England call up Tremlett

AFP, London

England have added fast bowler Chris Tremlett to their squad for the second Test against New Zealand starting on Friday at Old Trafford. Tremlett will replace the injured

Matthew Hoggard in a 12-man squad. Hoggard, left out of the team that

drew the first Test of this three-match series at Lord's on Monday, is unfit after having his thumb broken by rival seamer Stephen Harmison in a county match last week.

Hampshire pace bowler Tremlett, 26, who won three Test caps against India last year, impressed for the England Lions against New Zealand during last week's tour match at his Rose Bowl home ground.

Tremlett suffered a back spasm in last week's County Championship game against Surrey but has recovered to win a recall ahead of Durham paceman Steve Harmison.

National selector Geoff Miller said: "Chris performed well in last summer's npower Test Series against India and was unfortunate to have to return home early from the tour of

New Zealand through injury." SECONDTESTSQUAD

Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Michael Vaughan (captain), Ian Bell, Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Tim Ambrose, Stuart Broad, Ryan Sidebottom, Monty Panesar, James Anderson, Chris Tremlett.

Rajasthan rush

FROM PAGE 17 from Ishant Sharma to wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha. Warne hadn't had enough of surprises, and sent Tanvir, who had taken three wickets, at No. 3. Graeme Smith and Tanvir then took charge, and when 16 runs came off the fifth over from Ajit Agarkar, Rajasthan were on the rampage. Umar Gul though, turned things around quickly to the delight of the home crowd with a double-wicket maiden. Tanvir holed one to mid-on, and Smith got a faint edge to a delivery down leg, Saha completing an acrobatic one-

hand take. Watson had been Rajasthan's key player in the tournament, and it seemed another match-winning knock from him was on the cards. He picked Agarkar and deposited him over square leg, and then smashed him through midwicket. Ganguly was deftly guided past short third man, but Watson was bowled as he tried to play across the line to an in-swinger.

Enter Pathan, whose hand-eye coordination and powerful strokes quickly took the game away from Kolkata. Gul had troubled the batsmen, and Pathan steered a full toss past midwicket, although he was lucky an inside-edge the next ball missed the stumps.

He then took a liking to Ganguly, and the whole of Kolkata was silenced as the local hero was carted for huge in the midwicket region off consecutive deliveries. Runs came at ease as Kolkata's bowlers and fielders failed to break the partnership. Kaif, who had been dominated by his partner, took a hattrick of fours off Ashok Dinda, before Pathan sealed the game in the 17th over from Gul.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 147 for 8 in 20 overs (Ganguly 32, Das 31, Butt 24; Tanvir 3-26, Patel 2-22) RAJASTHAN ROYALS: 150 for 4 in 16.3 overs (Pathan 48 not out, Kaif 34 not out, Smith 24; Gul 2-30) Result: Rajasthan Royals won by 6 wickets.

Toss: Rajasthan Royals. Man-of-the-match: Yusuf Pathan. Umpires: Brian Jerling and Rudi

Windies need

FROM PAGE 17 players and established players."

Greenidge revelled as a player in the ultra-confident West Indies sides of the 1970s, playing 108 Tests at an average of 44.72 alongside fellow greats such as Desmond Haynes, Viv Richards, Malcolm Marshall, Clive Lloyd and Joel Garner.

And he insisted that a positive, measured approach against Australia, the top-ranked team in Test cricket, was essential.

"We have to be positive in our approach. Being positive, in this case, does not mean going overboard and trying to hit every ball to the boundary," he said.

Common sense has to prevail. You have to first see what is happening and then be positive in your approach."

Greenidge added: "We have to look at the overall game and have a positive game plan. We need application and concentration on the job and we will do very well."

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In the day's other match, Sonali Bank came from behind to edge past Azad Sporting Club 3-2 at the same venue.

Azad took 1-0 lead in the firsthalf through a fourth minute strike from Abdullah Al Mansoor and they doubled the margin in the very first minute of the second-half when

Jamil Bin Talib netted a field goal. Asaduzzaman Chandan, Enamul Kabir Turjo and Iqbal Nader however scored one each to rescue the bankers.



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Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin (2nd from right) and executive committee member Golam Rabbani Helal (2nd from left) pose with AFC president Mohamed bin Hammam (C) in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Captain bucks up Mont

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan is backing Monty Panesar to produce more bowling heroics at Old Trafford when the second Test against New Zealand starts at the he's got five in an innings twice. Manchester ground on Friday.

Left-arm spinner Panesar has enjoyed his last two Test appearances on a pitch now known for its pace and bounce as well as turn -an enticing prospect for both slow bowlers and genuine quicks.

Indies, his Test-best match return of 10 wickets for 187 runs helped England to a 60-run win.

And in 2006 his second innings return of five for 72, allied to five for 55 from now out-of-favour fast bowler Stephen Harmison, saw England to a crushing innings and finger. 120-run victory against Pakistan.

Panesar was far less influential in the drawn first Test against New Zealand at Lord's concluded here

He took one for 30, albeit the bowl. It's certainly turned around prize scalp of Brendon McCullum and the England guys have men-

for 56 in 24 economical overs as the tourists, led by centurion Jacob Oram, batted their way to safety.

"I thought Monty bowled excellently in this game without getting the wickets, but he'll be getting in his car going up to Manchester knowing that his last two games

"So hopefully he'll come to the fore there and so will all the seam bowlers, "Vaughan added.

But anything Panesar can do, rival left-arm Daniel Vettori can do too. The New Zealand captain was

named man-of-the-match for Last year, against the West taking five wickets for 69 runs in 22.3 overs during England's only innings of 319 on a Lord's pitch which offered him no assistance at all. It was an even more impressive

> game under an injury cloud after sustaining a cut to his spinning And Vettori for one was looking forward to playing on a much-

display given he'd come into the

changed pitch at Old Trafford. "I know when I played here a long time ago, it was a slow dust-

for 97 in the first innings, and one tioned a couple of times it's got a bit of pace in it.

"We are excited by that, I know

our fast bowlers will be." He added: "When you go round the world, there's no set recipe for wickets anymore. Good players adapt and good teams win in any situation.

Vettori said he'd been buoyed by the way his side had stayed in the game at Lord's, after being made to bat first in difficult, overcast conditions before, in the second innings, all-rounder Jacob Oram's 101 saved the match.

"I just think we'll take some confidence out of the game.

"Particular players stood up throughout the game," said Vettori, who highlighted the innings of 68 played by novice opener Jamie How and 23-year-old debutant middle-order batsman Daniel Flynn, 29 not out at the finish.

"Jamie How played really well today (Monday) and Daniel Flynn had a composed, mature innings for such a young guy in his first Test.

Vaughan, whose 106 was the cornerstone of England's total, said this result showed how wellmatched the sides were.

CA taking it lightly

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Cricket Australia (CA) has played down reports that retired legspinner Shane Warne could return to international cricket for next year's Ashes tour of England.

The former leading Test wickettaker, who quit the international arena after Australia's 5-0 victory over England in early 2007, was quoted in local media as saying he would consider returning for the

next Ashes series. "If Australia really needed me and there was no one else around, and Ricky (Ponting) thought I could do the job, you would weigh up the options," Warne was quoted as saying in Tuesday's Herald Sun

newspaper. "If Stuey (Stuart) MacGill fell over and broke his leg, and there were no other spinners around, and Ricky came out and said,

'Mate, can you please help us out for this one-off tour? We need you', that is something I would weigh up."

CA chief executive James Sutherland, however, distanced his organisation from Warne's com-"I've been in cricket long

enough not to be surprised of any headlines that Warnie grabs," a smiling Sutherland told reporters. "The simple answer to that is

that Shane is retired from international cricket and has been for 15 months or so. "I acknowledge there has been

speculation in the newspapers...but the reality is that Shane is retired and not available for selec-"It is up to him if he wants to

make himself available and that is something only he can decide. I haven't spoken to him." Sutherland said if Warne made

himself available, then it would be up to the selectors to decide on the

"I'm not a selector," he added "They make decisions in the best interests of Australia cricket.

"They choose the best Australian cricket team based on those players that are available at the time.

"It's not for me to be determin ing what the Australian cricket team needs."

Warne, who took 708 Test wickets, has since retired from firstclass cricket and is only playing in a domestic Twenty20 competition in

"If I wanted to keep playing I don't think there would be an issue with me being the number one spinner and performing," he said.

"I would still love to be playing international cricket, and miss it because I devoted 20 years to firstclass cricket. It is a big part of my

"If you could just turn up and play Test cricket, that would be that.

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cool. I would definitely consider

Thursday AFP, Beijing

Torch relay

will resume

The Beijing Olympic torch relay will resume its journey on Thursday after a three-day halt to mark a national period of mourning for China's earthquake victims, state media reported.

The relay will restart where it left off on Sunday -- in the port city of Ningbo in eastern Zhejiang province -- without missing any stops, Xinhua news agency said.

It was unclear how organisers planned to make up the three-day suspension and whether the torch was still scheduled to arrive in Beijing on August 6, two days before the Olympics are to start.

Officials at the Beijing Olympic organising committee were not immediately available for com-

China declared a three-day mourning period from Monday to Wednesday banning all public entertainment, including the torch relay, after the March 12 quake, which killed more than 40,000 people, according to the govern-

The torch relay is the most ambitious in Olympic history and included a one-month world tour in April that was seriously disrupted by groups trying to highlight grievances against China's communist rulers.

Leander eyes gold in Beijing

PTI, New Delhi

Ace Indian tennis player Leander Paes, who became the first in four decades to clinch an individual Olympic medal in 1996, is setting his eyes on nothing less than the gold medal in the upcoming

Beijing Olympics. Paes, who won the bronze medal in Atlanta Olympic Games, on Tuesday vowed to come out with no-hold-barred efforts to fetch the highest honour for India along with Mahesh Bhupathi.

"We are quite satisfied with our training programmes and looking at nothing but the gold in men's doubles in the Beijing Olympic Games," the 34-year-old Leander said here today.

"It is great honour for any player to represent his country in the highest level and it's our responsibility to bring the honour back home," Paes said.

Paes defeated Fernando Meligeni of Brazil to win the bronze medal 12 years ago and since then has cherished the dream of clinching a gold medal for the country. "I think we will successfully

carry out the stint in the competififth time on the trot," an optimistic Paes, said.

The Davis Cup captain, however, is not ready to say it's his last

chance to play in Olympic Games. "I am not looking at Beijing Games as my last Olympics. I don't know where to stop. I can go on to play in the 2012 edition in London," he said.

Paes, however, rubbished speculation about any differences with Bhupathi, which could hamper their doubles performance.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

In the day's other matches, Mirpur Cricket Club (149-5) notched a five-wicket victory over East End Club (146-10) and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (235-10) beat Nabin Sangha (210-10) by 25 runs at the Dhaka University Ground.

ULABT20 CRICKET

State University of Bangladesh (SUB) became champions in the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) Fair Play Cup Twenty20 Cricket Tournament when they beat the hosts by four wickets in the final.

ULAB scored 118 for 7 after deciding to bat first while SUB reached 119 run for 6 wickets in 19.3 overs.

Chancal was adjudged man-ofthe-final for his all-round performance as he scored 27 runs and took two wickets.

Kazi Shahid Ahmed, president of the Board of Governors of ULAB was the chief guest in the prize giving ceremony while cricket operations committee chairman of Bangladesh Cricket Board and former captain Gazi Ashraf Hossain attended the function as special guest.

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training camp in Bangkok from May 25 where the team will play two friendly games before leaving for Sri Lanka for the SAFF Championship.

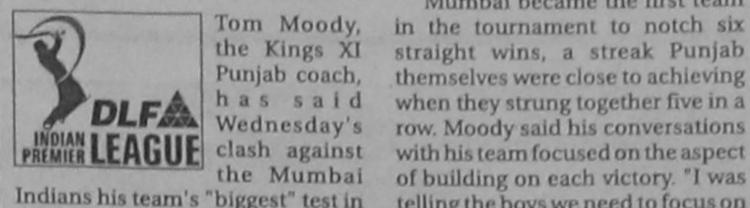
Salahuddin also said he will appoint a full-time general secretary in the federation next month and after that work out details of re-launching the 'Vision Bangladesh' project.

Vision Bangladesh as it can change the face of Bangladesh's football. We need to concentrate on grassroots and youth football and I think direction," he said.

Punjab's biggest test

Mumbai became the first team

CRICINFO, undated



the Kings XI straight wins, a streak Punjab Punjab coach, themselves were close to achieving interesting." has said when they strung together five in a DLF Wednesday's row. Moody said his conversations PREMIER LEAGUE clash against with his team focused on the aspect

the Indian Premier League. 10 games so far, which puts them second in the points table, but Moody felt the job was far from over as far as entry into the semifi-

nals was concerned. "(Only) Rajasthan Royals are so far in the box seat, but we've got some hard work to do. The game against Mumbai is going to be the biggest of the tournament for us", they've taken wickets up front,

of building on each victory. "I was Indians his team's "biggest" test in telling the boys we need to focus on winning every game because Punjab have seven wins out of momentum is very important." Despite having beaten Mumbai

Wankhede Stadium.

by a comprehensive 66-run margin, Moody warned against complacency, saying his new-ball bowlers will once again play a crucial role in warding the bats-

men away. "Their (Sreesanth and Pathan) performance has been crucial as Moody said as Punjab underwent a used the new ball well and come light training session at the back at the end," he said. "It is said making plans.

to be a batsmen's game but bowlers have bounced back really well after initial beating they got which has made Twenty20 more

Sanath Jayasuriya, currently the fourth-highest run-getter, remains the biggest threat but Moody spoke of the plans they have for him and Sachin Tendulkar. "We are very much aware of Jayasuriya's strengths and weaknesses. We know where to bowl to him but it's about execution. We are happy that we bowled against him at Mohali (where Jayasuriya was caught and bowled by Brett Lee for 1] and hope

to do the same here as well." As for Tendulkar Moody said the presence of some of his India teammates who "know his strengths at least" will prove to be crucial as that knowledge which could be used in

No tri-series down under CA ponders its own T20 competition

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Cricket Australia (CA) will scrap its triangular one-day international format after almost 30 years and play more Twenty20 internationals, it was revealed Tuesday.

CA's schedule for the 2008-09 season involving New Zealand and South Africa shows the organisation attempting to revive interest in its one-day series and moving to meet demand for the ultra-short Twenty20 form.

The triangular one-day format introduced by the late media mogul Kerry Packer in 1979-80 helped revolutionise cricket but has been ditched in favour of a model that ensures Australia plays in each match. So-called "neutral" matches

involving two visiting teams, which

have often struggled to attract

crowds and television ratings among

Australian supporters, have been eliminated. Instead of a triangular format culminating in a best-of-three final, the upcoming season will involve

times in January then New Zealand for the 2009-2010 season. five times in February.

South Africa and New Zealand will not play each other.

CA chief executive James Sutherland said the new schedule gave fans "the first-hand opportunity to see their Australian heroes in action every time they attend or tune in to an Australian summer one-day international."

CA has also moved to maximise revenue from Twenty20 internationals, scheduling two matches against South Africa at the 100,000-capacity Melbourne Cricket Ground, and a third against New Zealand in Sydney. Australia will play the Black Caps

in Tests in Brisbane, beginning November 20, and Adelaide from November 28. They will then face South Africa for a three-Test series in Perth (De-

cember 12-16), Melbourne (Decem-

ber 26-30) and Sydney (January 3-7). Reuters adds from Melbourne, CA also is looking into the idea of establishing its own Twenty20 tournament in response to the success of cashrich competitions in India.

Sutherland said the use of over-

seas players and the possibility of

private investment in teams were all

part of discussions with the competi-

Australia already has a Twenty20 competition involving its first-class teams but Sutherland said given the interest created from franchise-

considering developing its own tournament along similar lines. "We are currently looking at a revamped Twenty20 domestic competition that will significantly enhance the competition in this

based competitions in India, it was

country," Sutherland told reporters on Tuesday. "We are under no illusions that our market is a different size (to India) and we would need to tailor our product but we see tremendous benefits to flow from Twenty20

cricket that will bring new people to the game." Sutherland refused to confirm any details of any proposals, though local media had reported it could include a player draft that involved international players, a salary cap, protecting "franchise players", and

non state teams being established. A New Zealand-based side could also be included, media reported.

Sutherland said proposals were still being discussed and that there was still a lot of work to do before Australia playing South Africa five tion tentatively set to begin in time anything concrete was presented.

Oram's proudest moment

Cricket

AFP, London

tion, in which I am participating for New Zealand all-rounder Jacob at some stages of the innings, Oram savoured the "proudest moment" of his career after an innings of 101 ensured the first Test against England here at Lord's was

> When Oram came to the crease on Monday's final day, after wicketkeeper and leading batsman Brendon McCullum had retired hurt on 11, New Zealand were only 78 runs ahead at 120 for four in

their second innings. But the tall left-hander denied England any chance to win the opening match of this three-Test series with a superb 120-ball cen-

tury featuring a six and 15 fours. And when England took the new ball with Oram on 89, there were no signs of the nervous 90s as he raced through to a fifth Test hundred with three fours off bogey bowler Ryan Sidebottom.

"It's the proudest moment of my career so far, it's surpassed anything I've ever done before,' said the 29-year-old Oram, appearing in his 28th Test.

"I rode my luck a bit, and to be honest I couldn't give a toss how it really looked because at the end of the day it's a hundred and it's on to decide whether to pick a batter

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the honours board now," he added after his first Test century against England.

"This wasn't technically my best work and I'm still having problems especially against one bowler in particular," explained Oram in a reference to left-arm swing specialist Sidebottom.

Test century since making 117 against Bangladesh in January at Dunedin and his first against major opposition since his Test-best 133 against South Africa at Centurion two years ago. He averaged just 12 during

Oram's hundred was his first

England's 2-1 Test series win in New Zealand in March and admitted: "I've been pretty lean for runs lately. "That's why they call it Test cricket. It's a good challenge and

I'm just so proud to come out the

other side in a positive way." New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori never had any doubts about the worth of Oram, a similarly key figure for his side as is currently injured all-rounder Andrew Flintoff for England.

"He's first pick in our team," said left-arm spinner Vettori, chosen as man-of-the-match for his five wickets, of the pace bowler. "Whenever we don't have him

in our side through injury we have

or a bowler. "Everyone saw how well he bowled (Oram took two wickets for 45 runs in 19 overs). He's been bowling exceptionally well for a

Vettori added: "Maybe his batting hasn't been as good as he would have liked for a little bit but he came out today and played his natural game.

"There weren't too many worries for him. When he plays like that, he's as good as anyone."

Vettori said Oram's innings was a vindication of the decision he'd made, together with New Zealand coach John Bracewell, to drop Oram down the order to No 7 and promote McCullum to No 5 with newcomer Daniel Flynn taking the all-rounder's old spot at six.

"The moves John and myself have made to move Brendon up to No5 and Jacob down to No7, to relieve him of a little bit of pressure in terms of workload and the expectations of No 6, really paid off in this Test.

"Anyone with five Test hundreds against tough opposition on tough grounds, shows how good a player he is," Vettori insisted. "He's still got a lot of cricket left in him, so we can expect a lot more hundreds."

History beckons United and Ricardo Carvalho moving to FROM PAGE 17

victory until deep into the secondhalf of their final day match against

With Chelsea set to line up with a midfield trio of Ballack, Frank Lampard and Claude Makelele, the ability of Germany's captain to continue his end-of-season run of form could prove every bit as decisive on Wednesday as whether or not Ronaldo can add to the 41 goals he has plundered in all competi-

tions in this campaign. Despite the disappointment of losing out at the last in the league, Ballack believes it is Chelsea who have reached the end of the campaign in better shape. "I said before the Champions

League semi-final second leg against Liverpool that I think we cope with the threat posed by still look good and fresh as a team," he said. "We coped with playing from midfield. 120 minutes in that game and scored two goals in extra-time.

the Champions League is one game so it is all in our hands. "We are a strong team, mentally and physically, and we've shown

a very good level of physical

strength in this team. The final of

that constantly during the season." Physically, Chelsea may be in good shape but it would be hard to argue that the current uncertainty surrounding the club has helped preparations for their first appear-

ance in a European Cup final. return to work soon, the prospect ever. If Giggs plays any part in the who featured in that match are this project will show us the right

join up with him appears a distinct possibility, while Chelsea have done nothing to assure Grant that he will not be moved back to his old role as director of football in order to accommodate a new coach before the start of next season.

Even Grant himself has been

forced to concede that his future is

clouded in uncertainty, although he naturally insists that has not proved a distraction from his efforts to turn the tables on Sir Alex Ferguson after being so narrowly beaten in the battle for the Premier League title. At the heart of the tactical battle between the two managers will be

the extent to which United can

Lampard and Ballack's late runs tempted to field Owen Hargreaves "So I think it shows that we have as an additional defensive shield alongside Michael Carrick and Paul Scholes in central midfield, which would probably mean Carlos Tevez being consigned to the bench and

> Rooney operating alone up front. Having missed United's last- four six-a-side matches across the gasp win over Bayern Munich in the 1999 final through suspension, Scholes has been promised a place before the big party at the Long in the starting line-up here.

grown treble-winning class of 99, celebrations will include a music Ryan Giggs, seems unlikely to be programme and a golf tournament. With Mourinho expected to indulged in similar fashion howof Didier Drogba, Frank Lampard match he will pass Charlton's expected to attend.

record of 758 appearances for the club but it is likely he will have to wait until late in the game to do it with South Korea's Park Ji-Sung expected to start ahead of him.

BCCI kept out

The BCCI also confirmed they

weren't doing anything to honour the cricketers. "Let them do whatever they're doing," Ratnakar Shetty, the BCCI's chief administrative officer, said. "We haven't got any invitation from them for any intimation. The BCCI's non involvement in the celebrations was always on the

cards ever since former players like Kapil, Madan Lal and Balwinder Sandhu joined the ICL. The board responded by revoking pensions to be the best striker the country has As a result, Ferguson will be all former players linked to the league. Kapil was sacked as chairman of the BCCI-run National Cricket Academy after accepting the position as the chairman of the ICL's executive board. As part of the celebrations, all

squad members will be involved in

country next month. Dubai will host a dinner function on June 19 Room at Lord's six days later, where His fellow veteran of the home- the team pulled off the victory. The Several of the West Indies players

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