

SA draft Daryll for WC squad

AFP, Johannesburg

Daryll Cullinan, the batsman who walked out on the South African Test team last season, was Saturday included in a 30-man preliminary squad for the 2003 World Cup to be played in South Africa.

But the chances of Cullinan making the final 15-man squad for the tournament, which starts in Cape Town on February 9, look slim after a powerful performance by South Africa in the second one-day international against Sri Lanka at Centurion Friday.

Boeta Dippenaar, ten years Cullinan's junior, made 89 in the number four position once occupied by the veteran batsman.

Another veteran, Gary Kirsten, was also named in the preliminary squad but he too saw his chances recede as rival opener Graeme Smith hit 99 to set up a comprehensive 177-run for South Africa.

Omar Henry, convenor of the South African selectors, said both Cullinan and Kirsten were players whose experience could be valuable.

Cullinan has not played for South Africa since his controversial withdrawal over a contract dispute in March but he played for South Africa A against the Sri Lankans last weekend after apologising to the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA).

There are no major surprises in the preliminary squad, although Dale Benkenstein, a batsman who was a member of the 1999 World Cup squad and who played in the ICC Champions Trophy tournament in Sri Lanka in September, was not picked.

Nor was all-rounder Justin Kemp, who was regarded as a potential star but who has lost form.

The squad includes ten black or coloured players. The UCB, under pressure from the government over their decision to abandon racial quotas at national and senior provincial level, has set a target of having five "players of colour" in the World Cup squad.

**SQUAD** Shaun Pollock (captain), Nicky Boje, Loots Bosman, Mark Boucher, Daryll Cullinan, Alan Dawson, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Steve Elworthy, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Mornantau Hayward, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Charl Langeveldt, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Justin Ontong, Robin Peterson, Ashwell Prince, Jonty Rhodes, Jacques Rudolph, Graeme Smith, Errol Stewart, Roger Telemachus, David Terbrugge, Thami Tsolekile, Martin van Jaarsveld, Monde Zondeki.

**England face Croatia test** REUTERS, London England will play Croatia in an international friendly after their match against Australia in February, the Football Association (FA) has said.

"We plan to play a friendly against Croatia next season," Paul Barber, the FA's Director of Marketing and Communications, was quoted as saying on the FA's website on Friday.

**Strange selection** FROM PAGE 13 The selectors picked Mohammad Rafique and Naimur as the main spinners with Mohammad Ashraf and Alok Kapali as support bowlers.

If the selectors believe in 'horses for courses' in picking Naimur, then why was Talha Jubair ignored knowing the conditions in Chittagong would be favourable for fast bowling?

Sanwar Hossain was chosen ahead of Tushar Imran for what seemed to be his bowling ability. If both batsmen had a competition for a spot, the one with the better talent and better temperament must be picked.

Full marks though to the fielding effort of the side. It was heartening to see the boys diving, sliding and chasing every ball even though the outfield was lightning fast.

-- **Haji Mohammad Isam, Dhanmondi, Dhaka**

Faisal outshines

FROM PAGE 13 Sami 10 0 41 4 Zahid 10 1 35 2 Afridi 10 0 41 1 Saqlain 9.5 0 45 1

**PAKISTAN** Akmal c Taibu b Hondo 44 Iqbal not out 100 Yunis run out (Murphy) 56 Misbah not out 1 Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-7) 10 Total: (For 2 wkts in 35.4 overs) 211

Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-209 Did not bat: Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Shahid Afridi, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Mohammad Zahid

**Bowler** O M R W Friend 8 0 47 0 Hondo 5 0 43 1 Brent 7 3 34 0 Murphy 10 0 50 0 G Flower 3 0 21 0 Ervine 2.4 0 14 0

**Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets and lead the series 4-0. Man-of-the-match: Faisal Iqbal. Fifth and final match: Dec 1, Harare.**

Edwards steps down

Football

REUTERS, Manchester

Martin Edwards, one of the principal architects of Manchester United's success over the past decade, moved to cut his links with the club.

The former United plc chief executive resigned as a non-executive director of the board of Manchester United plc with immediate effect.

Edwards, whose reign as chief executive between 1991 and 2000 coincided with the most successful period in the club's history, also signalled his intent to retire from the United board at the end of the season.

The moves were announced in a short statement to the London Stock Exchange on Friday.

A Manchester United spokesman said they would be making no further comment but the club's official website described the news as a "bombshell announcement".

The 57-year-old's departure ends a long association with the Old Trafford club.

His father Louis Edwards, a former butcher, became club chairman in the 1960s and provided the funds for manager Matt Busby to build a side featuring players such as George Best and Bobby Charlton that won the 1968 European Cup.

During that period the Old Trafford stadium was also redeveloped and Martin Edwards joined the board in 1970.

A relatively unsuccessful decade followed, including the club's relegation to division two in 1974. In 1980 Martin Edwards became club chairman following the death of his father.

He set about reversing the decline in attendances, appointing charismatic Ron Atkinson as manager.

But it was the appointment of former Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson as manager in 1986 that signalled the start of a period of unprecedented success on and off the field.

Edwards almost sold the club to

businessman Michael Knighton for 10 million pounds (15.56 million dollars) in 1989 and oversaw the club's transition from a private company to a plc.

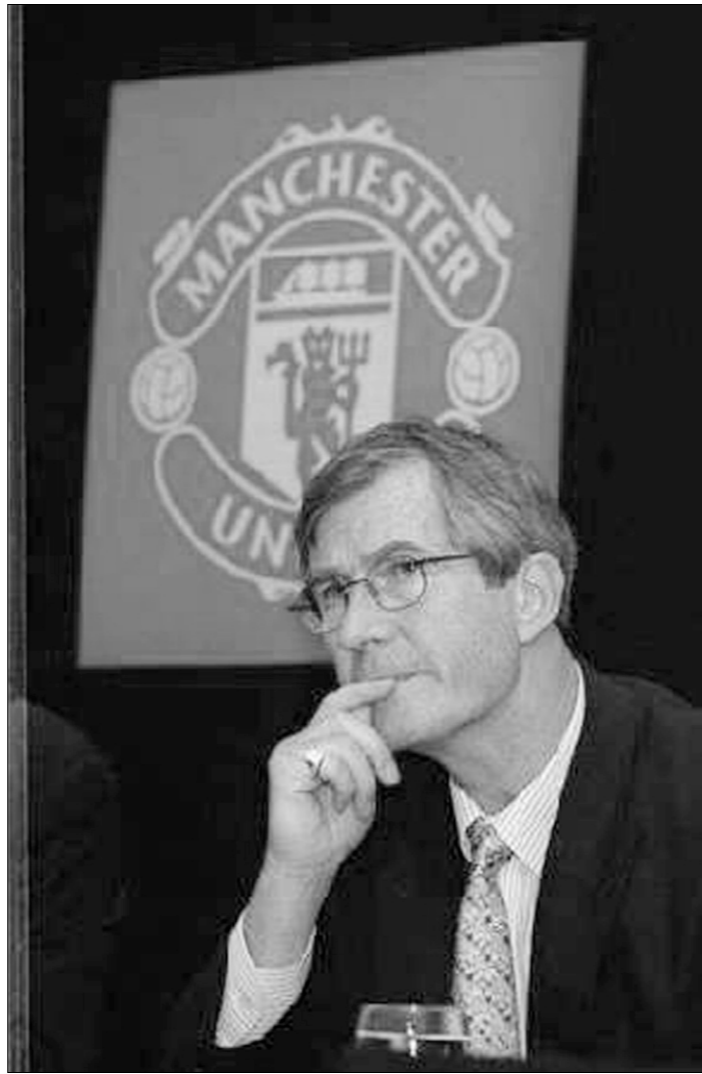
He became chief executive of United's plc in 1991 and another attempt to sell the club, to satellite broadcaster BSkyB for 623 million pounds (969.3 million dollars) in 1998, failed after the UK government blocked the takeover.

Edwards remained in his post until August 2000 when he was replaced by Peter Kenyon, the

current chief executive. Under Ferguson in that period United won a host of trophies, including seven league titles and the 1999 Champions League, and established themselves as the world's richest soccer club.

Despite the success, Edwards was not always popular with United fans. Some supporters accused him of concentrating too much on the club's off-field money-making activities.

His private life was also the subject of media scrutiny.



MARTIN EDWARDS

Keane's new approach

Football

REUTERS, Manchester

Roy Keane says he will be a changed man when he returns to Manchester United's first team early next year following his long absence through injury and suspension.

"I have to calm things down in my play and be more clever and wiser about the way I play the game -- there is no doubt in my mind I have got to do that," the Irish midfielder told the Manchester Evening News.

"In the last three months it has probably confirmed and cemented my thoughts that that is what I must do.

"I don't think that will take anything away from my game. I think it will help it.

"It doesn't mean I am going to sit in the centre circle and not move or say things, but I think in the long run for the benefit of me and the team I need to relax a bit more and use my head a bit."

Keane was sent home in disgrace from the Ireland World Cup camp last summer following a row with manager Mick McCarthy, who has since resigned his post.

A hip problem hampered the start of his domestic campaign and the

club chose to dovetail an operation with the ban handed down to the United captain for admitting in an autobiography that he had deliberately set out to injure Manchester City's Alf Inge Haaland during a premier league match.

Keane was found guilty on two charges of disrepute by the FA and fined a record 150,000 pounds in addition to landing a five-match suspension.

The midfielder revealed he has spent the past three months convincing himself he needs to slow down on the pitch for the overall benefit of his team mates and the club.

Keane added: "In a funny, crazy kind of way all the injuries I've had have worked out to be a benefit to me.

"I have learnt a lot in the last three months. I have learnt about my body and what I am capable of doing and not capable of.

"When I get back I need to think about what I should be doing. "I run around trying to do too much in matches. In training, too, I try to do too much.

"In five-a-sides I am desperate to win and I always want to win. But I am 31 now and I need to take a step back and look where I have gone wrong.

"I think I was going wrong in a lot

of places. People say that charging around is what Roy Keane is all about, but I think sometimes I charge around and actually get nowhere!

"I have this thing in my head, for instance, that I need to get forward. But you look at my goal record over the last two or three years and it is abysmal, so I don't know why I have got it in my head that I am an attacking midfielder.

"I will still be a team player - don't get me wrong, but I think I take on too many roles and I shouldn't be. "My form for a number of months this season and last was poor and I haven't played very well - I know that for a fact.

"People may say I was playing well, but I know I wasn't and that was all down to the hip problem.

"I had suffered with it for months, nursing it, having days off and working with the physio instead of being out training with the lads.

"I won't have that when I return so I can concentrate on becoming an even better player. "I owe Manchester United a lot. The support I have had in the last few months has been unbelievable.

"It has been embarrassing really from the manager, the players and some of the fans."

France draw level

INTERNET, Paris

Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov lost in straight sets to Sebastian Grosjean of France to leave the Davis Cup final poised at 1-1 at the end of the first day.

Kafelnikov's defeat came after Marat Safin recorded an opening victory over Paul-Henri Mathieu.

While Mathieu had impressed on his Davis Cup debut in taking Safin to four sets before losing 6-4 3-6 6-1 6-4, Kafelnikov could only offer token resistance as he was beaten 7-6 (7-3) 6-3 6-0.

And the Russian, who plans to retire if the visitors are victorious this weekend, said after the match: "This was a one-way traffic game. The first set was close but the second just escaped me.

"I did everything I could to stay in the match but I made too many mistakes.

"Marat had allowed me to start the game without pressure but maybe I did not pay too much attention to the score and tried to concentrate more on my best game.

"The 1-1 score is fair, deep inside I felt I was not at my best and when you play Grosjean in front of his crowd at Bercy it is difficult."

Grosjean, who had been the hero of their semi-final win over the United States in September, was in majestic form during the match but ducked the crown afterwards.

"I don't want to be considered as a leader," Grosjean said after the match.

"I am an individual player who is part of the team, and I am trying to give as much as I can of myself and my qualities to help it win."

Shearer receives ban

INTERNET, Nyon

Newcastle's Champions League hopes received a second devastating blow on Friday afternoon when skipper Alan Shearer was handed a two-match ban.

The 32-year-old was convicted by UEFA's disciplinary panel on video evidence over his clash with Inter Milan defender Fabio Cannavaro during Wednesday's 4-1 defeat at St James' Park.

He will now miss the trips to Barcelona on December 10 and Bayer Leverkusen on February 18, and with strike partner Craig Bellamy also facing a ban following his dismissal in the same match, United's chances of an unlikely qualification for the last eight have receded even further.

Shearer was adjudged to have elbowed the Italian as he tried to free himself from the defender's grasp as the pair waited for a free-kick to be delivered into the Inter penalty area during the first half of Wednesday's game.

Neither referee Stephane Bre nor his assistants saw the incident, although the French official spoke to both players and took no further action.

UEFA confirmed the decision early this evening as United prepared themselves for the worst.

A statement from the sport's governing body in Europe read: "The decision was rendered on the basis of video evidence that showed the Newcastle player elbow Fabio Cannavaro, but also took into account provocation in the form of shirt-pulling leading up to the incident."

Win awaits

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**SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the third Ashes Test between Australia and England at the WACA Ground on Saturday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 185 (R Key 47, M Trescothick 34, M Vaughan 34; R Dawson 19 not out; B Lee 3-78; G McGrath 2-30, J Gillespie 2-43)

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (over- night 126-2) Langer run out 19 Hayden c Tudor b Harmison 30 Ponting b White 68

Martyn c Stewart b Tudor 71 Lehmann c Harmison b White 53 Waugh b Tudor 53 Gilchrist c Tudor b White 38 Warne run out 35

Lee c Key b White 41 Gillespie b White 27 McGrath not out 8 Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-15) 24 Total: (All out in 99.1 overs) 456

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-85, 3-159, 4-226, 5-264, 6-316, 7-348, 8-416, 9-423

**Bowler** O M R W Silverwood 4 0 29 0 Tudor 29 2 144 2 Harmison 28 7 86 1 White 23.1 3 127 5 Butcher 10 1 40 0 Dawson 5 0 21 0

**ENGLAND:** Second innings Trescothick c Gilchrist b Lee 4 Vaughan not out 8 Dawson not out 8 Extras: (b-4, lb-2, nb-7) 13 Total: (For 1 wkt in 11 overs) 33

Fall of wicket: 1-13

**Bowler** O M R W Lee 5 1 21 1 McGrath 5 2 5 0 Gillespie 1 0 1 0

**Umpires:** Steve Bucknor and Rudi Koertzen.

England, Japan share points

Hockey

AFP, Perth

England drew 1-1 with Japan in Pool B of the women's World Cup hockey here Saturday, dropping to sixth position.

The effort singularly unimpressed coach Tricia Heberle, who called it "one of the worst performances" she had seen since taking over coaching the team.

"The girls need to take responsibility for their actions. Some of them have to take a long look in the mirror, dig deep and decide what they are going to do about their performances," Heberle said.

Sachimi Iwao scored for Japan two minutes before the break, weaving past three defenders into the circle to hit past two defenders and England's goalkeeper in goal.

Kate Walsh equalised 10 minutes from time, driving in England's third penalty corner over the gloves of Japan's goalkeeper Rie Terazono who was lodged in front of goal.

Leisa King had a chance to score the go-ahead goal but missed the deflection in the 65th minute.

Japan has yet to beat England in 10 encounters and has now drawn twice.

"We did not play to match plan and we were punished by the Japanese. In recent times we have been better at playing at playing lower oppositions. We should not need to be playing a name team to play at our best," said Heberle.

"Tonight we had to get into a losing position to get some spark going."

Argentina remained atop Pool A with four wins from four matches, winning 2-0 over China. The rest of the pool was led by South Korea, followed by China, Germany, Ukraine, New Zealand and Scotland, with Russia taking their

first point today. Agustina Garcia set up Argentina's win, scoring in the fifth and tenth minutes as Argentina sparked in attack and Luciana Aymar carved through China's defence to lay the foundation for Garcia's shots on goal.

Argentina slackened off for the remainder of the match, doing as much as they needed to keep possession and keep China out of the game but without urgency to score.

China failed to reach the potential shown when they won the Champions Trophy in Macau in August, botching a scoring chance when Chen Xiaoling and Tang Chunling went one-on-one with Argentina's goalkeeper, Mariela Antoniska, and failed to convert four penalty corners.

Luciana Aymar and Karina Masotta -- playing her 200th game were also off target with shots on goal for Argentina in the second half.

Argentina suffered injuries to Mercedes Margolot, who broke her nose, and scorer Agustina Garcia, sidelined with an injury to her left ankle, and both players sat out most of the second half, contributing to Argentina slowing play down to conserve players' energy.

Despite the injuries, Argentina's coach, Sergio Virgil was confident "the players will be fit to play for the rest of the tournament."

Virgil praised Masotta, Argentina's captain, on her achievement of playing 200 games for Argentina.

"Apart from the technical and physical conditions of the athlete, they have to have a big mental condition and a great love of Argentina's jersey and the player has to continue to grow as a player and that is why Karina Masotta has achieved this milestone," Virgil said.

In the earlier Pool A match, Russia and Ukraine played to an entertaining 3-3 draw. Ukraine now has a respectable 5 points from a

win and two draws, only one point behind Germany and two ahead of New Zealand and Scotland, suggesting a better than top 12 placing is within its grasp.

Russia's Tatiana Vassioukova cracked in a field goal for Russia to lead 1-0 at half-time. Maryna Dudko and Tetyana Kobzenko scored within minutes of each other, eight and ten minutes into the second half, and Kobzenko scored again to take Ukraine to a 3-1 lead. Nadezda Chegurdaeva put in a penalty corner seven minutes from time and Galina Basaychuk equalised two minutes later in an open, free-flowing match.

In Pool B matches, USA surprised South Africa with speed and discipline, winning 3-0.

"I was delighted with the two high calibre field goals and that we played in a more disciplined way and kept to the plan," said USA coach, Tracey Belbin.

Spain defeated Ireland 2-1, even with Ireland's lucky escape at half-time. Down 1-0 after a 14th-minute goal by Luci Lopez and defending Spain's fourth penalty corner, umpire Carolina de la Fuente of Argentina ruled Spain's pusher had wasted time and disallowed the corner.

Spain argued they could not start the corner as de la Fuente had her arm extended. Ireland's Arlene Boyles equalised on Ireland's first penalty corner, two minutes into the second half.

Silvia Munoz clinched the win for Spain, eight minutes from time, deflecting in a pass at the left post from Luci Lopez while Ireland was short-handed with Eimear Cregan on the penalty seat.

"I am happy to have the win as it is important for Spain to get a top 8 place in the tournament and that target is now in the pocket," said coach Jack Holtman.

Proteas outplay SL

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

Graeme Smith and Boeta Dippenaar, two batsmen seeking to cement their places in South Africa's World Cup squad, set up a crushing 177-run win in the second one-day international against Sri Lanka at Centurion Park Friday.

Smith became the first batsman to be run out for 99 in a one-day international after he and Dippenaar (89) put on 134 for the third wicket.

With Jacques Kallis smashing a 24-ball left-century, South Africa piled up 317 for six, their highest total against Sri Lanka, after winning the toss and making first use of a good batting pitch.

Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya had hammered 46 off 32 balls to get his side off to a flying start before they crumbled to 140 all out.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard in the second one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park on Friday:

**SOUTH AFRICA** Smith run out (Jayawardene) 99 Gibbs b Gunaratne 16

Boje c Chandana b D Fernando 28 Dippenaar c J Wardene b G Ratne 89 Kallis run out (Gunaratne) 53

Boucher run out (Vaas) 1 Pollock not out 15 Rhodes not out 6 Extras: (lb-6, nb-1, w-3) 10 Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 317

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-67, 3-201, 4-289, 5-293, 6-296 Did not bat: A Hall, A Donald, M Ntini

**Bowler** O M R W Vaas 10 1 48 0 Gunaratne 10 1 61 2 D Fernando 9 0 66 1 De Silva 5 0 26 0 Jayasuriya 5 0 25 0 Chandana 7 1 47 0

H Fernando 4 0 38 0

**SRI LANKA** Atapattu c Rhodes b Pollock 46 Jayasuriya b Hall 6 Sangakkara c Gibbs b Donald 10 De Silva c b Donald 8 Jayawardene c Kallis b Ntini 32 Arnold c Boucher b Ntini 12 Vaas c Boucher b Kallis 3 Chandana c Boucher b Ntini 6 H Fernando st Boucher b Boje 1 D Fernando not out 7 Gunaratne lbw b Boje 2 Extras: (lb-4, w-3) 7 Total: (All out in 33.2 overs) 140

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-59, 3-63, 4-91, 5-117, 6-124, 7-125, 8-130, 9-134

**Bowler** O M R W Pollock 5 0 28 1 Ntini 10 0 38 3 Hall 4 0 20 1 Donald 6 0 27 2 Kallis 6 0 16 1 Boje 2.2 0 7 2

**Result: South Africa won by 177 runs and lead the series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis. Next match: Dec 4, Benoni.**

Cairns lets 1st

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"He has subsequently informed me that he will reassess his condition in time for consideration for the second test in Hamilton (December 19).

"Chris doesn't want to rush his comeback like he did this time last year after another knee operation," Hadlee told Wellington's Dominion Post newspaper.

"The first priority has to be the World Cup in February and March, because Chris is so vital to our chances of winning there."

Also out of the running for first test selection is Auckland all-rounder Andre Adams, who is returning from a back injury sustained earlier this year after bursting on to the test and one-day scene in Australia.

Scolari the right choice?

AP, Lisbon

Luiz Filipe Scolari has won a bagful of major international trophies, including this year's World Cup. Portugal, despite fielding some of Europe's best talent, have not won any.

By hiring Scolari as their new national coach, the Portuguese are hoping the Brazilian can work some of his magic in Lisbon - and win them the Euro 2004 trophy on home soil.

After months of unsettling speculation about who would fill the vacant coaching job, the Portuguese Soccer Federation announced Thursday that Scolari had accepted Portugal's offer.

Soccer federation president Gilberto Madail disclosed that Scolari turned down competing offers from Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain.

Why? Because Scolari wants to add the European championship title to his trophy cabinet.

"In one of the conversations I had with Madail, I told him I believed it was written that after winning the Gulf Cup and the World Cup, it was now time for the European Cup," Scolari said.

His appointment was broadly welcomed in Portugal where fans are tired of feuding and public bad-mouthing between influential local soccer figures.

Tough, demanding and thick-skinned, Scolari could be just the medicine Portugal needs.

"No one is going to change the way I work," Scolari said. "I don't give in to pressure groups."

Patience, please

UEFA Euro 2004 PORTUGAL

INTERNET, London

Sven-Goran Eriksson has called for more preparation time with his players ahead of the Euro 2004 finals if England qualify for the tournament in Portugal.

Eriksson, who revealed his interest in closely following the progress of Everton teenager Wayne Rooney, believes that a lack of time with his players could harm England's chances of success.

He believes that the three weeks which he spent with the squad ahead of last summer's World Cup was simply not enough.

"We discussed the World Cup a lot after we came back," he told the Football Association's website, www.theFA.com.

"One of the things that Les Reed, Howard Wilkinson, Tord Grip and I all agreed on was that we need more preparation time for the next big tournament that we are involved in.

"We had three weeks for the World Cup and that was less than most of the other teams that were out there.

"When you know that Korea had four months you see what a big difference that it is. I believe we need one month at least before a big tournament."

Eriksson's squad did not have long to rest and recuperate after the end of the domestic season, meaning that not only did some players such as Steven Gerrard miss out entirely through