOQUIP

Y X D M K X D T D I T D L I M (

F D R R D T K R B G U M V I T A I M F

G A H R X A H B F M ' K B D I

K X D L V A K A Y I U R K

Saturday's Cryptoquip: CATS MAKE SUVE PETS. THEY'RE VERY CLEAN AND WILL EPEI DO LIGHT MOUSEWORK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

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.

TV GUIDE

TV Guide section for BTV channel, listing programs from 3:10 to 12:30.

TV Guide section for CHANNEl-i channel, listing programs from 6:50am to 11:00pm.

TV Guide section for ATN Bangla News, listing programs from 6:00 to 7:00am.

TV Guide section for TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS, featuring Star World and Ekushey TV programs.

TV Guide section for PICK OF THE DAY, featuring the movie 'An Officer and A Gentleman'.

TV Guide section for STAR WORLD, listing programs from 6:00am to 12:00pm.

TV Guide section for STAR PLUS, listing programs from 6:00am to 12:00pm.

TV Guide section for HALL MARK, listing programs from 6:00am to 12:00pm.