

Reward

REUTERS, *Napier*

Opening batsman Michael Papps was rewarded for his unbeaten 92 in the sixth and final one-day international against South Africa on Tuesday with a place in the New Zealand Test team.

Papps and one-day wicket-keeper Brendon McCullum were named in the squad for the first Test starting in Hamilton on March 10 shortly after New Zealand had clinched the one-day series 5-1.

"Michael Papps has carried on his strong domestic form and, while he is still adjusting to the international arena, has shown the mental toughness needed from an opening batsman," said selector-coach John Bracewell.

With strike bowlers Shane Bond and Ian Butler both injured, Chris Martin has won a recall to the team. Middle-order batsman Nathan Astle was not considered because of a knee injury.

SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Chris Cairns, Michael Mason, Chris Martin, Brendon McCullum, Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Michael Papps, Mark Richardson, Scott Styris, Daryl Tuffey, Daniel Vettori, Paul Wiseman.

BSFNA cricket

RU CORRESPONDENT

Jubo Cricket School defeated Troyee Media by two wickets in the Bangladesh Sports Foundation of North America (BSFNA) cricket tournament at Rajshahi College playground yesterday.

Winning the toss Jubo Cricket invited Troyee Media to bat.

Troyee collected 119 in 43 overs after being all out.

In reply, Jubo Cricket reached the target of 120 runs losing eight wickets in 38 overs.

Tomal was adjudged man-of-the-match.

SCORES IN BRIEF

TROYEE MEDIA: 119 all out in 43 overs (Marshall 35, Sarwar 28; Tomal 4/18, Rezwan 3/18)

JUBO CRICKET SCHOOL: 120 for 8 in 38 overs (Jem 42; Bipul 3/26, Titas 3/12).

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Panditpara Athletic Club defeated Mukul Fauz (Red) by 126 runs in the Navana Premier Division Cricket League at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss Panditpara batted first and scored 184 runs all out in 44.5 overs.

In reply, Mukul Fauz were all out for 58 in 36.2 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PANDITPARA CLUB: 184/10 in 44.5 overs (Rashed 51 not out, Robin 29, Utpal 21, Depu 18; Biswajit 3/27 and Ashim 2/34).

MUKUL FAUZ: 58/10 in 36.2 overs (Rana 27, Subal 13 not out; Jitu 4/7, Rashed 3/17 and Dipu-2/12).

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Sunrise Sporting Club beat Dariapur Jubo Sangha 5-2 in the First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

First half ended 3-1.

Kanak scored hattrick while Liton and Shakil netted one goal each for the winners.

Riaz and Liton reduced the margin scoring one goal each for the losers.

Young Eleven Star will take on Babukhali Ekadosh today at the same venue.

Papps paves Kiwi way



REUTERS/AFP, *Napier*

Opener Michael Papps struck an unbeaten 92 to steer New Zealand to a five-wicket victory in the sixth and final one-day international against South Africa here on Tuesday.

Papps, 24, who was dropped to make way for Chris Harris in the last one-day match, ensured a 5-1 series victory for the home side. It was New Zealand's first series win over South Africa in either Test or limited-overs internationals.

New Zealand needed only 187 to win after the Proteas posted 186 for nine from their 50 overs.

Papps and Stephen Fleming put on 58 for the first wicket before the New Zealand captain was run out by Makhaya Ntini with a strong, accurate throw from the deep.

Hamish Marshall (3), Scott Styris (10), Chris Cairns and Jacob Oram (6) then went cheaply as South Africa fought their way back into the game.

Papps stood firm, scoring his second one-day half-century off 85 balls, and ended eight runs short of his maiden one-day hundred from 193 balls with 10 boundaries.

In South Africa's innings, two record partnerships saved the tourists from an embarrassingly small total.

After their team had slumped to 40 for six, Ashwell Prince (47) and Lance Klusener (35) put on 63 for the seventh wicket, a record against New Zealand.

Then with their team 119 for nine, Ntini and Albie Morkel set about the bowling and posted 67, a record against any country. In the process both tail-enders hit their highest one-day scores with Ntini hitting 42 not out and Morkel an unbeaten 23.

Wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum snaffled five catches for the third time in one-day internationals.

South Africa captain Graeme Smith said his team had simply played bad cricket during the series.

"I'm sick of losing," he said. "I think we've definitely been outplayed. It was simple things, we played bad cricket and they played good cricket."

"We all need to move up a few notches."

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the sixth and final one-day international between New Zealand and South Africa at McLean Park in Napier on Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA			
Smith c McCullum b Tuffey	9		
Gibbs c McCullum b Mason	3		
Kallis c McCullum b Mason	0		
Rudolph c Marshall b Tuffey	3		
Prince c and b Oram	47		
Boucher c Fleming b Tuffey	0		
Pollock c McCullum b Oram	7		
Klusener run out	35		
Peterson c McCullum b Oram	5		
Morkel not out	23		
Ntini not out	42		

Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-7, nb-1)	12			
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	186			
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-11, 3-15, 4-20, 5-29, 5-40, 6-103, 7-114, 8-119				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tuffey	10	1	35	3
Mason	10	1	35	2
Oram	10	2	24	3
Cairns	7	0	33	0
Vettori	10	0	25	0
Harris	1	0	14	0
Styris	2	0	16	0

NEW ZEALAND			
Papps not out	92		
Fleming run out	32		
Marshall b Morkel	3		
Styris c Boucher b Pollock	10		
Cairns b Peterson	10		
Oram c Klusener b Ntini	6		
Harris not out	22		
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-4, nb-5)	15		
Total: (For 5 wkts in 46 overs)	190		
Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-63, 3-85, 4-115, 5-155			

Did not bat: McCullum, Vettori, Tuffey, Mason

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	7	0	37	1
Ntini	10	0	44	1
Klusener	7	2	27	0
Morkel	9	0	33	1
Kallis	4	0	15	0
Peterson	9	0	28	1

Result: New Zealand won by five wickets and clinched the series 5-1.

Man-of-the-match: Michael Papps.

Indo-Pak series Ranjan in hot seat

REUTERS, *Karachi*

Sri Lankan Ranjan Madugalle will be the match referee for the ice-breaking one-day and Test series between Pakistan and India starting on March 13.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced on Wednesday that Madugalle had been appointed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the five one-dayers and three Tests.

They did play three one-day internationals in Pakistan in September 1997 when Madugalle was also the match referee.

He was responsible for controlling an explosive situation during the first one-dayer in Karachi when the Indian players walked off the field after objects were thrown at them by a section of the crowd.

The PCB also announced that Australian Simon Taufel and Englishman David Shepherd would supervise the five-match one-day series along with local umpires Asad Rauf and Nadeem Ghouri.

The three Tests would be supervised by Shepherd and Taufel, Steve Bucknor and Taufel and Shepherd and Rudi Koertzen of South Africa.

Ctg one-day

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Rajshahi v Sylhet

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

SYLHET: 162 for 8 in 50 overs

(Tushar 48, Masud 35 not out; Saifullah 3-43)

RAJSHAHI: 166 for 4 in 31 overs

(Anisur 57 not out, Nuruzzaman 30; Samad 2-12, Masud 2-30)

Result: Rajshahi won by six wickets.

Dhakav Khulna

Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium

KHULNA: 131 all out in 30.1 overs (Jamaluddin 37, Bashir 27; Mukul 3-32, Robin 2-17, Setu 2-26, Sunny 2-34)

DHAKA: 133 for 4 in 43 overs

(Rashedul 68; Faisal 1-29)

Result: Dhaka won by 6 wickets.

Let's think

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entire tour, spearheads Anil Kumble and Ajit Agarkar are expected to be available for the Tests after being sidelined for the one-day series.

"Actually I am quite pleased the one-days are being played first because this will give our bowlers time to be ready for the Tests," Dravid said.

"We have a strong batting lineup and if we can put up a big score in the one-dayers there is no reason why we cannot win the series."

Ganguly heads the batting depth that includes one-day cricket's leading run-maker Tendulkar, the dependable duo of Dravid and Venkatesh Laxman and the swashbuckling Virender Sehwag and Yuvraj Singh.

The Indians open the tour with a warm-up match at Lahore on March 11 before the series begins with the first one-dayer in Karachi on March 13.

Brittle batting

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their 14 but they are flying out Khaled Mahmud to try and boost their effectiveness.

The tourists have not played to their potential in Zimbabwe and they also have history against them. Zimbabwe have won all 10 international matches played between the two countries so far.

'Bad boys' Proteas



AFP, *London*

South Africa emerged as the 'bad boy' of international cricket following figures released by the sport's world governing body here Monday.

In the nearly two years since the International Cricket Council (ICC) introduced a new code of conduct for international players, South African players had six charges laid against them, ending in five guilty verdicts.

By contrast, West Indies had no charges brought against any of their players during the same period.

Nevertheless ICC chiefs said the generak trend was towards improved behaviour and former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, among those who had spoken out against declining standards, said the new code was having a positive effect.

"Prior to the new code, I was one of many people in the game who were concerned about this issue but over the past two years I think that the introduction of this code and the greater awareness of the issue amongst the players has resulted in considerable improvement in this area," said Gavaskar.

Now the chairman of ICC's cricket committee (playing), Gavaskar added: "The code reflects the reality that players have a responsibility to not just their teams but to all those youngsters watching the game. This trend is a strong indication of the improvement that has taken place."

Of the incidents that saw South Africa players charged, five took place in last October's ill-tempered series in Pakistan.

South Africa all-rounder Andrew Hall was twice found guilty of offences during the same one-day international at the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore following altercations with Pakistan batsman

Yousuf Youhana.

Hall was banned for one limited-overs international and two Test matches by match referee and former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd.

Overall last year's one-day and Test series between Pakistan and South Africa was rated the worst in disciplinary terms with seven charges arising, Proteas captain Graeme Smith and Pakistan pacesman Shoaib Akhtar among those found guilty.

Nevertheless, the ICC insisted overall player behaviour was improving.

Their figures showed a reduction in reports from 52 in the two years prior to the introduction of the revised code to just 31 in the 23 months since the new code's introduction on April 1, 2002.

In a statement issued from its Lord's headquarters, the ICC also said that improved procedures had given players a better chance to defend themselves with four of the 31 acquitted compared to the preceding 52 out of 52 guilty verdicts.

The ICC's Australian chief executive Malcolm Speed has repeatedly voiced concerns about the issue of dissent in a sport which has traditionally prided itself on players not questioning umpires' decisions.

But Speed said: "Particularly pleasing is the drop in the number of charges for dissent which have fallen from 18 in the two years prior to the code to just six since it was introduced, one of which was subsequently not proven."

Meanwhile ICC general manager David Richardson, the former South Africa wicket-keeper, said match referees Lloyd, Sri Lanka's Ranjan Madugalle, India's Gundappa Viswanath, South Africa's Mike Procter and Pakistan's Wasim Raja were all "ideally placed to make judgments about on-field issues and the actions and reactions of players."

Richardson also praised the

Scud, Henman bow out



AFP, *Dubai*

Mark Philippoussis and Tim Henman crashed out on an opening day full of surprises in the Dubai Open.

Completing a trio of top 20 players who flopped on day one, Germany's Rainer Schuttler, the man who made the second biggest improvement of any player on the ATP Tour last year, suffered his fourth first round defeat out of five.

Philippoussis, the fifth-seeded Wimbledon runner-up from Australia, paid the penalty for missing a set point in the second set and was beaten 6-2, 7-6 by Olivier Rochus, the world number 61 from Belgium.

The 6ft 5ins Philippoussis is fully one foot taller than Rochus and had a great advantage in power, but was unable to impose it upon the shortest man on the tour.

Rochus returned Philippoussis' famous serve excellently in the first set, but the second depended on a tight tie-break in which the Aussie seemed to be escaping from trouble when he led by seven points to

six.

But when he advanced to the net behind a faded forehead Rochus covered the width of the court and struck a wonderful backhand pass cross-court.

Three points later Philippoussis mistimed an ambitious backhand to concede a mini-break and Rochus closed it out with a tidy second serve which Philippoussis failed to return.

"It's just great," said Rochus.

"I knew I had to make him run. He has a very good serve and I had to return as many balls as possible, try to get into the rallies and make him move. It worked."

Henman went from defeating the world number one Roger Federer in his last tournament to losing 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 to a man ranked 149 in the world, Tomas Zib.

The British number one tried to impose an attacking game at every opportunity, but found the Czech qualifier resilient in slowish night conditions, often making some fine passes.

The key moments came after Henman had broken serve to lead 2-1 in the final set, but was unable to consolidate. After that he played far more pragmatically and Zib

decision taken by world champions Australia last year to sign up to their own players' code of conduct even though that move was widely dismissed as a meaningless 'motherhood statement' by the Australian media.

"I think that the initiative shown by the Australian team last year in publicly committing to this ideal is indicative of the desire of the players to play the game in the right spirit and this is borne out in fewer reports," Richardson said.

CHARGE SHEET

International Cricket Council (ICC) list of charges by country since the revised player code of conduct was introduced on April 1, 2002 (charges, country, guilty verdicts, not guilty verdicts):

6	S Africa	5	1
6	Pakistan	5	1
5	Australia	4	1
4	India	4	0
4	England	3	1
2	Bangladesh	2	0
2	N Zealand	2	0
1	S Lanka	1	0
1	Zimbabwe	1	0
0	Windies	0	0

(Note: South Africa's record is marginally worse than Pakistan's because although Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar was found guilty of verbally abusing South Africa's Paul Adams during October's first Test at the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, the fact this was Shoaib's second level 2.9 offence (for which the maximum ban is one Test or two one-day internationals) within the last 12 months meant his punishment was up)

More than mere cricket

REUTERS, *New Delhi*

India versus Pakistan cricket series has an impact reaching far beyond the boundary.

India's first full tour to Pakistan for more than 14 years is already driving one billion fans on both sides of the border into a frenzy and causing a clamour in India for Pakistan visas.

Many hope cricket could be the catalyst to build enduring peace between the two south Asian nations, whose animosity has been intense since they gained freedom from Britain in 1947.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars, two of them over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, and the nuclear-armed nations teetered on the brink of a fourth two years ago.

A thaw in political relations since April last year has led to both countries restoring full diplomatic ties.

Cricket matches between the two nations are seen as the next logical step forward, a test of goodwill because the game is almost a religion in both countries and for fans an India-Pakistan match is akin to sporting war.

New Zealand captain Stephen

Fleming gave an outsider's perspective last year when he was asked to explain the intensity between New Zealand and Australia.

"It's like India and Pakistan," he said, before quickly adding: "But without that tension."

The tour, which starts with a one-day international on March 13, was given the all-clear only after India's government revoked its ban on bilateral cricket with Pakistan, imposed in 2000 due to political tensions.

Last year, India were dealt a crushing defeat in the World Cup final by Australia. Back home they were absolved of blame because they had beaten Pakistan earlier in the tournament.

Political leaders in both countries have looked to cash in on the kind of interest these head-to-head matches generate.

A prime example was when former Pakistan president Zia ul-Haq stole the headlines by arriving dramatically during a Pakistan Test match in India in 1986.

Both nations will have much at stake in the series which involves five one-dayers and three Tests. The build-up has been dominated by safety concerns which led to

the volatile cities of Karachi and Peshawar being awarded only one-dayers.

Indian home ministry officials had favoured postponing the series over security. Some felt the ruling party, having advanced general elections, was worried about any adverse effect an Indian defeat could have on its re-election prospects.

The country's election commission has announced that polling will start on April 20, three days after the tour ends.

A successful tour will be just as important for Pakistan.

They see India's clearance as a big goodwill gesture and have promised the tourists' security fit for heads of state.

The tour will also be a big boost for the cash-starved Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and an incident-free series will help allay safety concerns of other teams which has led to tours being postponed.

For the ordinary Pakistani fan, it will end an interminable wait to see Sachin Tendulkar play a Test in Pakistan for the first time since his debut there as a 16-year-old in 1989.

Caribbeans cruise to final

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Bangabandhu. It will be a day-night encounter.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Super League second semifinal match between West Indies and England, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on March 2.

WEST INDIES

Marshall c Lawson b Wright	45
Maraj run out (Bopara)	0
Simmons lbw b Harrison	5
Fudadin b Harrison	51
Ramdin c New b Bresnan	72
Augustus b Harrison	2
Z Khan not out	60
Rampaul not out	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-5)	13
Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)	249
Did not bat: L Sebastian, R Bachan, M Matthew.	

Fall of wkts: 1-4, 2-30, 3-69, 4-137, 5-146, 6-233.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bresnan	10	0	52	1
Harrison	10	0	28	3
Stiff	6	0	41	0
Patel	10	0	50	0
Wright	6	0	38	1
Lawson	8	0	32	0

ENGLAND

Cook b Rampaul	33
Bopara c Sebastien b Rampaul	10
Davies st Ramdin b Simmons	4
Wright c Marshall b Simmons	3
Bresnan run out (Ramdin/Khan)	41
Patel c Bachan b Khan	8
Hildreth c Ramdin b Rampaul	27
New run out (Khan/Bachan)	8
Harrison run out (Ramdin/Bachan)	2
Stiff not out	2

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