AFP, Colombo

Wicketkeeper batsman Romesh Kaluwitharana, one of Sri Lanka's heroes in its 1996 World Cup triumph, was on Tuesday recalled for the upcoming one-day tournament in Australia

The Sri Lankans, led by Sanath Jayasuriya, leave late Tuesday to compete in the world series triseries against England and hosts Australia starting on Friday.

The 34-vear-old Kaluwitharana was omitted from Sri Lanka's provisional 30-man squad for the 2003 World Cup, but doors opened for him when veteran Aravinda De Silva pulled out from the early matches in the tri-series.

Since being discarded from World Cup plans, Kaluwitharana has hit five half-centuries in domestic one-day matches.

Left-arm fast bowler Nuwan Zoysa, who like Kaluwitharana has not been considered since the England tour in May, was also recalled for the Australian trip.

## SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardena, Russel Arnold, Jehan Mubarak, Aravinda De Silva, Tilan Samaraweera, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Nuwan Zoysa, Pulasthi Gunaratne, Prabath Nissanka, Sujeewa de Silva

# Magura soccer

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Bangladesh national team striker Mehedi Hasan netted 13 while 7huku. Biswas and Chanchal scored one goal each for the winners.

Mizan scored the lone goal for the losers.

Satyapur Sabuj Sangha take on Udayan Sporting Club today at the

# **BCCI** rejects

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stars like Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly boycotting the Champions Trophy in Colombo in September, before the ICC brokered a compromise by relaxing some of the conditions.

The Indians argue that the ICC cannot compel players to breach pre-existing contracts with individual sponsors. If challenged, the existing terms will not stand scrutiny

India's tough stand enjoys the blessing of the Federation of International Cricketers Association (FICA), which earlier this year pleaded with players not to sign

what it called "one-sided" contracts. That the ICC is willing to concede ground -- provided its spon sors agree -- was hinted on Monday by Ibrahim, a retired judge from

World Cup co-hosts Zimbabwe "Everyone wants India to field its best team at the World Cup, and to this end the ICC is ready to show a

certain degree of flexibility," he said. Ibrahim was confident the matter will be resolved in the next fortnight.

The ICC's troubles with India appear to be growing and are not confined to the contracts issue alone.

India is the only one among the 14 nations taking part in the World Cup which has not named its preliminary 30-man squad even though the deadline set by the ICC was November 30.

The Indians have also indicated they are unlikely to narrow down their 15-man World Cup team by the December 31 deadline

The BCCI is planning World Cup trials after the current tour of New Zealand ends on January 14.



The Daily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 13, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards 1. Who clinched the DC Gold Cup soccer title?

Tangail M'singh N'ganj

2. Who lifted the Shanghai Tennis Masters Qup? Agassi Ferrero Hewitt

3. Who was the man-of-the-match in the 6th ODI between India and West Indies

Dravid Gayle Agarkar 4. Pakistan won the Test series against Zimbabwe by?

5 Brazil won the friendly match against South Korea by

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Australian Prime Minister John Howard tosses the coin while England captain Nasser Hussain (R) and his Australian PM's XI counterpart Mark Waugh look on before the start of the one-day tour match in Canberra yesterday.

# PM's XI pummel Poms

Cricket

REUTERS, Canberra

Former Australia Test batsman Mark Waugh smashed a quick 42 to lead his Prime Minister's XI invitational side to a four-wicket win over England in a further blow to the touring side's morale.

Opening batsman Marcus Trescothick, who captained England in place of the injured Nasser Hussain, said it was a bad loss for a team already lacking in

England, who have not won a game on their Australia tour, were bowled out for 152 in 40.4 overs in the match at Canberra's Manuka Oval reduced to 42-overs-a-side because of rain

The Australia Prime Minister's XI, captained by 37-year-old Waugh, reached 153 for six in 31.4

"The wicket wasn't that bad. We weren't up to it today. We weren't good enough," Trescothick told reporters.

"I thought about it while we were batting, just trying to put my finger on it. We need a bit more self-belief There's got to be a reason why.

We just need to assess it quick." The triangular limited-overs international tournament, which includes Sri Lanka, starts on Friday when Australia host England in

Sydney. England have already lost the five-Test Ashes series after the first

didn't need it right now," Trescothick

Senior Indian batsman Rahul

Dravid said Tuesday the team's

image had been steadily improving

in international cricket, especially

after overseas Test victories in

away from home," said the vice

captain ahead of the opening Test

against New Zealand, starting at

abroad in recent times and that has

raised the team's confidence and

changed its image," said Dravid,

nicknamed 'The Wall' for his consis-

so far scored 5,483 runs in 67 Tests

The middle-order batsmen has

"We've won quite a few Tests

Basin Reserve here on Thursday.

"We're now quite competitive

three matches "It's a bad loss for us and we

Cricket

AFP, Wellington

recent years.

tently solid batting.

"To be honest when we're in the change rooms and doing our preparation and warm-ups and going into games we feel very positive about what we're doing.

"We're just not delivering on the pitch when it matters. When the pressure is on... we're not producing the goods.

That's the bottom line. It's just when we're on the pitch we're not up Trescothick won the toss and

batted and was third man out for 21 as England slumped to 47 for three. Only uncapped spin bowler Gareth Batty (29) and wicketkeeper Chris Read, who was unbeaten on 33, bettered his score. Batty and Read, both called up from England's academy squad

based in Adelaide, added 61 for the

eighth wicket after the touring team

were in the embarrassing position of Pace bowlers Paul Rofe (3-34) and Mick Lewis (3-22), who replaced fellow Victoria bowler Shane Harwood in the team, were the leading wicket-takers for

Waugh's side. Former lifesaver Lee Carseldine, who took 2-7 with his left-arm medium-pacers, top-scored for the home side with 46 including five boundaries while Waugh clipped six fours and one six in his 46-ball stav.

England pace bowler James Kirtley took 3-27 as the Prime Minister's XI lost three early wickets for 37 before steadying

**SCOREBOARD** 

Scoreboard of the limited-overs cricket match between England and the Prime Minister's XI at Manuka Oval on Tuesday:

**ENGLAND** 

Trescothick c Lewis b Rofe 21 Knight b Rofe 17 White c White b Rofe Shah c and b White 20 Collingwood c Waugh b Carseldine

Blackwell c White b Carseldine Flintoff b White 13 Batty b Lewis 29 33 Read not out Caddick b Lewis Kirtley b Lewis Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-8) 11 Total: (All out in 40.4 overs)

Bowler 16 0 34 22 7 3 Carseldine 36 White 14 0 Higgs 0 22 PM'S XI Carseldine c Shah b White 46 Haddin Ibw b Kirtley Katich b Kirtley

Higgs b Kirtley Dawson not out White not out Extras: (lb-1, w-9)

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Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-41, 3-47, 4-51, 5-58, 6-84, 7-85, 8-146, 9-

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Bradley Ibw b Collingwood Waugh c Flintoff b Batty Total: (For 6 wkts in 31.4 overs)153

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-21, 3-37, 4-

Result: PM's XI won by 4 wickets.

## opener Gilchrist **AFP,** Sydney

Adam Gilchrist has been backed by skipper Ricky Ponting to continue as opening batsman in world champions Australia's one-day cricket

Ponting on Tuesday denied suggestions that the dynamic lefthander would be better off down the batting order from where he could clout the old ball as he does in Test matches.

144 international one-dayers is 33.63, with seven centuries and 25 half-centuries. His Test average from No.7 is 57.95.

FROM PAGE 13 unplayable ball in the 70s or 80s I

"It hasn't been so much tiredness that has let me down in the past, but if the bad ball comes along you want to smack it for four, a la (team-mate)

"He puts the loose ball away nine times out of 10. I haven't always shots haven't been on for me.'

# Former world number one Martina

Hingis has withdrawn from next year's Australian Open because of an ongoing left ankle injury, tournament officials say

**Hingis misses** 

first Grand

REUTERS, Melbourne

Slam

"She notified us today that she won't be recovered in time to compete," tournament spokesman John indsay said on Tuesday.

Switzerland's Hingis won the last of her five Grand Slam titles at the 1999 Australian Open and has reached the past six singles finals.

The 22-year-old said in October that she would take an indefinite break after a poor run of results following surgery in May that kept her out of the French Open and Wimbledon.

A former U.S. Open and Wimbledon champion, Hingis was scheduled to make her comeback a the January 13-26 Grand Slam event in Melbourne next year.

Hingis won her third successive Australian Open title in 1999 and was a beaten finalist in the past three years in Melbourne.

"We were surprised, but naturally very pleased, when Martina submitted an entry for the Australian Open 2003 given her current injury problems," Australian Open chief execu-



tive Paul McNamee said in a state ment on Tuesday.

"However it sent out a strong message that she desperately wanted to come down to Australia to play in our Grand Slam.

'Martina has an amazing record at the Australian Open having played in the last six singles finals and I'm sure she would have relished the challenge of trying to make a seventh consecutive final against such a strong women's field."

# **Ponting prefers**

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Gilchrist's batting average from

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**BD-WI SCOREBOARD** 

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Fall of wkts: 1-30, 2-30, 3-44, 4-80, 5-80, 6-80, 7-81, 8-83, 9-87, 10-87

Result: West Indies won by an innings and 310 runs.

Second and final Test: December 16-20, Chittagong.

Man-of-the-match: Jermaine Lawson.

TV Umpire: AFM Akhtaruddin (BD).

Match Referee: R Madugalle (SL).

Series: West Indies led the 2-Test series 1-0.

Umpires: D Orchard (SA) and D Shepherd (Eng)

innings, but instead of getting that may be past 100.

been doing that because certain

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soon because, with the World Cup due to start on February 8, there is not much time left to reschedule matches in the event that fixtures are moved elsewhere. South Africa is staging the bulk of World Cup ties with Zimbabwe's

games split three apiece between the capital Harare and Bulawayo. Kenya's Nairobi Gymkhana club is also set to host two first round encounters.

World Cup matches against jointhosts Zimbabwe visited the country Earlier Monday, the ICC's develto assess its security arrangements. opment officer for Africa, Micky Their report is due to be pre-Dudhia, said he foresaw no probsented to the 15 members of the lems with playing matches in ICC executive board by this Friday, Zimbabwe

"I don't think there are any "There was always a 10-day hitches in holding World Cup timeframe in mind from the third day matches and Pakistan team's safe tour last month has cleared any doubts," Dudhia told AFP in Lahore "We would hope to announce a where he had been attending an decision by the middle of the ICC development committee meet-

ing that concluded Sunday. "It would be a huge disappointment if any team refuses to play in Zimbabwe because there are no problems for cricket," added Dudhia, who is also the ICC-host

Zimbabwe has come under international scrutiny over the forcible eviction of white farmers. who owned more than 30 percent of the country's most fertile land before the policy to move them was launched in 2000 with President

Pakistan played two Tests and five one-day games in Zimbawbe last month. India, Kenya, Namibia and

Pakistan have shown no hesitation at playing in Zimbabwe, but Australia and England, whose governments have attacked Mugabe's policies, have voiced concern. Speed has made clear that

member countries would have to abide by any ICC decision on whether to play in Zimbabwe. Australia cancelled an April tour

of Zimbabwe citing security fears. "What we understand is that Australian players were willing to play in Zimbabwe but were not

Dhudia said. He also said the potential problem of issuing Zimbabwean visas to journalists covering the Cup would e "solved soon."

cleared by insurance people,"

Two British journalists were denied visas to cover the ICC's inspection visit after they refused to accept a clause barring them from reporting on anything but cricket.

# **Bond will disband India**

this season," said Bond, 27.

Cricket

the spokesman said.

month." he added.

the spokesman explained.

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond on Tuesday sounded a warning to India, saying he would go flatout to unsettle the touring batsmen in the opening Test at the Basin Reserve here.

Zimbabwe by "the middle of this

month", a spokesman for the sport's

global governing body told AFP here

Last month an ICC delegation

ed by chief executive Malcolm

Speed and containing representa-

tives from the six countries --

England, Australia, India, Pakistan,

Holland and Namibia -- due to play

of the inspection on November 29,

The board is made up of chief

executives from the 10 Test playing

nations and three from the associ-

ate or iunior members who are

currently represented by the

Netherlands, Kenya and Malaysia

"I like to bowl fast and I'm going to do the same against the Indians, Bond said ahead of Thursday's first Test on a pitch which is expected to favour pace more than spin.

"I look to get the key players out," said Bond, a Christchurch policeman who has so far grabbed 26 wickets in six Tests since making his debut against Australia last season. "There'll be variations of pace,

but I'll try to rely on speed and bounce and bowl fast." Bond said he was keen to perform well against India as the tourists had a strong batting line-up.

"They are like Australia, especially their top order. It's a huge challenge bowling against them and you have to strive for success, but my rhythm is back after having a couple of good first-class games

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**SHANE BOND** 

because someone else could stand up. We've to clean up the batting.

"We'll have to do a lot of hard work if we've do well in the first Test. I'll have to bowl in the right areas. I just believe in myself and run in all day and I think I'll get the rewards.'

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Bond said he was aware of his responsibilities as a strike bowler

and was confident of meeting "Their top-six batsmen are all expectations, especially in the absence of key all-rounder Chris Cairns who pulled out of the match

"It's a great chance to do some-

thing good. Being a strike bowler is a big responsibility and you are under pressure because of people's expectations," said Bond. "Without Cairns, someone has to put his hand up and pick wickets.

due to a knee injury.

It's a big responsibility for me. "He (Cairns) is a match-winner with both bat and ball. He told me to be the No 1 bowler for New Zealand and then become the No 1 bowler in

the world. Now he is not in the

squad and I hope to do what he did.' Bond rose to fame during a triangular one-day series in Australia early this year when he bagged 21 wickets to help his team qualify for the final against South Africa. He was also named the

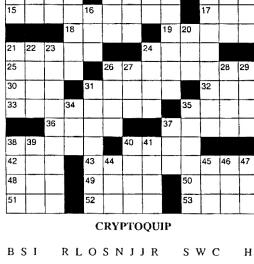
player of the series. His best in Tests came on the tour of the West Indies as he grabbed 12 wickets in three Test innings, including seven in the opening match at Barbados to set up his team's victory.

# CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TWO FIERCE SKETCH ARTISTS HAD BEEN DUKING IT OUT, BUT THE FIGHT ENDED IN A DRAW. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals L

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.

NIWTTD W

# Rain dampens Steve's hopes AFP, Sydney

Rain forced the cancellation Tuesday of a one-day cricket match between New South Wales and Australia that would have offered Steve Waugh a last chance to press his claim for a spot on his country's

World Cup side. Officials waited until the last minute to call off the match at the North Sydney Oval but the rain which had been falling through the night failed to let up.

Waugh, captain of the Australian Test and NSW state teams, was left off the preliminary 30-man team for next year's World Cup one-day tournament announced by Australia earlier this month, although selectors had left open the possibility he could be added later as an allrounder

But to gain the spot it was widely held that Waugh would have to prove his bowling form against the Australia one-day team in Sydney Australia plays its first match in

the limited overs tri-nation series

against England at the Sydney

Cricket Ground on Friday.

India have yet to clinch an away Test series outside the subcontinent since 1986, but have won Tests in Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, the West Indies and England under Saurav Ganguly's captaincy in the last two



**RAHUL DRAVID** Dravid said he was confident the team would be able to extend its impressive run on the current tour of New Zealand, despite having to play

in different conditions. "The conditions are similar to those in England in lot of ways and we've done well in England. The confidence is quite high," said

series in England and then drew 1-1 in a four-Test series against Nasser Hussain's team. Dravid said he felt batting would hold the key to India's fortunes in the

India won the NatWest one-day

two-Test series. "We'll have to bat well in these conditions in order to sustain hopes of winning the series. We'll have to give enough runs to our bowlers to get the opposition out twice," said

here and our batsmen will have to apply themselves well on fast pitches. We've to be wise in our shot-selection and tighten up our technique." Dravid said he did not believe he would be the key man in a strong

"It's a different challenge playing

"I don't think I'm the only key batsman in the squad," said Dravid who slammed five centuries this year, including four in successive Test innings. "We've a good batting line-up

batting line-up despite his brilliant

form this year.

India now better abroad and every batsman has been in good touch this year. To win a Test series, it's necessary for the entire team to do well," said Dravid. He was the most successful

batsman on India's last tour of New

Zealand in 1998-99, hitting a cen-

tury in each innings of the third and

time. I enjoy batting in these condi-

tions and I hope to be among runs

but it will be fantastic if we win the

be at their best to beat New Zealand

said. "It won't be easy beating them

as they play really well at home.

We'll have to be more consistent in

**BANGLADESH: Second innings** 

Hannan c Ganga b Drakes

Anwar b Drakes

Ashraful b Drakes

Bashar Ibw b Collins

Aminul Ibw b Lawson

Kapali Ibw b Lawson

Naimur not out

Taposh b Lawson

**Toss: West Indies** 

Talha b Lawson

Drakes

Powell

Lawson

K Mashud Ibw b Lawson

Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-4)

Total: (All out in 31.5 overs)

Enamul c Jacobs b Lawson

our batting and bowling.

527, 10-536

Bowler

Taposh

Naimur

Enamul

Ashraful

Talha

"I really enjoyed my trip here last

"It has been a good year for me,

Dravid said India would have to

"They are a very good side," he

last Test at Hamilton.

again," said Dravid.

at home.