

Final ODI today Dillon out of Windies side

West Indies pace bowler Mervyn Dillon has been ruled out of Sunday's decisive one-day international with New Zealand with a back injury.

Dillon sustained the injury in the match won by New Zealand in Trinidad on Wednesday, coach Roger Harper said on Friday.

"We are hoping that with a few days of rest and some intensive physiotherapy he'll be ready and raring to go for the Test match," Harper said.

Antigua medium fast bowler Adam Sanford was drafted into the squad as a replacement on Friday, although he is not assured of a place.

Left arm pace bowler Pedro Collins is also available after missing the Port-of-Spain defeat with a stomach upset. New Zealand won that match by nine runs, and now trail the series by 2-1.

They are not expected to make any team changes for the fifth and final match.

Styris given Test nod

REUTERS, Auckland

All-rounder Scott Styris has been added to New Zealand's squad for the two cricket Tests in the West Indies after the current one-day series has finished.

The New Zealand selectors initially named a 13-man squad for the Tests with the intention of naming a 14th on the back of form during the one-day series which the West Indies lead 2-1.

Styris scored 63 not out in the last one-day match, following up a knock of 85 not out earlier in the series.

Carlsen ousts Johansson

AFP, Halle

Australian Open winner and defending champion here Thomas Johansson was the biggest casualty in the quarterfinals of the 800,000 dollar Halle tournament on Friday when he was knocked out by experienced Dane Kenneth Carlsen.

Carlsen, ranked 126 in the world, won 7-6, 6-3 and now plays Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in Saturday's semifinals.

Kafelnikov, the top seed, booked his place in the last four with a 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 win over Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic.

The second semifinal will be between Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, the winner here in 1999, and Switzerland's Roger Federer, the second seed.

Kiefer, who put out America's Pete Sampras in the previous round, defeated his German compatriot Alexander Popp 7-5, 6-4 on Friday to reach his first semi-final of the season.



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Pakistan draw level

Cricket AFP, Melbourne

Younis Khan, with a match-winning 56 not out, led Pakistan to a two-wicket win over World Cup champions Australia here Saturday to level the one-day international series 1-1.

Pakistan made 168 for eight off 48.5 overs after bowling out Australia for 167.

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis, batting with a runner because of a leg injury, hit Glenn McGrath over third man for the winning run.

The result meant the three-match series was tied at one apiece ahead of the final game next Wednesday in Brisbane.

Australian captain Ricky Ponting made the mistake of bowling Brett Lee late in the innings, while No.1 strike bowler McGrath still had three overs left.

McGrath, who conceded only nine runs in his first seven overs, did not return until the 47th over and finished with 0-16 from 8.5 overs.

Lee returned 2-44 from his 10 overs.

Lee and Shoaib Akhtar, the two main drawcards for this series, claimed two wickets apiece after missing Game One.

TV umpire Simon Taufel made two controversial rulings in favour of Australia.

He gave Wasim Akram run out for 10 late in Pakistan's innings. Lee was in Akram's way as he tried to reach the non-striker's end and it was a close decision after a direct hit from Ponting at backward point.

Damien Martyn top-scored for Australia with 56, but was on seven when he mistimed a pull shot off Akram to Waqar Younis at mid-on. Waqar claimed a catch low to the ground and Taufel took about three minutes to rule in Martyn's favour.

The match attracted 16,981 fans, up on Wednesday night's 11,000 but still well short of what the Australian Cricket Board would have hoped.

Opener Saeed Anwar had a terrible return to international cricket, dismissed for a duck on the third ball of the innings. Saeed, who had not played for Pakistan since late last year because of a hand injury, had not faced a ball when he backed up too far and a direct hit from Shane Watson at mid-off ran him out.

Lee conceded five early wides, but suddenly became deadly and dismissed Imran Nazir and Azhar Mahmood in one over to leave Pakistan 21-3.

Younis stabilised the innings with his knock, which came off 76 balls and included four boundaries.

Andy Bichel followed on from his 3-30 in the first match to take 1-28 from 10 overs.

Akram inspired Pakistan by grabbing the first two Australian wickets off only three balls. Akram finished with 3-18 while all-rounder Shahid Afridi's leg-spin accounted for three for 28 to send the World Cup champions reeling.

Shoaib Akhtar, the world's fastest bowler, also chipped in with 2-30.

Akram had Adam Gilchrist, the man-of-the-match in Wednesday's seven-wicket win, caught behind by Rashid Latif off the first ball of the match. Two balls later Ponting was caught and bowled by Akram for another duck.

Opener Jimmy Maher was caught behind off Akram for 12 at 23 for three in the ninth over before Martyn and Darren Lehmann added 66 in 90 balls for the fourth wicket.

Lehmann was then caught behind off Azhar Mahmood for 31 in the 23rd over to leave Australia 89-4.

Australia lost their last five wickets for 29 as Afridi and Akhtar ripped through the lower order.

Both sides had made two changes apiece, with Brett Lee and Maher taking the places of Jason Gillespie and Matthew Hayden in the Australian line-up.

Lee's return set up a pace duel with Akhtar, who came back for

Mohammad Sami, but it never materialised.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Australia and Pakistan at the Colonial Stadium in Melbourne yesterday:

Table with columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Australia and Pakistan players like Gilchrist, Latif, Akram, Ponting, Nazir, Afridi, Mahmood, Bevan, Watson, Warner, Bichel, Lee, McGrath, Extras, Total, and Fall of Wickets.

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BCB's Level-1 coaching from June 20

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board will be holding its first Level-1 coaching course in the capital from June 20-23.

The course intended initially for school coaches, is the first in a series under its new development programme.

The Board has selected a total of 22 coaches from Dhaka Division for the programme.

It will be held at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex under the supervision Malcolm Perera of Sri Lanka.

Following are the names of the coaches: Zahirul Islam, Mahmudur Rahman, Golam Faruque, Anwar Hossain, Aminul Haque, Masud Parvez, Akter Alif Hossain, Dinesh Chandra Das, Rafiqul Islam, Noman Sherajul Haque, Abu Haider Ali, salauddin, Swapan Kumar Das, Syed Enamul Haque, Ratan Kumar Dhar, Subrata Sarkar, Sankar Chandra Das, Kamrul Hasan, Ibrahim Khalil, Anisul Islam, Mahbubun Nabi and Belayet Hossain Howlader.

Inter-club transfers Peaceful day at the BNS

SPORTS REPORTER

The second day of the inter-club booters' transfers passed off without much hype at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The only notable player who decided it was time to change clubs was national defender Faisal who joined Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society from Mohammedan Sporting Club.

His departure means in effect that the popular Mottijheel club has lost three key stars. On the opening day, national striker Alfaz Ahmed and defender Pappal Mahmud joined Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Apart from Faisal, it was the turn of the other lesser teams to get busy in the bourse.

Around 250 footballers have been transferred in the last two days. It will continue for another two days.

Bankrupt

FROM PAGE 13 standing defensive displays could not prevent his small French club Lorient being relegated to the Second Division.

"This has been the perfect antidote to a very stressful season," the 27-year-old said.

"It is a rather bizarre thought that I could be the captain lifting the trophy on June 30 and the next day contemplating playing Second Division football in France next season!"

Svensson and Crespo were both on the scoresheet in their 1-1 draw but it was the 800,000 pound man from Sweden who cried the tears of joy at the end while the 52.6 million dollar Argentine wept in agony.

"There is a huge difference in our market price and it will always be the case but once on the field that counts for nothing because we have two feet and a head and they are as lethal belonging to a free transfer player as to a multi-million dollar man," Svensson said.

So far too good

FROM PAGE 13 and Japan had restored Asian football's pride.

"The Saudi game was a setback, but this more than makes up for it. Korean and Japan have earned the respect of the football world," he said.

Japan and Korea's wins also followed a dismal campaign for Asian teams at the 1998 World Cup, where the four representatives managed only one win in 12 matches.

Now South Korea and Japan will be aiming to match North Korea's achievement at the World Cup in 1966, where they reached the quarter-finals. South Korea face Italy on Tuesday while Japan face Turkey.

Uneasy Germany

FROM PAGE 13 and either team could have won," said Conny Wieland, a 21-year-old nurse.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder even put his re-election campaign on hold to watch and weighed in with his own analysis.

"We started cautiously and didn't produce enough pressure," said Schroeder before delivering a campaign speech in Leipzig.

"Germany were clearly the better team during the final 20 minutes of the second half. The goal was set up beautifully."

"I feel the victory was deserved based on the way the team played throughout the whole match," added Schroeder, a former amateur striker who has been known to take off his suit jacket to take penalty kicks at photo opportunities.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed for the quarter-finals."

Germany play either Mexico or the United States in the last eight.

Schroeder, who faces an uphill battle to win re-election on September 22, is hoping Germany keep on winning since no incumbent German chancellor has lost an election in the same year that the national team has won a World Cup or European Championship.

Major celebrations were also reported in Frankfurt, the country's financial capital, and in Munich, where hundreds of people joined in a procession of honking cars parading through the centre of town.



Briton Tim Henman is all set to slice the ball against Hyung-Taik Lee of South Korea during their quarterfinal at Queen's Club in London on June 14.

Hs stay on course

Tennis AFP, London

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"I was expecting a tough match and that was what I got," said Hewitt. "Todd has a lot of experience. I had to move and return well. I served well in patches but not all the way through."

"He's a big threat on grass," said Hewitt, who Saturday faces either compatriot Wayne Arthurs or fifth-seeded Dutchman Sjeng Schalken.

"I had my work cut out for me. It all turned on a couple of points. Coming back after the rain delay is never easy."

Against Henman, Lee suddenly came alive on the grass, sweeping the first set. The experienced Briton rallied to take the second and reached 4-0 in the third.

But the Asian, whose tennis exploits this week won't likely make headlines in soccer-mad Seoul, got a break back in the fifth game.

Henman advanced with difficulty after Lee fought off three match points but volleyed a backhand into the net on the fourth.

"He out-played me for three-quarters of the first set," admitted Henman, twice a finalist here. "I had a good start, but had to get my game going again."

Further blow for PCB

Cricket REUTERS/AFP, undated

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) conceded Saturday that after a deadly car bomb blast in Karachi, the internal security situation would have to improve to convince Australia to proceed with a planned tour.

"Most of the signs relate to the general environment and we think improvement in the environment is a must to host Australia," senior PCB official Brigadier Munawwar Rana told AFP.

"We hope that the situation would get better but we have no control over it," Rana said, adding he was hopeful the tour could go ahead.

Despite Pakistan's optimism over the staging of a one-day series against Australia and New Zealand in September and October, followed by a Test series against Australia, a spate of terrorist attacks seems certain to force the matches to be played elsewhere.

New Zealand cut short its tour of Pakistan last month after a suicide bomb blast outside the team's hotel in Karachi left 14 people dead, including 11 Frenchmen.

Another deadly blast outside the US consulate on Friday that left 10 people dead and injured more than 50 could be the final death knell for the series.

Australian captain Steve Waugh and star bowlers Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath have already said they do not want to tour Pakistan.

Rana said he was in touch with Australian Cricket Board (ACB) officials and he hoped the matter would be discussed at the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in London in two weeks.

"We have a month and a half to host Australia for the one-day series and we hope things will improve to allow us to host the series," he said.

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed last week said both series could be switched to Australia or a neutral venue.

An ACB official said in Sydney Tuesday the series with Pakistan could be switched to Australia.

Cricket authorities in Sharjah have also offered to host Pakistan's series with Australia.

Pakistan cricket has suffered due to the terrorist strikes as well as a looming conflict with India.

Pakistan was forced to play the West Indies at a neutral venue in Sharjah in February this year, causing the PCB huge financial losses.

Meanwhile, the ACB gave its strongest hint yet that they were ready to cancel their planned tour of Pakistan due to safety fears.

ACB chief executive James Sutherland issued a statement after the latest fatal bomb blast in Pakistan saying Australia was waiting for further information from the PCB before making a final decision on the tour.

Sutherland said the ACB did not want to make a hasty decision after the latest attack, in which at least eight people were killed when a bomb exploded outside the United States consulate in Karachi.

"This tragic event increases concern about the tour," Sutherland said in a statement.

"As I've said before, any decision of this nature is based on the safety of our players and team management."

"We are continuing to take advice from the relevant experts and hold discussions with the Pakistan Cricket Board."

"We will make the decision at the right time, there is no reason to rush into a decision today."

Australia pulled out of their tour of Zimbabwe this year because of security concerns.

Alec going strong too

Cricket AFP, Manchester

Alec Stewart's 78 not out took England past the 400 mark on the third day of the third Test against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford here on Saturday.

At lunch, England were 428 for seven in a match they just need to draw in order to ensure a 1-0 series victory.

Ashley Giles was 16 not out. Stewart had faced 123 balls including 12 fours as he looked to celebrate equalling Graham Gooch's England appearance record of 118 Tests in style.

Some reports had suggested that this might be the 39-year-old Stewart's final Test with centrally-contracted wicketkeeper James Foster recovering from an arm injury.

But the Surrey veteran showed he was not about to give up his Test career lightly. He has not made a Test hundred since a century on this ground two years ago in his 100th Test, against the West Indies.

That came on the day of the late Queen Mother's 100th birthday and another three-figure score now would send a strong message to the selectors.

After an hour's delay as a rain-soaked ground dried out, England resumed on 377 for six.

Alex Tudor, six not out overnight, signalled his attacking intentions by going down on one knee and square-cutting Chaminda Vaas for a stylish boundary.

But in the seventh over of the day he was out for 19 to leave England 400 for seven.

A flashing drive against Vaas was well caught, high to his left, by Russel Arnold at second slip.

That gave left-arm paceman Vaas his 200th Test wicket in his 6th Test.

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PHOTO: INTERNET

England's Alec Stewart (L) is being congratulated by Ashley Giles after the former reached his hundred against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford yesterday. The wicketkeeper-batsman reached the three-figure mark in the afternoon session.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the third day of the third Test between England and Sri Lanka at Old Trafford on Saturday:

Table with columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes England and Sri Lanka players like ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 377-6), Trescolthick, Vaas, Fernando, Butcher, Hussain, M'haran.

Table with columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Sri Lanka players like Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-192, 3-219, 4-262, 5-354, 6-361, 7-400. Includes Sri Lanka players like Caddick, Hoggard, Vaas, U'shantha, Fernando, M'haran, De Silva, Umpires: Steve Bucknor, David Orchard.

Trap's holy 4-4-2

REUTERS, Chonan

Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni has been promoting his Catholic faith during this World Cup as much as his belief in 4-4-2.

While many players, particularly from Latin countries, cross themselves before entering the field of play and probably a good number have a quiet prayer in their hotel room before games, Trapattoni has raised eyebrows with his frequent references to his faith.

Throughout his three decades as a coach, 'Trap' has never been one to follow convention and has certainly never been afraid to use colourful, even melodramatic language.

But even seasoned observers of the man who has won more Serie A titles than any other coach, have been a little taken aback by his readiness to praise the Lord.

The first signs that Trapattoni, who has a sister who is a nun, felt faith would have an important role in his World Cup came before the opening group G game against Ecuador when a catholic mass was held at the team's hotel in Sendai,

Japan. "The Lord has many other things to deal with but I pray that he looks over us as well," said Trapattoni after local priest, Takanohashi Tatsuo, carried out the service attended by, among others, goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon and midfielder Damiano Tommasi. "There is nothing new about this, we are a catholic group," he explained at the time.

Prior to the kick-off of Italy's second game, against Croatia, Trapattoni washed his hands in Holy Water, a supply of which he has kept in a bottle.

Although Italy lost 2-1, the bottle was on the bench again for the final group game against Mexico and after news of Ecuador's win over Croatia, which ensured the Italians a second round place, reached pitchside as Trapattoni threw the water over the bench.

His first words after the game revealed it was more than relief at Alessandro Del Piero's 85th minute equaliser that had caused his delight.

"Allow me to use a phrase I often use - justice and God exist, I believe that. When a team creates five or six

chances, I reckon that deserves merit, a sack of praise," said the Italy coach.

Asked about the Holy Water he replied: "You know I'm a believer. God has answered my prayers."

Not surprisingly many have been keen to know if fortune will continue to favour the Italians.

"You want to know if I have a lot of it? There is a big bottle," said Trapattoni after Italy arrived at their new base in South Korea.

The Italy coach has asked the media not to mock his belief but said he was not annoyed by the attention paid to the Holy Water.

"It doesn't irritate me because I am a believer. There are others who do not have the character to admit that they have been recalled. If I am able to contribute to increasing the ranks of the faithful, then I will be very happy," said the Italy coach.

The church back home also says people should not mock Trapattoni for his beliefs.

Cardinal Ersilio Tonini said: "It's clearly true faith."

Golden generation gone

REUTERS, Seoul

Portugal's "golden generation" of former world youth champions have come of age but have failed to come up with the goods after joining a long list of favourites to return home early from the World Cup.

Now a dilemma facing Portugal's coach is whether to rebuild the squad or keep a core of players pushing 30 for one last ride when the country hosts the European Championships in 2004.

At an individual level, the world champions of 1989 and 1991 now read like a who's who of expensive talent in Europe's top clubs, like FIFA Player of the Year Luis Figo, who has just won the Champions League with Real Madrid. But Figo and his teammates in the Portuguese squad have just blown what is likely to be their last chance to shine at international level by losing 1-0 to South Korea on Friday night and failing to qualify for the World Cup second round.