

Atapattu new Test skipper

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan cricket authorities Wednesday named Marvan Atapattu to replace Hashan Tillakaratne as captain after the hosts suffered their first whitewash in a home Test series.

Sri Lanka Cricket president Mohan de Silva said they decided to name Atapattu in place of Tillakaratne, who stepped down after Sri Lanka lost the three-Test series 3-0 against Australia here Sunday.

Atapattu is Sri Lanka's skipper for one-day internationals.

Fleming Kiwi cricketer of the year

BBC ONLINE, undated

Captain Stephen Fleming has been named New Zealand cricketer of the year after averaging 56.31 in Test cricket.

Highlights of Fleming's year included 274 not out against Sri Lanka and 192 in the first Test against Pakistan.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive Martin Snedden said: "He is widely regarded as the premier captain in international cricket."

Fleming also gained the Walter Hadlee Trophy for the best one-day batting, with 728 runs in 21 internationals.

Former New Zealand captain, and international match referee Graham Dowling received the Sutcliffe Medal for outstanding service to cricket.

Test by Lord

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numbers are spat out and you don't even see the number until it comes out in a graph," he said.

"It's absolutely ridgy didge (perfect) from that viewpoint. What the number is what actually happens."

Elliott, fellow tester Daryl Foster and a third expert will conduct a number of trials while Murali stays in Perth for five days to get an accurate representation of how he bowls.

They expect to finish their report late next week.

They will not test Murali's stock ball -- the off-spinner -- or his top-spinner, as both were given the green light in 1996 after it was concluded Murali's unique action created an optical illusion that he chuckled.

If the elastic-wristed bowler, born with a bent elbow, is found to extend his arm by 10 per cent or more, he would have to decide whether to undertake remediation with the ICC or stop bowling the doosra.

"If it is found he extends then the decision is really with him," Elliott said.

"He could remove the ball from his repertoire and it's only been in his repertoire for the last year and bit anyway.

"It may be that the ICC would force him to remove that delivery from his repertoire but that is conjecture."

Kyrgyzstan

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Each team will play against each other in the 60-minute friendly competition, which the AFC recently launched as part of it's plan to create enthusiasm among the youths.

**FIXTURE**

April 5: Bangladesh v Sri Lanka

April 6: Iran v Kyrgyzstan

April 8: Iran v Sri Lanka

          Bangladesh v Kyrgyzstan

April 9: Sri Lanka v Kyrgyzstan

          Bangladesh v Iran

England can do it now



AFP, Bridgetown

England need to draw or win to seal their first Test series victory over West Indies in the Caribbean for 36 years in the third cricket Test, starting on Thursday at Kensington Oval.

No one, least of all Michael Vaughan and his side, expected England to be leading the four-Test series 2-0 with two matches remaining.

But they have completely outplayed their opponents with disciplined cricket that has highlighted the deep cracks in the West Indies armour.

There is even speculation that England could claim their first series whitewash in the Caribbean, although they should cast their minds back to Australia's tour last year and South Africa's three years ago when those two sides failed in similar bids.

The home team have been rocked by the resignation of Ricky Skerritt, their manager for the last four years, but the West Indies Cricket Board has brought in Tony Howard, the former Test off-spin bowler and manager of the Barbados team that has dominated domestic West Indies cricket over the last two years in particular.

West Indies will be hoping the same virtues that Howard has extolled in those representing his native Barbados, six of whom join him for this Test, will rub off on the rest of the unit and help to transform the complexion of a series that for all intents and purposes has been all one-way traffic.

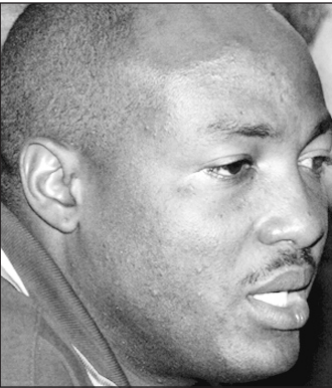
West Indies are likely to make two changes to their line-up that lost the second Test at Port-of-Spain by seven wickets.

Adam Sanford has been dropped and Fidel Edwards has been brought back to bolster the pace attack that will be staffed by all Barbadians. It has been 20 years since Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner, Wayne Daniel and Milton Small -- all Barbadians -- formed the

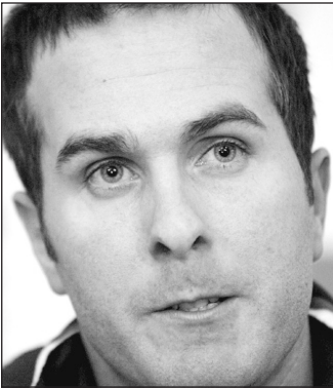
have drafted Daren Ganga, who struggled in the position on the recent tour of South Africa, into the squad to cover for Smith.

**SQUADS**

**WEST INDIES (from):** Brian Lara (captain), Tino Best, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collimore, Fidel Edwards, Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Ryan Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Ricardo Powell, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Devon Smith,



BRIAN LARA



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

West Indies pace bowling attack against Australia at Port of Spain.

The other change is likely to come in the middle of the batting. For all his talent, Dwayne Smith batted carelessly in the second Test and his place looks under threat from left-hander compatriot Ryan Hinds.

A third chance could also be on the cards. Opening batsman Devon Smith injured a finger during a private practice session in his native Grenada and there is some doubt about his ability to last five days.

Deciding to be safe rather than sorry, the West Indies selectors

Dwayne Smith.

**ENGLAND (from):** Michael Vaughan (captain), James Anderson, Gareth Batty, Mark Butcher, Rizki Clarke, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Nasser Hussain, Matthew Hoggard, Geraint Jones, Simon Jones, Chris Read, Andrew Strauss, Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe.

**Umpires:** Darrell Hair and Rudi Koertzen.

Independence Day hockey

UNB, Dhaka

The Under-21 National Youth Hockey team registered a 5-1 goal victory over Bangladesh Navy in the Independence Day hockey tournament at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Rajan and Chayan scored twice each while Shishu scored one goal for the winners and Rafiq netted the consolation goal for the losers. Bangladesh Army beat hosts BKSP 3-1 in the day's other match. Sanwar hit the board twice and Thyuni Marma scored one for Bangladesh Army while Chandan netted the lone goal for BKSP.

Sheetal h'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club outplayed Usha Kirra Chakra 23-7 in the Sheetal Women Handball League at the outer stadium handball court yesterday.

The Motijheel outfit dominated the first half 15-5.

Jahanara, Sufia, Diba and Shiuli netted five goals each for Mohammedan while Minu scored four for Usha.

In the other match, Madaripur Handball Training Centre made a hard fought 11-9 goals victory against Jatrabari Kirra Chakra. The first half locked 3-3.

Zaheer extends the injury list

AFP, Multan

India's injury-list on the ongoing Pakistan tour increased on Wednesday after seamer Zaheer Khan was ruled out of next week's second Test due to suspected hamstring trouble.

"Zaheer has damaged the muscles in his right leg, it could be a hamstring injury too, but he is definitely out of the second Test," team manager Ratnakar Shetty told reporters here.

It was a similar injury which had forced Zaheer out of the Australian tour earlier this season.

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly, who missed the ongoing first Test here, has also been ruled out of the second Test which begins at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium on April 5.

Ganguly, who suffered a back injury during the preceding one-day series which India won 3-2, will return home on Friday to consult specialists in his home city of Calcutta.

Lenton's feat

REUTERS, Sydney

Lisbeth Lenton set a world record in the 100 metres freestyle at the Australian national championships and Olympic selection trials on Wednesday.

Lenton won the first semifinal in a time of 53.66 seconds to better the mark of 53.77 set by Dutchwoman Inge de Bruijn at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

Jodie Henry qualified second fastest for Thursday's final by winning the second semifinal in 53.77, which had been the world mark just three minutes earlier.

The red-suited Lenton gasped in shock during a pool side interview after her world record swim.

"Oh my God. I don't know what to say. I am in complete and utter shock," the Brisbane teenager said.

"I knew I felt good but I did not realise I felt, that good.

"I want to thank... mostly my Mum. She's just done everything for me," added the 19-year-old, one of four children in a single-parent family.

Lenton and Henry both need top-two finishes in Thursday's final to secure Olympic places in the 100m freestyle.

Lenton was third in the 50 freestyle final behind de Bruijn and Australia's Alice Mills at last year's Barcelona world championships, while placing fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Singer chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Masters Niaz Murshed and Ziaur Rahman jointly led the table with 3.5 points each after the end of the fourth round games of the Singer 30th National Chess Championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib was in second position with 3 points.

**FOURTH ROUND RESULTS**

Zia bt IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, Niaz bt Abdul Maleq, Rajib bt Debaraj Chatterjee, IM Abdullah Al-Rakib bt FM Sk. Nasir Ahmed, Mohammad Javed bt Md Monjur Alam, Shokat Hossain Pallab bt Aminul Islam Polish and Saifuddin Lavlu bt Mehdi Hasan Parag.

Maple Leaf b'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army handed Bangladesh Rifles a 93-65 defeat in the Maple Leaf Independence Day basketball competition at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 37-30.

Tuzammel scored highest 24 and Kamrul caged 23 for the winners while Monjeel fought a lone battle for Rifles with 29 points.

Satkhira cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Gano Mukhi Sangha and PK Union Club won their respective matches in the Satkhira District First Division Cricket League in last two days at the Satkhira Government College ground.

Gano Mukhi defeated Balaka Kirra Chakra by 105 runs yesterday.

Gano Mukhi batted first and scored 316 in 49.5 overs after being all out.

In reply, Balaka were all out for 211 in 41 overs.

On Tuesday, PK Union recorded a four-wicket victory over Rasulpur Kirra Sangstha.

Rasulpur scored 144 all out in 50 overs.

In reply, PK Unionin made 146 for six in in 30.2 overs.x

Moazzem & co lift nat'l bridge title

PRESS RELEASE

ATM Moazzem Hussain's team became champion in the FIZZ UP 23rd National Team Bridge Championship at Grand Azad Hotel, Dhaka recently.

In the six sessions long final they beat Aces Alpha by 198-153 International Match Points (IMP).

A total of 8 teams participated in this championship.

Members of the champion team are: ATM Moazzem Hussain (capt), Brig Gen (Rtd) M Azizul Haque, Md Jahirul Haque, Naimul Hassan Tapu, Md Salahuddin and Zahid Hossain.



Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (R) ponders his next move against International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar during their fourth round game of the Singer 30th National Chess Championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Gough never gave up



BBC ONLINE, undated

England's veteran fast bowler Darren Gough said he never gave up hope of winning his place back in the international one-day side.

Gough was recalled for the one-day series in the West Indies after missing the trips to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

"You never give up hope. As long as I'm fit then I still believe I am good enough," said the 33-year-old.

"I just want to play international cricket again, because I think I still have a lot to offer."

Gough, who retired from Test cricket in the summer, was man-of-the-match in his last one-day international -- the NatWest Series final against South Africa at Lord's last July.

"They looked at other players in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, but I guess it's flattering that they have

come back to me for the West Indies series," he said.

"I'm just looking forward to being back among the lads again.

"If some of the youngsters can follow my lead in practice then I believe that will help them in the long run -- that's one of the reasons why they want me around the team.

"From a selfish point of view I want to get 12 wickets to reach 200 (in one-day internationals)."

Steve Harmison hopes to take his Test form into the shorter game after being named in the one-day side.

But first the pace man, who struggled on his one-day debut in Australia, must focus on the third Test, which begins in Barbados on Thursday.

"It would be nice to get rid of what happened in Australia and prove I can play one-day cricket," he said.

"But I'm going to take one step at a time and hopefully things will go as well as the Test matches."

Before the seven-match one-day

series there are still two Tests to play, and Harmison is expecting the West Indies to fight back after losing their first two matches.

"We have to do what we did in Trinidad," he said. "We forgot about Jamaica and went into that Test with a clean slate and we have to go and do that again and make sure we get a result.

"If we get a result we win the series, it's as simple as that, and that's what we're looking for.

"But to do that we will have to keep both feet firmly on the ground because there is a lot of expectancy and there will be quite a few fans here.

"There was a lot of hype around the first Test match before we played there and we just have to forget about that and the history that comes with it."

Pakistan protest Taufel decisions

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Inzamam and Youhana -- captain and vice-captain -- are the most prolific batsmen in the team, and both were well set on a flat track when they were given out.

Emotions are running high after India's narrow 3-2 victory in the one-day series, and these two crucial decisions have stoked the fires of discontent within the team and its officials.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between India and Pakistan at the Multan Stadium on Wednesday:

**INDIA:** First innings 675 for 5 declared (Sehwag 309, Tendulkar 194; Sami 2-110)

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 364-6)

Farhat lbw b Balaji 38

Umar c Dravid b Pathan 23

Hameed c Patel b Pathan 91

Inzamam c Chopra b Kumble 77

Youhana c Patel b Zaheer 35

Razaq c Patel b Pathan 47

Moin b Tendulkar 17

Saqlain c Zaheer b Pathan 5

Sami lbw b Kumble 5

Saqlain lbw b Kumble 15

Akhtar c and b Tendulkar 0

Shabbir not out 19

Extras: (b-4, lb-26, nb-10) 40

Total: (All out in 126.3 overs) 407

Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-73, 3-233, 4-243, 5-321, 6-364, 7-364, 8-371, 9-371

**Bowler** **O** **M** **R** **W**

Zaheer 23 6 76 1

Pathan 28 4 100 4

Kumble 39.3 12 100 2

Balaji 20 4 54 1

Sehwag 2 0 11 0

Tendulkar 14 1 36 2

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings

Farhat c Patel b Kumble 24

Umar lbw b Kumble 9

Hameed c Sehwag b Yuvraj 23

Inzamam run out 0

Youhana not out 107

Razaq c Chopra b Kumble 22

Moin lbw b Pathan 5

Sami lbw b Kumble 0

Saqlain lbw b Kumble 0

Akhtar c Laxman b Kumble 4

Shabbir not out 0

Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-1, pen 5) 13

Total: (For 9 wkts in 75 overs) 207

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-44, 3-44, 4-75, 5-106, 6-113, 7-124, 8-136, 9-206

**Bowler** **O** **M** **R** **W**

Pathan 20 12 22 1

Balaji 11 3 48 0

Kumble 29 10 71 6

Sehwag 3 0 8 0

Yuvraj 6 1 25 1

Tendulkar 6 2 23 0

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 "— she blows!"

5 Gear tooth

8 Indonesian island

12 Far-reaching

13 Keats opus

14 "The Good Earth" heroine

15 Evangelist

16 Teacher's assignment

18 Graduate course, often

20 Iditarod transportation

21 Baltimore newspaper

22 West of Hollywood

23 Strength

26 Class attendant

30 Guadalajara gold

31 Actress Ullmann

32 Japanese sash

33 Exam supervisor

**36** Deal in hot merchandise

**38** Whammy tooth

**39** Grumpy companion?

**40** Aromatic herb

**43** Sheep-skin

**47** Collegiate world

**49** First victim

**50** Verifiable

**51** B&B

**52** Tittle

**53** Maintained

**54** Afternoon social

**55** Scanned

**3** Father of 49-Across

**4** Frank topping

**5** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" subject

**6** Blood-hound's clue

**7** Prized possession

**8** Played a pin-ball game?

**9** Lotion additive

**10** Fat

**11** Cartoonist's supply

**17** Jacob's twin

**19** Enthusiast

**22** Os-bournes' venue

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**DOWN**

**1** Noah's passengers

**2** Take on

**SPUD** **GEM** **SCOT**

**TYRE** **AMA** **TILE**

**ERAS** **TURN** **OVER**

**POLITE** **SENIOR**

**GAPE** **EEL**

**TURN** **COAT** **SIBS**

**ABE** **OST** **JA** **ZOO**

**GIFT** **TURN** **KEYS**

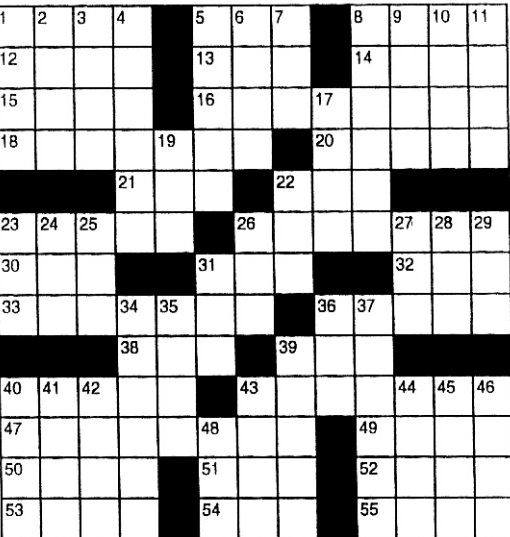
**ERR** **PENN**

**SCREAM** **LEADER**

**TURN** **PIKE** **WISE**

**ABAD** **DIS** **EASE**

**GALS** **INS** **SLEID**



CRYPTOQUIP

A V M K S R V I Q V E Q A J V

N V C Q R L Z V M F A J T K Q

O Q S S K T E U F L E U K Q S N V O Q R

Z Q L N L C Q K T E U R L K Q R I L E ?

**Yesterday's Cryptiquip:** IF A CELEBRITY ACCUMULATES A LARGE NUMBER OF FANS, MIGHT HE GET BLOWN AWAY?

Today's Cryptiquip Clue: R equals S

The Cryptiquip 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.



Members of ATM Moazzem Hussain's team pose for photographs after winning the FIZZ UP 23rd National Team Bridge Championship at Grand Azad Hotel, Dhaka recently.