

Media moan Mark's exit

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia newspapers have said goodbye to Mark Waugh...

"As sad as it is to see a champion like Mark Waugh pensioned off...

Waugh, 36, was not included in the 15-man squad named on Monday...

The Australian newspaper said the selectors felt they had to discard Mark.

"In truth, they had no option after abandoning his brother Steve, whose importance to the team has always been so much greater..."

The Age newspaper said sooner or later, all good things come to an end.

"For 16 years, the Waughes have played a big part in this country's cricketing achievements..."

ATC final today

FROM PAGE 13 grassed pitch here but the Sri Lanka captain was not worried.

"The pitch has grass and seems to have bounce and our batting has been supplementing the bowling so it doesn't matter where we play..."

Home team captain Waqar Younis will face his first real challenge after winning the last six Tests in a row...

The hosts are weakened by the absence of experienced paceman Wasim Akram and opener Saad Anwar -- both recovering from injuries.

TEAMS PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis (captain), Inzamam-ul-Haq (vice captain), Taufiq Umar, Shahid Afridi, Younis Khan, Yusuf Youhana, Rashid Latif, Abdul Razzaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Mohammad Zahid, Shoaib Malik, Saqlain Mushtaq and Faisal Iqbal

SRI LANKA: Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Russel Arnold, Hashan Tillekeratne, Thilan Samaraweera, Chaminda Vaas, Buddhika Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan, Nuwan Zoysa, Upul Chandana, Tillekeratne Dilshan and Dullip Liyanage

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Athar Zaidi (Pakistan)

TV umpire: Salim Badar (Pakistan)

Match referee: Justice Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbabwe)

Jamaica lift Busta Cup



AP, St Elizabeth

Jamaica beat Trinidad and Tobago by seven wickets on the fourth and final day of play Monday to win the Busta Cup.

The scores were Trinidad and Tobago 132 and 282; Jamaica 298 and 120 for three at the match played at the Alpart Sports Club.

Chasing 117 for victory, Jamaica got the required runs 10 minutes after lunch and scored 120 for the loss of three wickets, with Christopher Gayle scoring 62 and Wavell Hinds making 41.

Jamaica, which started the match as leaders on 51 points, needed an outright win against Trinidad and Tobago to top the eight-team tournament.

It completed their fifth straight win when Keith Hibbert stroked medium-pace Dwayne Bravo to the third-man boundary.

The Jamaica are now on 63 points with one match remaining against Bangladesh A, Trinidad and Tobago is fourth with 33 points.

The Leeward Islands, who are second on 45 points, have no chance of surpassing the leaders even if Jamaica lose their final match.

The Leeward Islands drew their match with Barbados at The Valley after the Bajans batted all day on the fourth day to avoid a third defeat.

Scores in that match were Barbados 373 and 321 for nine; Leeward Islands 502.

Barbados, the outgoing champions, are sixth on 27 points. Guyana are third with 39 points after their match against West Indies B ended in a draw.

The Guyanese, who followed-on after making 216 in their first innings in reply to West Indies B team's 415, were 190 for the loss of three wickets at the close of the match at Bourda.

Lennox Cush got an unbeaten 100.

West Indies B, who have yet to win a match, are eighth with 18 points.

At the Alpart ground, Trinidad and Tobago resumed at 281 for eight. They added one more run before being bowled out, with fast-bowler Jermaine Lawson claiming the wickets of Mukesh Persad for 25 and Black for nine.

Lawson ended with figures of four for 28 off 16 overs.

In their victory charge, the home team lost the wickets of Leon Garrick and Wavell Hinds before lunch. Both were dismissed by fast-bowler Marlon Black, who returned to have Hinds caught after the later had hit him out of the attack.

Hinds hit three fours and three sixes in his 61-minute innings and faced just 45 deliveries.

Jamaica were 93 for the loss of two wickets at lunch, with Gayle unbeaten on 46 and Hibbert on three.

Gayle was trapped leg before wicket to medium-pace Lendl Simmons with one run needed for 'victory'.

He hit four fours and three sixes and batted for 99 minutes.

Jamaica all rounder Gareth Breesee, who scored 83 and captured four wickets, was chosen man-of-the-match for the fourth successive time.

STANDINGS table with columns: Team, P, W, L, D, Pts. Lists Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Windward Islands, Barbados, Bangladesh A, West Indies B.

FINAL GROUP MATCHES: March 8 to 11. Bangladesh v Jamaica, Barbados v West Indies B, Guyana v Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago v Windward Islands. SEMIFINALS: March 15 to 18. FINAL: March 22 to 25.

BD Games kabadi starts March 12

UNB, Dhaka

The kabadi competition of the upcoming seventh Bangladesh Games will take part from March 12 at the kabadi court adjacent to Outer Stadium.

Sixteen teams splitting into four groups will take part in the league-basis competition.

Group A: BDR, Joypurhat, Khulna and Pirojpur districts.

Group B: Bangladesh Police, Bogra, Jessore and Dhaka districts.

Group C: Bangladesh Fire Service, Rajshahi, Satkhira and Syhet districts.

Group D: Bangladesh Army, Dinajpur, Brahmanbaria and Tangail districts.

NZC refixes Pak tour

AFP, Lahore

New Zealand have agreed to reschedule last year's cancelled tour of Pakistan to April-May after receiving assurances on players' security, the Pakistan Cricket Board said Tuesday.

"We are thankful to New Zealand Cricket for rescheduling the tour. We had assured them of all security and we maintain that," PCB director Brigadier Munawar Rana told AFP.

New Zealand will play two Tests and three limited overs one-day internationals from April 21-May 12.

New Zealand will arrive in Pakistan on April 18 shortly after participating in a tri-series one-day tournament with Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Sharjah.

ITINERARY April 21 - First one-day international - Karachi

April 24 - Second one-day international - Rawalpindi

April 27 - Third one-day international - Lahore

May 1-5 - First Test - Lahore

May 8-12 - Second Test - Karachi

Fleming scare for Black Caps

REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand skipper Fleming has had an injury scare, just a week before the start of the first Test against a touring England side in Christchurch on March 13.

The incident happened while Fleming was facing new one-day international player Ian Butler in a State Championship match between the Kiwi captain's Wellington and Northern Districts.

Sun shines on BD A

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adding a vital 56 runs for the fifth-wicket to take the Windwards total past the 200-mark, departed for 11 just before tea was taken on 212 for five.

On resumption, the Windwards lost three wickets, including the vital one of Murray, in the space of 10 runs.

Murray's face-saving innings which took his tally to 537 runs, ended when he succumbed to a delivery from Mosaddek that spun and bounced and lured him into snicking a catch to wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain.

He had survived a confident appeal for a caught behind of the same bowler on 99, but umpire Goatland Greaves answered in the negative.

Deighton Butler fell in the next over for one and captain Rawl Lewis, after lofting paceman Anwar Hossain for a six over long-on, was trapped leg before wicket with a googly from Mosaddek.

Thomas, Jackson and Peters then tried against the odds to carry the Windwards home with gutsy rearguard batting, but it was all in vain.

Anwar (2-67) and Naimur (2-93) supported Mosaddek while middle-order batsman Tushar Imran earned the man-of-the-match award for his knocks of 46 and 79 in Bangladesh's innings.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth day of the sixth round Busta Cup Series

match between Bangladesh A and the Windwards at Amos Vale on Monday:

BANGLADESH A: First innings 163 all out in 76.1 overs. WINDWARDS: First innings 151 all out in 70.1 overs.

BANGLADESH A: Second innings 288 all out in 104.1 overs. WINDWARDS: Second innings (overnight 28 for one in 13 overs)

Smith lbw b TareqAziz 55 Casimir c Hannan b Mosaddek 13 Shillingford c sub (Alamgir) b Naimur 2

Eugene b Naimur 0 Murray c Anwar b Mosaddek 12 Telesford c Ehsanul b Anwar 11 Lewis lbw b Mosaddek 10

Butler c Mazarul b Anwar 1 Jackson lbw b Mosaddek 25 Thomas b Mosaddek 31 Peters not out 6

Extras: (lb-8, b-2, w-1, nb-2) 13 Total: (All out in 93.2 overs) 292 Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-35; 3-35; 4-152; 5-208; 6-218; 7-219; 8-228; 9-263.

Bowler O M R W TareqAziz 11 2 41 1 Anwar 22 5 67 2 Naimur 31 6 93 2 Mosaddek 29.2 5 81 5

Result: Bangladesh A won by 8 runs. Man-of-the-match: Tushar Imran. Points: Bangladesh A 12, Windward Islands 0. Toss: Windward Islands. Umpires: I Lord and CE Mack.

India, Pakistan

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the 51st minute when the umpire signalled a penalty stroke, which Jeremy Hiskins converted easily to make it 2-2.

Brent Livermore made it 3-2 in the 59th and Matthew Smith increased the margin four minutes later, before Prabjot Singh scored India's last goal in the 67th.

Reigning champions Holland outplayed South Africa 3-0 on to join Germany and Australia in the semifinals of field hockey's World Cup here.

Teun de Nooijer and Karel Klaver scored in the first half, while Piet Hein Geeris flicked the third goal midway through the second period to complete a comprehensive win for the Dutch.

Holland ended the league with 16 points, two behind Pool A leaders Germany, who knocked out Pakistan earlier on Tuesday.

Pakistan's manager Khalid Khokhar launched an extraordinary attack on the umpires after his team lost a crucial tie to Germany to bow out of field World Cup.

"They (the umpires) were against us and crossed all limits," a fuming Khokhar said after the 2-3 defeat that lifted Germany into the semi-finals.

An official protest lodged by Pakistan against the two umpires - Clive McMurray of South Africa and Jason McCracken of New Zealand - was, however, thrown out by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Cullinan causes a stir



AFP, Port Elizabeth

South Africa's preparations for Friday's second Test against Australia have been thrown into turmoil after batsman Daryll Cullinan withdrew following a pay row.

Cullinan, 35, walked out of the squad here Tuesday when his demand for a contract until next year was refused by Gerald Majola, chief executive of the United Cricket Board.

Western Province left-handed batsman Graeme Smith, 21, was picked to replace Cullinan in the match starting at Newlands Friday. It will be Smith's first international cap.

Selection convenor Rusudi Magiet said the batting order would probably be re-shuffled because Smith is an opening batsman, while Cullinan had been due to bat at number four.

Magiet said Cullinan had been a strong candidate to take over as captain if Shaun Pollock does not pass a fitness test on an injured side which kept him out of the first Test.

Vice-captain Mark Boucher led the side in Johannesburg when they were beaten by an innings and 360 runs, but Magiet said it was not certain that he would again stand in for Pollock, whose injury has not responded well to treatment.

But with Cullinan out, Boucher will again most probably be captain if Pollock withdraws.

Majola said he was disappointed at Cullinan's attitude.

"Daryll insisted that we give him nothing less than an A Category UCB contract until 2003 for him to play in this match instead of the Test match fee which is paid to non-contracted players. The UCB policy states that a player can be offered a contract in the middle of the season after he has played two Test matches or six one-day internationals in that season. Daryll does not fit those criteria.

"Daryll also demanded that he be given that contract until the 2003 Cricket World Cup. Our current player contracts expire at the end of April and we are not in a position to make an exception for Daryll."

Majola said he was disappointed that Cullinan had refused to play for his country under the same circumstances as other players who were called up to the national side.

"It is important for us to engender a spirit of national pride in our team and it is vital that players realise the honour playing for South Africa."

Cullinan was said to have flown back to Johannesburg after discussions with Majola and Magiet. "It's a very sad state of affairs when people don't want to play for their country," said Magiet.

REVISED TEAM: Shaun Pollock (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Graeme Smith, Jacques Kallis, Ashwell Prince, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Paul Adams, Makhaya Ntini, Dewald Pretorius, Andrew Hall (12th man).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes words like 'Time Warner merger', 'Dent recipient', 'Rhythm'.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Includes words like 'CHNUDYEMK CQCTDB', 'N LNSSMK MII TYCKD, C', 'VJCKFCV WMASB WNAED', 'JCVMLDVUCWFSDB'.

CRYPTOQUIP Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THERE ARE MANY DESSERTS LYING AROUND, YOU SHOULD'N'T LET THEM GO TO WAST. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals L

TV GUIDE

TV Guide listing for Wednesday, March 6, 2002. Includes sections for Today's Highlights (EKUSHEY, STAR GOLD, STAR WORLD, STAR PLUS), Pick of the Day (Black Rain), Channel [V], National Geographic, and various TV channels (BT, ATN Bangla, BBC World, etc.) with their respective programs and times.