

Kiwis bring in two rookies

AFP, Christchurch

The New Zealand cricket squad for this month's one-day series against South Africa contains two changes from the side which beat Pakistan last month, including the new cap of prolific batsman Michael Pappas.

Pappas has scored an avalanche of runs for his Canterbury provincial team this season and has earned his New Zealand colours at the expense of Craig Cumming, who struggled to come to terms with the step up to international level.

Mason, who made his international one-day debut in Pakistan last December but was not needed for the home series against the same opposition last month, replaces Andre Adams.

Pappas's selection comes after an outstanding season in which the right-hand bat averaged 57.87 in limited over matches, and with the country's most successful one-day batsman, Nathan Astle, injured there was an opening for a batsman capable of getting the innings off to a solid start.

The first one-day international against South Africa is in Auckland on Friday.

SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Michael Pappas, Hamish Marshall, Scott Styris, Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Chris Cairns, Kyle Mills, Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Michael Mason, Ian Butler.

Sohag slams

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(Jishan 55, Dilu 41; Shahid 4-34, Joy 2-35, Shamim 2-45)

SR INTERNATIONAL: 184 for 9 in 35 overs (Shahriar 39, Shahid 33, Irshad 4-26, Dilu 2-23)

Result: Green Leaf International won by eight runs.

Saint Judes International School v Dhanmondi Tutorial

Venue: UPL

SAINT JUDES: 146 for six in 30 overs (Asif 34, Faisal 30Arefin 3-14, Rahman 2-36)

DHANMONDI TUTORIAL: 150 for 1 in 19.3 overs (Asif 49, Sakib 35)

Result: Dhanmondi Tutorial won by 9 wickets.

Mirpur Residential School v Mirpur Laboratory School

Venue: UFG

MIRPUR RESIDENTIAL: 278 for six in 35 overs (Imu 80, Alamgir 64, Monir 29; Farhad 3-38)

MIRPUR LABORATORY: 68 all out in 10.5 overs (Nantu 27; Babu 5-23)

Result: Mirpur Residential School won by 206 runs.

Islami Adarsh School v Progoti High School

Venue: DCG

ISLAMI ADARSHA: 200 all out in 32.2 overs (Riju 40, Monsur 40, Romel 36; Manik 4-43, Bappi 2-28, Saiful 2-30)

PROGOTI HIGH SCHOOL: 201 for three in 28.1 overs (Sohag 103, Shipon 24)

Result: Progoti High School won by 7 wickets.



PHOTO: AFP

American Lindsay Davenport holds up the winner's trophy after beating Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria in the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday.

Lindsay keeps Pan Pacific title



AFP, Tokyo

Lindsay Davenport retained the only title she won last year when she breezed past Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria in Pan Pacific Open tennis final here on Sunday.

The American former world number one, who returned to the tour last month in Sydney after a foot injury, was in top form, hitting seven aces and winning nine free points off her serve to score a convincing 6-4, 6-1 victory.

"It's been a year since I won my last title, that was here," said Davenport, who was also the winner here in 1998, 2001 and last year.

"It's really a remarkable achievement to be able to be the champion four times and in the finals five times," she said.

"Obviously I played very well here. It's great anytime, for me -- (I'm) not winning as many titles as I used to. I'm really happy to get the year off by winning the title so early.

"I look forward to carrying over the play that I had this week to more tournaments," she said.

It was Davenport's fourth Tokyo indoor title, equalling the tourna-

ment record set by Martina Hingis of Switzerland.

She got off to a flying start, cashing in on a double break chance in the opening game and then keeping the next to move up 2-0.

But Maleeva retaliated with some fine angled shots to take the following three games in a row, breaking the fourth by hitting a pass to cause Davenport a forehand error at 15-40.

However that appeared to be Maleeva's final break opportunity as Davenport made it a lopsided affair in the remainder of the 58-minute match.

"At 2-0 I had a couple of break points to go two breaks up," Davenport said. "For the first time all week, I felt like I was giving away points, making a few errors.

"But the thing I did very well was I stayed calm, I went back to going for my shots, I just really believe that I can play well and it really paid off.

"Maggie is a great player, we had a lot of tough matches before, so I wanted to really try and play aggressive and go for my shots. The court here is very fast. That helped my ground strokes and service quite a bit."

"I was just trying to play like I did all week and not let Maggie dictate,

trying to keep her behind the baseline," added the American, who was also the winner at the Tokyo outdoor in 1999.

With the win, which carries the top prize of 189,000 dollars, Davenport avenged her three-set loss against Maleeva in the 2002 Kremlin Cup final to square her record against the Bulgarian at three wins against three defeats.

It was her 39th career singles title, including her first major victory at the Atlanta Olympic Games as well as three Grand Slam wins at the 1998 US Open, the 1999 Wimbledon and the 2000 Australian Open.

Maleeva failed to follow her elder sister Manuela's victories in the inaugural 1984 and 1985 tournaments, but she appeared satisfied with her performance this week.

"Generally, she was just too good," Maleeva said. "When she is on, it's very tough to play her, because her ball is so deep and she hits the ball so clean, and she serves well."

"I did pretty well, I played everything I wanted to play... everytime I tried to play the point, I did not miss, I did that, so I have no regret," she said.

Rajshahi floor Dhaka

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Mortuza Ibw b Mahmud 0
Mahbub b Mahmud 10
Shahzada Ibw b Mahmud 9
Saifullah b Mahmud 0
Shafag Ibw b Elias 3
Extras: (b-27, lb-7, nb-3, w-2) 29
Total: (For six wkts in 43 overs) 148
Fall of wkts: 1-9, 2-27, 3-87, 4-87, 5-93, 6-101, 7-117, 8-127, 9-127, 10-148.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Ashraf 13 4 28 3
Neeyamur 5 2 9 1
Arafat 12.5 3 20 1
Muntasir 8 3 18 0
Elias 4 1 7 0
Mahmud 10 3 37 5

DHAKA: Second innings
Rashdul c Ashraf b Saifullah 34
Mehrab c Raihan b Saifullah 32

Jahangir c Shahzada b Saifullah 1
Elias Ibw b Saifullah 5
Halim Shah b Saifullah 14
Mazharul b Murad 8
Mahmud b Murad 1
Neeyamur c Shafag b Saifullah 1
Muntasir run out 2
Arafat c Shafag b Saifullah 5
Ashraful not out 0
Extras: (b-3, lb-1, nb-1) 5
Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) 108
Fall of wkts: 1-57, 2-57, 3-72, 4-75, 5-92, 6-94, 7-97, 8-100, 9-103, 10-108.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Shahzada 13 0 19 0
Shafag 2 0 9 0
Saifullah 21.5 11 22 7
Imran 6 1 30 0
Murad 16 6 24 2

RAJSHAHI: Second innings

Kabir not out 10
Parvez b Arafat 4
Murad Ibw b Muntasir 8
Ashraful not out 31
Extras: 0
Total: (For two wkts in 20.2 overs) 53
Fall of wkts: 1-13, 2-15.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Muntasir 8 4 7 1
Arafat 5 1 17 1
Elias 2.2 1 8 0
Mahmud 5 1 21 0

Result: Rajshahi won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Saifullah Khan (Rajshahi).

Barisal v Khulna

Venue: Barisal Stadium

BARISAL: First innings 193 all out in 77.4 overs (Salahuddin 59, Arman 28, Toudh 25; Russell 8/67)

KHULNA: First innings (overnight 41 for no loss in 10 overs)

Shaful b Tariqul 61
Sanjay c Nahidul b Mofizur 63
Nizamuddin c & b Arman 18
Salahuddin not out 48
Selim b Tariqul 1
Jamaluddin not out 56
Extras: (b-7, lb-6) 13
Total: (For 4 wkts in 108 overs) 260
Fall of wkts: 1-131, 2-137, 3-164, 4-165.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Anisur 9 2 31 0
Arafat 9 2 35 0
Tariqul 26 8 60 2
Arman 30 11 41 1
Mustadir 16 4 47 0
Mofizur 15 5 28 1
Imran 3 1 5 0

Sylhet v Chittagong

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

SYLHET: First innings 235 all out in 93.5 overs (Sadequr 59, Mowla 59, Himeel 37, Nasirul 31; Hasan 3/75, Yasin 3/41)

CHITTAGONG: First innings

Anisul c Imtiaz b Rezaul 1
Masum c Imtiaz b Rezaul 1
Salahuddin c Abbas b Nabil 38
Iqbal c Abbas b Rezaul 2
Faisal b Rezaul 1
Arif c Abbas b Zakwan 1
Raihan c Golam b Nabil 24
Sabbir b Nabil 0
Ahsanullah c Nabil b Imtiaz 13
Yasin Ibw b Imtiaz 0
Alamgir not out 0
Extras: (b-7, lb-4) 11
Total: (All out in 32.4 overs) 93
Fall of wkts: 1-5, 2-6, 3-10, 4-16, 5-17, 6-76, 7-78, 8-93, 9-93, 10-93.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Zakwan 7 1 23 1
Rezaul 8 3 15 4
Nabil 9.4 2 27 3
Parvez 1 0 3 0
Imtiaz 7 2 14 2

SYLHET: Second innings

Imtiaz c Iqbal b Yasin 29
Golam not out 74
Parvez c Masum b Raihan 28
Sadequr not out 12
Extras: (b-15, lb-6, w-2) 23
Total: (For 2 wkts in 55 overs) 166
Fall of wkts: 1-40, 2-134.

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Alamgir 8 1 24 0
Yasin 17 4 35 1
Sabbir 13 2 32 0
Hasan 10 4 25 0
Raihan 5 1 22 1
Faisal 2 1 5 0

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City Club and Quality Sports moved into the super league winning in their respective matches in the CJKS-Sinmin Mineral Water Table Tennis League at the Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) Gymnasium yesterday.

In the first match, City Club outplayed Young Star Club by 3-0. Besides, in the other match Quality Sports defeated Railway Rangers by 3-2.

On Saturday Satadal Club outplayed Railway Rangers 3-1 while City Club beat Madarbari Udyan Sangha 3-2.

Indian eves lift Asia Cup hockey crown

AFP, New Delhi

Jasjeet Kaur produced a superb second-half goal as India shocked Japan 1-0 in the final of the Asia Cup women's field hockey tournament here on Sunday.

Jasjeet struck in the 64th minute as India clinched their maiden title of the tournament to qualify for the 2006 World Cup.

India exacted sweet revenge for their double loss to Japan at the Busan Asian Games in 2002, when they lost in the league stage as well as in the play-off for the bronze.

Japan, who had beaten Asian Games champions China 6-2 in the semi-finals, dominated the final but still went down to a gritty Indian side.

Earning nine penalty-corners in the first session, Japan were left ruing missed chances as the hard work by forwards Sachimi Iwao and Chie Kumura went to waste.

For India, captain Suraj Lata Devi and Suman Bala kept the team in the game with some deft stickwork but it was a superb solo effort from Jasjeet that surprised Japan.

The Indian medio cut through from the top of the circle to unleash a rasping drive that beat goalkeeper Ise Terazono hands down.

"It was a superb goal no doubt, but we also have to give credit to our midfielders and the defence to hold on so strongly," said Indian coach M K Kaushik.

"We came into the tournament hoping to finish in the medals bracket but have got a bonus in the form of this gold," said Kaushik, who also coached the men's team that won the gold at the Bangkok Asian Games in 1998.

In a match for the third place, China beat South Korea 3-0 in the tie-breaker after a goalless regulation period.

Captain Ma Yibo, Mai Shaoyan and Chen Qui Qi scored for China, while Kang-Na Young, Seo-Hye Jin and Gim-Sang Hee failed to convert their strokes for the Korean side.

Australia win

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return to their world championship form ahead of the Sri Lankan tour which starts on Friday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the second final of the VB Series triangular cricket tournament between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA					INDIA				
Gilchrist	c	Ganguly	b		Gilchrist	c	Ganguly	b	
Hayden			29		Hayden			29	
Tennend	u	l	k	a	r				
126					126				
Ponting	c	Dravid	b		Ponting	c	Dravid	b	
Pathan			4		Pathan			4	
Martyn	c	Badani	b		Martyn	c	Badani	b	
Pathan			67		Pathan			67	
Symonds			2		Symonds			2	
Nehra			66		Nehra			66	
Clarke			not out		Clarke			not out	
o			u		o			u	
3					3				
Katic			not out		Katic			not out	
o			u		o			u	
1					1				
Extras: (lb-6, w-15, nb-2)					Extras: (lb-6, w-15, nb-2)				
Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs)					Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs)				

359
Fall of wickets 1-62, 2-73, 3-230, 4-228, 5-347
Did not bat: Harvey, Lee, Gillespie, Williams

Bowler					Bowler				
O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
Pathan	10	0			Pathan	10	0		
75	2				75	2			
Balaji	9	0			Balaji	9	0		
65	0				65	0			
Nehra	10	0			Nehra	10	0		
63	2				63	2			
Kartik	7	0			Kartik	7	0		
51	0				51	0			
Sehwag	5	0			Sehwag	5	0		
30	0				30	0			
Ganguly	1	0			Ganguly	1	0		
9	0				9	0			
Tendulkar	8	0			Tendulkar	8	0		
60	1				60	1			

INDIA
Sehwag c Lee b Gillespie 12
Tendulkar c Lee b Gillespie 27
Gillespie 5
Luxman c and b Lee 5
Ganguly c Symonds 3
Harvey 0
Dravid run out 0
Yuvraj c Gilchrist 18
Harvey 0
Pathan b Lee 30
Kartik c Gilchrist 23
Williams 9
Balaji b Williams 2
Nehra not out 14
Extras: (lb-7, w-4, nb-2) 13
Total: (All out in 33.2 overs) 151
Fall of wickets 1-22, 2-49, 3-49, 4-52, 5-56, 6-59, 7-99, 8-123, 9-136

Bowler					Bowler				
O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
Gillespie	9	1			Gillespie	9	1		
52	2				52	2			
Lee	10	1			Lee	10	1		
39	2				39	2			
Williams	6.2	1			Williams	6.2	1		
12	2				12	2			
Harvey	5	2			Harvey	5	2		
30	2				30	2			
Symonds	3	1			Symonds	3	1		
11	0				11	0			

Result: Australia won best of three-final series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Matthew Hayden.

Man-of-the-series: Adam Gilchrist.

Eng may lose ICC meet



CRICINFO/BBC, undated

David Morgan, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), faces one of the most important meetings of his career next month, when he takes on the board chairmen of the other nine Test-playing countries in a summit in Auckland.

On the agenda will be England's probable postponement of their tour of Zimbabwe, and the possible repercussions of such a stance.

Morgan has defended himself against accusations he has broken a promise to tour Zimbabwe.

Morgan suggested at a meeting last year with Zimbabwe authorities that moral issues would be part of the decision.

"I said, 'Yes, we shall visit you, subject to their being no security and safety issues,'" Morgan claimed.

"What has occurred since March 29 is a further deterioration in the situation in Zimbabwe and the UK government taking a much firmer line."

After England's World Cup boycott, Morgan met his Zimbabwe counterparts to ensure their tour of England would go ahead the following May.

He told the Sunday Telegraph: "In the course of the meeting they ... gave a clear signal to me that having

heard the reasons for the no-show in the World Cup they would tour in 2003.

"Later in the meeting they said, 'You're due to tour here in October 2004. Can you assure us that you're coming?'"

He admitted he had effectively said political and moral consider-



DAVID MORGAN

ations would not enter into deliberations, but argued he was simply stating ECB policy.

The ECB have yet to cancel the tour and will now discuss it with representatives of the other nine Test nations at an International Cricket Council meeting in Auckland on May 9 and 10.

The ICC executive board could retaliate to a boycott by ordering

compensation for Zimbabwe and moving next September's lucrative ICC Champions Trophy away from England.

Fifteen matches are set to be staged at Edgbaston, Southampton and The Oval, which would generate around 3 million pounds in ticket sales for the ECB.

In addition, the three-ODI NatWest Challenge against India would also be cancelled, and so more gate revenue and a lucrative deal with Indian television would also be lost.

Morgan told the newspaper the ECB is building a "contingency fund" of 3 million pounds to cover such possibilities.

According to the newspaper, England stand to lose as much as 10 million pounds if they continue to take a hard line against Zimbabwe.

Their decision has won plenty of support from the public and government at home, but has been viewed with a jaundiced eye abroad. When Des Wilson produced his 17-page document, it was praised in Britain for reintroducing the moral argument to sport, but elsewhere it has been seen as unnecessary moral posturing.

Morgan is still hopeful that the Champions Trophy will be not be relocated. He needs at least three of the 10 boards to stand by him, and India is the only viable alternative venue.

'We're mentally strong'

