

## Styris axed from ODIs

REUTERS, Hamilton

All-rounder Scott Styris has been dropped from the New Zealand squad for the first two games in a series of seven one-day internationals against India.

Also missing from the 12-man party for the games in Auckland (Thursday) and Napier (next Sunday) named by chairman of selectors Sir Richard Hadlee is the evergreen one-day stalwart Chris Harris, who is not fully fit following a shoulder injury.

Chris Cairns, still recovering from an operation on his right knee, and Andre Adams (back) were not considered for selection.

Hadlee said Styris might consider himself unlucky but he was competing with a number of other all-rounders.

"The door is by no means shut and the onus is on him and others to score some runs and take some wickets at domestic level," said Hadlee.

Styris scored 13 and 17 in the second Test win over India which ended earlier on Sunday, but Hadlee said it would have been unfair and irresponsible to use the low-scoring Test match as a basis for selection.

The need to name New Zealand's 15 for the World Cup by December 31 means Hadlee and his panel have only the first two ODIs against India and domestic one-day matches to finalise their squad for the tournament in South Africa and Zimbabwe in February.

"We have to name 15 players at the end of the month for our World Cup campaign. Clearly we have a fairly good idea of who will fill most of those spots but until the deadline is reached we will be watching closely," said Hadlee.

New Zealand squad for first two ODIs against India: Stephen Fleming (Wellington, captain), Nathan Astle, Shane Bond (both Canterbury), Paul Hitchcock (Wellington), Kyle Mills (Auckland), Brendon McCullum (Otago), Craig McMillan (Canterbury), Jacob Oram (Central Districts), Daryl Tuffey (Northern Districts), Mathew Sinclair (Central Districts), Daniel Vettori (Northern Districts), Lou Vincent (Auckland).

## Black Caps

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### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second and final Test between India and New Zealand at the Westpac Park here on Sunday.

**INDIA:** First innings 99 (Laxman 23, Tuffey 4-12, Bond 4-39)

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 94 (Fleming 21, Zaheer 5-29)

**INDIA:** Second innings 154 (Dravid 39, Tuffey 4-41, Oram 4-41)

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings (over-night 24-0)

Richardson c Patel b Nehra 28

Vincent c Patel b Yohannan 9

Fleming c Zaheer b Nehra 32

McMillan lbw b Nehra 18

Astle c Patel b Zaheer 14

Styris c Patel b Harbhajan 17

Oram not out 26

Hart not out 11

Extras: (lb-4, nb-1) 5

Total: (for 6 wks in 56.2 overs) 160

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-52, 3-89, 4-90, 5-105, 6-136

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	13	0	56	1
Yohannan	16	5	27	1
Nehra	16.2	4	34	3
Harbhajan	11	0	39	1

**Result: New Zealand win by four wickets**

**Man-of-the-match: Daryl Tuffey (NZ)**

**Series result: New Zealand clinch two-Test series 2-0**

**Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri) and Daryl Harper (Aus)**

**TV umpire: Doug Cowie (NZ)**

**Match-referee: Mike Procter (Rsa)**

## Aussies slay SL



AFP, Perth

World one-day cricket champions Australia steamrollered to their third successive win in the tri-nations limited-overs contest here Sunday when they crushed Sri Lanka by 142 runs at the WACA Ground.

In a one-sided clash under a thunderous sky before a sell-out crowd of 24,500, Australia hammered 305 for five wickets -- their highest total on the ground -- before skittling their opponents for 163 in the day-night confrontation.

Australia's win takes the home nation back to the top of the competition ladder with 17 points -- five more than England.

Sri Lanka, having lost their first three matches in the tournament, are trailing with a solitary point and now face a huge task to qualify for the best-of-three finals late next month in the 190,000 Australian dollar (100,000 US) shootout.

Belligerent left-hander Darren Lehmann smashed his third century in one-day international ranks as Australia pummelled the Sri Lankan attack after batting first when skipper Ricky Ponting won the toss.

Then Australia's pace and spin bowlers teamed up to rout their opponents in only 43 of their allotted 50 overs.

Speedster Brett Lee led the way with 3-23 from seven explosive overs.

Deputising for the injured Adam Gilchrist at the top of the Australian order, Lehmann bludgeoned 119 (12 fours, one six) from 123 balls in the home country's total of 305 for five wickets.

It was Lehmann's highest score for his country in the abbreviated form of the game and his first three-figure score on home soil.

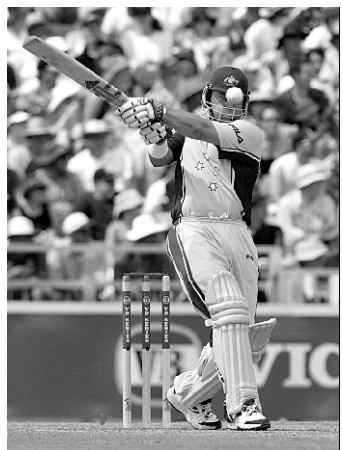
The 32-year-old hammered 103 off the Pakistan attack in Karachi in 1998 and 110 against the West Indies in St George's a year later.

Lehmann, the hottest player in the Australian side, made light of fierce heat (the mercury topped 37.5 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit) and high humidity as he butchered the Sri Lankan bowling.

He had been at the crease for just over two and a half hours when he was finally removed by 22-year-old paceman Prabath Nissanka, who bowled him as he attempted to glide the ball down the leg side.

Nissanka, playing in only his 10th one-day international, also bowled Australian captain Ricky Ponting (17) and had Damien Martyn (9) caught in the covers by Russel Arnold.

Nissanka finished with 3-54 from eight overs -- his best effort in limited-overs company at the top level.



LEHMANN...m-o-m

His figures would have been even better if an appeal for a catch off Ryan Campbell, on 11, by wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana had been allowed.

Australia were given a lightning start by Lehmann and Matthew Hayden (64), who posted 162 in 25.3 overs.

The Sri Lankans were bitterly disappointed when Hayden, on 20, was ruled out when he was beaten by a delivery from Fernando and the side appealed for a catch to wicketkeeper Kaluwitharana.

South African umpire Rudi Koertzen rejected the appeal. TV replays suggested Hayden may have been lucky.

In the Sri Lankan innings, only Kumar Sangakkara (40) and Kaluwitharana (35) threatened to make substantial scores.

### SCORECARD

Scorecard at end of Australia-Sri Lanka one-day day-night tri-nations series cricket clash at WACA

Ground on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA	O	M	R	W
Lehmann b Nissanka	119			
Hayden c Jayawardene b Jayasuriya	64			
Ponting b Nissanka	17			
Martyn c Arnold b Nissanka	9			
Bevan not out	40			
Campbell Arnold b Fernando	16			
Watson not out	25			
Extras (w13, nb2)	15			
Total: (for 5 wks)	305			
Fall of wickets: 1-162, 2-202, 3-219, 4-223, 5-253				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	7	0	47	0
Gunaratne	4	0	30	0
Fernando	10	1	55	1
Nissanka	8	0	54	3
Arnold	9	0	46	0
Jayasuriya	7	0	44	1
Mubarak	5	0	29	0

### SRI LANKA

Atapattu c Campbell b McGrath	15
Jayasuriya c Bichel b Lee	3
Mubarak c Watson b McGrath	4
Jayawardene c and b Lehmann	21
Arnold c Bichel b Hogg	15
Sangakkara c Bevan b Watson	40
Kaluwitharana c Bevan b Watson	35
Vaas c Martyn b Lee	7
Nissanka not out	5
Fernando b Lee	0
Gunaratne c Campbell b Watson	2
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-6, nb-3)	16
Total: (all out in 43 overs)	163
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-24, 3-25, 4-60, 5-61, 6-140, 7-153, 8-160, 9-160	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	8	2	22	2
Lee	7	1	23	3
Hogg	10	0	43	1
Lehmann	5	1	13	1
Bichel	8	0	28	0
Watson	5	0	27	3

**Result: Australia won by 142 runs**

**Man-of-the-match: Darren Lehmann (Australia)**

**Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia), Rudi Koertzen (South Africa)**

**TV umpire: Simon Taufel (Australia)**

**Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pakistan)**

### SERIES STANDINGS

Ladder after Australia-Sri Lanka game Sunday night in the tri-nations series one-day contest (P-Played, W-Won, L-Lost, BP-Bonus points and TP-Total points):

	P	W	L	BP	TP
Australia	3	3	-	2	17
England	4	2	2	2	12
Sri Lanka	3	-	3	1	1

## Queensland muscle past Tasmania

AFP, Hobart

Champions Queensland moved to second on the Sheffield Shield standings behind leaders Victoria by beating Tasmania by 10 wickets here on Sunday.

Stubborn batting by the Tasmanian tail delayed the inevitable and at least avoided the indignity of an innings defeat.

Fast bowler Damien Wright batted for 130 minutes for 46 and fellow quick Adam Griffith supported him during a 65-minute stand that yielded seven runs.

But off-spinner Nathan Hauritz dismissed them both in the space of three balls to wrap up the second innings for 219.

That left Jimmy Maher and Brendan Nash the formality of scoring three runs for the victory.

Queensland made 408 for eight in their first innings and forced Tasmania to follow on after dismissing them for 191. Tasmania remained at the bottom of the table.

Paceman Brad Williams and spinner Beau Casson ripped through South Australia's lower order to help deliver Western Australia outright victory on the final day of their match at Adelaide Oval.

SA, who trailed by 294 on the first innings after compiling 226, could only manage 261 in their second innings in reply to WA's 520 for nine declared.

SA looked a reasonable chance of preventing WA from gaining outright victory when they were 249 for five eight overs into the final session and needing to see out another 25 overs.

But SA lost 5-12 in five overs, with Casson taking three wickets and Williams two, as WA stormed to victory by an innings and 33 runs. WA are second-last on the standings, but are now two points behind SA.

Williams finished with 5-38 and left-arm spinner Casson grabbed 4-112.

It gave the 19-year-old Casson a 10-wicket haul in just his second first-class match and earned him man-of-the-match honours.

## Tension-filled Test

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today but I thought 160 was competitive," Ganguly said on Sunday.

"The wicket had evened up a bit since the start of the game but there was still a bit for the seamers."

Ganguly was asked if he thought the Hamilton pitch was good enough for Test cricket.

"I really don't want to make an excuse but the scores must give you an answer to your question."

"There was everything in pitches for fast bowlers in both the Tests. There was pace, bounce and seam movement. It was not an easy going for batsmen," said Ganguly after his team's four-wicket defeat in the second and final Test.

Ganguly said he felt his team could have put more pressure on the hosts had they scored 40-50 more runs in the second innings here.

"I think 40-50 more runs could have made a difference," said Ganguly, whose team made 154 in the second innings.

"We should have put more runs on the board in the second innings. It's really disappointing that we failed to win an away Test series again."



PHOTO: AFP

Former Pakistan cricketer and a member of the 1992 World Cup winning squad Ramiz Raja (L) holds the greatest prize during a ceremony at Murree, some 40 kilometres from Islamabad on December 21. The trophy is touring the 14 participating countries.

## Gower joins boycott calls



REUTERS, London

England and Australia ought to boycott their World Cup fixtures in Zimbabwe while Robert Mugabe is president of the African country, former England captain David Gower has said.

"I don't think it is right that England should be playing a match in Harare on February 13, 2003, or on any other day while the Robert Mugabe regime remains in power in Zimbabwe," Gower wrote in a column Britain's The Sunday Times newspaper.

"Nor do I think the Australians, as the other main Commonwealth nation involved in the same World Cup group, should honour their fixture in Bulawayo 11 days later," he said.

Six matches in the World Cup, taking place primarily in South Africa, are scheduled to be hosted by Zimbabwe, three in Harare

involving England, India and Namibia and another three in Bulawayo featuring Australia, Pakistan and the Netherlands.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), the game's world ruling body, announced on Thursday that the World Cup matches would go ahead in the African country.

The ICC said that a 10-man delegation that had monitored the situation in Zimbabwe last month had found "no good reason in terms of the safety and security of the players to relocate any of the six matches."

Fears had been expressed over player safety after political upheaval and violence in Zimbabwe following implementation of the Mugabe government's controversial land reforms.

Gower wrote that the players would almost certainly be safe with the Harare government "bending over backwards" to shelter them from the country's problems and show the world Zimbabwe was a safe place.

But he trashed the ICC view that

playing there would be of benefit to the beleaguered Zimbabwean people.

"Just what percentage of that population does (ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed) think will get anywhere near the cricket or benefit from it in any shape or form?" he asked.

Present England captain Nasser Hussain has said he is in no position to do more than follow ICC recommendations.

Other protestors seeking an England boycott of the Zimbabwe matches look set to take their arguments a lot further, the Sunday Telegraph reported.

It said a human rights group called Zimactivism have threatened to dig up the pitches at the two World Cup venues and have been urging Zimbabwe players to pull out of the February 8-March 23 tournament.

Labour MP Frank Field has formed a multi-party group to protest against the Mugabe regime and is calling on the England team to boycott the Zimbabwe matches.

## Pakistan fall to Peterson



AFP, Pietermaritzburg

Left-arm spinner Robin Peterson ripped through the Pakistani batters Saturday to dismiss the tourists for 174 on the first day of their three-day match against South Africa A at the Pietermaritzburg Oval.

When stumps were drawn half an hour early, South Africa A had made 76 for two, just 98 runs behind Pakistan, the SAPA news agency reported.

The 23-year-old Peterson took six for 72 on a slow turning wicket as Pakistan's disappointing tour continued.

Pakistan showed some fight near the end of their 57 overs when captain Waqar Younis, batting at 10, made 36 from 38 balls, hitting two huge sixes over mid-wicket.

Peterson eventually had his revenge though by having Waqar caught in that same mid-wicket area.

Opening bowler David Terbrugge struck with his 10th ball to remove Salim Elahi, then Monde Zondeki had Younis Khan caught hooking to square leg, reducing the tourists to 19 for two.

Inzamanul Haq made 25 from 35 balls before falling to a sharp chance at silly mid-off from to present Peterson with his first victim.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the three-day match between Pakistan and South Africa A at the Pietermaritzburg Oval on Saturday:

<b>PAKISTAN:</b> First innings	
Elahi c Prince b Terbrugge	2
T Umar c & b Petersen	25
Younis Khan c Rudolph b Zondeki	5
Inzamam c Rudolph b Peterson	25
Youhana c Ontong b Peterson	29
Faisal Iqbal b Langeveldt	18
Abdul Razaq b Ontong	12
Karman Aqmal c Terbrugge b Peterson	2
Saqlain c Van Jaarsveld b Peterson	11
Waqar c Prince b Peterson	36
M Zaid not out	2
Extras: (b-4, lb-11, nb-2)	17
Total (all out, 57.4 overs)	174
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-19, 3-54, 4-73, 5-111, 6-111, 7-119, 8-131, 9-149	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Terbrugge	8	3	9	1
Zondeki	11	2	30	1
Langeveldt	10	3	36	1
Peterson	21.4	7	68	6
Ontong	7	1	22	1

### SAFRICAA: First innings

Rudolph not out	46
Petersen c Akmal b Zahid	2
Van Jaarsveld c Inzamam b Saqlain	2
Cullinan not out	11
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-2, w-2)	15
Total: (for 2 wks in 25 overs)	76
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-45	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Waqar	6	0	22	0
Zahid	6	0	17	1
Razaq	6	2	18	0
Saqlain	7	3	12	1