

Guptill shines in gloom

Cricket

AFP, Auckland

A record-setting 122 not out by New Zealand debutant Martin Guptill brightened an otherwise dismal day here Saturday as the fourth one-day international against the West Indies was washed out.

eve of the match when Ryder, who has a continuing battle with alcohol, was dropped from the side after a late-night drinking session.

But the West Indies suffered from wayward deliveries and some sloppy fielding in which the Guptill benefited from dropped catches on 16, 21 and 33.

New Zealand also profited from 26 extras including 11 wides and two no balls which gave them an additional 13 deliveries to score from.



Martin Guptill of New Zealand, top scored with 122 not out, raises his bat after reaching a century on debut during their fourth one-day international against West Indies at Eden Park in Auckland yesterday.

Along the way he set the highest one-day international score by a New Zealander on debut, the second-highest maiden innings in the history of ODI cricket, behind West Indian Desmond Haynes 148 against Australia in 1978, and the highest unbeaten debut.

Kanoute punished

AFP, Madrid

Sevilla's Malian international striker Frederic Kanoute has been fined for displaying a t-shirt with the word 'Palestine' during his side's 2-1 win over Deportivo La Coruna in the Spanish Cup.

Steve finds Kevin wrong

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AFP, London

Former Australian skipper Steve Waugh added his respected voice to the Ashes build-up on Friday by telling Kevin Pietersen he was wrong to relinquish the England captaincy.

where there's a bit of adjustment needed. You've got to get used to the way people operate. 'So I think they really didn't probably give each other enough of an opportunity to do that.'

Waugh also believes that despite the controversy, Pietersen will not be cold-shouldered when he returns to England duty to prepare for the squad's departure to the Caribbean on January 21.

Asked if the South African-born Pietersen had blundered in his high-profile resignation, Waugh said: 'Yes, I think so.'

Tigers in shambles

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We should have achieved this target. We had a bad day but now we have to look forward," he added.

Table with columns: Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Saturday. Batsmen and runs.

Table with columns: O, M, R, W. Bowler statistics for Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

Aga Khan Gold Cup golf ends

SPORTS REPORTER

The Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament ended yesterday at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) in the city.

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BBC ONLINE, undated

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AFP, Karachi

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Prize money increases at Australian Open

AFP, Sydney

The singles winners of this month's Australian Open will each receive two million dollars (1.4 million US), Tennis Australia said Saturday.

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his Notts and England teammates Stuart Broad, Ryan Sidebottom and Graeme Swann should they also be recruited by IPL franchises.

Shakib

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while former champions DOHS signed up seven players including Sylhet's batting duo Imtiaz Hossain and Ejaz Ahmed.



Participants of the Aga Khan Gold Cup Golf Tournament pose with chief guest Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam during the inaugural ceremony at the Kurmitola Golf Course yesterday.

Strauss skipper

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Flower, the former Zimbabwe batsman, and Phil Neale, England's team operations manager, will lead the existing backroom staff when the squad departs on January 21.

Flintoff, Harmison, Dimitri Mascarenhas, Samit Patel, Pietersen, Prior, Shah, Sidebottom, Swann.

CHENNAI OPEN Cilic to meet Devvarman in final

AFP, Chennai

World number 27 Marin Cilic of Croatia advanced to the final of the 450,000-dollar ATP Chennai Open with a win over Marcel Granollers of Spain on Saturday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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