AFP, Karachi

Pakistani selectors Wednesday retained the same 15-man squad for the second Test against Sri Lanka starting in Lahore next week.

Chief selector Abdul Qadir also named five reserve players who could be inducted in case the need arises.

All-rounder Shahid Afridi, off-spinner Saeed Ajmal, fast bowlers Sohail Tanveer and Abdur Rauf, and opener Nasir Jamshed -- all ignored for the first Test -- were named as substitutes.

The first Test ended in drawhere on Wednesday.

SQUAD

Younis Khan (captain), Salman Butt, Khurram Manzoor, Ahmed Shahzad, Shoaib Malik, Misbahul Haq, Faisal Iqbal, Asim Kamal, Fawad Alam, Yasir Arafat, Danish Kaneria, Kamran Akmal, Umar Gul, Mohammad Talha, Sohail

Reserves: Nasir Jamshed, Shahid Afridi, Sohail Tanveer, Abdur Rauf, Saeed Ajmal.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17 U-13 FESTIVAL

A total of 16 matches of the Under-13 Football Festival were held at eight venues across the country. Following are the results:

Borguna 1, Barisal 0; Jhalokathi 2, Patuakhali 1 Netrokona 3, Jamalpur; Tangail 0, Sherpur 0; Chuadanga 4, Madaripur 0; Gazipur 6, Manikganj 0; Cox's Bazar 1, Chittagong 1; Rangamati 1, Feni 0; Narayanganj 3, Sunamganj 0; Comilla 0, Rajbari 0; Naogaon 5, Natore 0; Kushtia 1, Rajshahi 1; Jessore 2, Khulna 0; Magura 0, Satkhira 0.

Inter live

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Ibrahimovic stepped over Esteban Cambiasso's cross and Adriano clipped a shot just past the corner of post and bar.

That was followed by a long scrappy period until United opened up Inter on 67 minutes but no one could tap home Ronaldo's teasing cross into the six yard box.

United's finishing was clearly below par and they missed yet another great chance on 76 minutes as Giggs cut in from the right, opened up space but saw his shot charged down by Cordoba before Carrick thrashed the follow-up into row Z.

Moments later Cordoba fell and Berbatov took the ball into the box before shooting into the side-netting.

Inter almost scored a shock goal on 82 minutes as substitute Mario Balotelli's corner found Cambiasso at the back post but his prodded effort went straight into Edwin van der Sar's hands.

United had one last chance with the final kick of the match from another stinging Ronaldo free-kick but Julio Cesar again was well-placed to parry the shot.

That left Mourinho to breathe a sigh of relief at the final whistle.

"When I won the Champions League (with Porto in 2004) we drew 0-0 at home in the semi-final and then won away to Deportivo (La Coruna)," said the selfanointed 'Special One'.

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

England face a few selection dilemmas in the run-up to the pivotal fourth Test against West Indies, starting on Thursday at the Kensington

England trail the five-Test series 0-1, following an innings and 23-run Windies victory in the opening Test at Sabina Park in Jamaica, the abandonment of the second Test at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, and a draw in the third Test at the Antigua Recreation Ground.

But leading all-rounder Andrew Flintoff is sidelined with yet another injury and wicketkeeper Matt Prior is on paternity leave following the birth of his first child which leaves a couple of huge voids in the visitors' line-up.

The 'keeping position is an easy solution with Tim Ambrose already confirmed to replace Prior behind the stumps, but how they handle the chasm left by Flintoff is not so straightforward for England.

The problem is to find a combination that would allow them to take 20 wickets in a Test they need a victory in to keep alive their desire to win the series -- and this means deciding on four or five frontline bowlers.

Had Prior been available, England could have easily chosen five bowlers, but Ambrose is making his first Test appearance for over a year, and there is a feeling that they may be taking a chance with the batting if they pack the attack.

England are most likely going to choose four frontline bowlers, but this also poses a challenge because off-spinner Graeme Swann and fast bowler Steve Harmison, two bowlers they expect to play a big role, have raised the injury threat level in the last few days.

Swann has a recurring elbow injury which flared up during the previous Test at the ARG, and Harmison has been complaining about his back.

Both have been cleared to play, but England also know they can ill-afford to lose them in the middle of the match.

4th Test against WI starts today The batting dilemma appears to be more straightforward with recent addition Ravi Bopara seemingly nailing down a place at No.6, following his hundred in the two-day tour match against the Barbados Cricket Association President's XI mere hours following his arrival from a more than 40-hour trip

from New Zealand. Comparatively, West Indies have no such issues, but their biggest challenge is overcoming themselves, and not falling into the lethargy that plagued them over the first four days of the ARG Test.

They are cautiously optimistic that they can lift their game to the heights required to win the Test and complete a rare Test series victory.

They admit that they are still capable of having bad days -- like the first four in the third Test at the ARG -- but have shown a greater consistency over the last year when they can rise to the challenge and play brand of cricket that can make them dangerous.

The main concern remains the batting, and putting the kind of total on the scoreboard that can put pressure on the opposition and put them in a winning position. The last seven Tests at Kensington Oval,

where the pitch is typically hard, true, and offers a lot more bounce than elsewhere in the Caribbean have all produced results.

England would be encouraged to know that West Indies have been on the wrong side of five

SQUADS

WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle (captain), Lionel Baker, Sulieman Benn, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Fidel Edwards, Ryan Hinds, Brendan Nash, Daren Powell, Denesh Ramdin, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Lendl Simmons, Devon Smith, Jerome Taylor.

ENGLAND (from): Andrew Strauss (captain), Alastair Cook (vice captain), Tim Ambrose, James Anderson, Ian Bell, Ravi Bopara, Stuart Broad, Paul Collingwood, Steve Harmison, Amjad Khan, Monty Panesar, Kevin Pietersen, Adil Rashid, Owais Shah, Ryan Sidebottom, Graeme Swann.

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SRILANKA: Second innings

Sangakkara lbw b Kaneria 65

M Jayawardene c Iqbal b Kaneria 22

Total: (For five wkts in 31 overs) 144

Did not bat: Vaas, Fernando,

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-32, 3-45,

Warnapura c Akmal b Gul

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Dilshan c Iqbal b Gul

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Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-78, 3

Extras: (b-5, lb-11, nb-18, w-5)

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Umpires: Aleem Dar and Russell Tiffin.

Younis falls short **FROM PAGE 17**

opener Malinda Warnapura (two), caught behind off paceman Umar Gul in the first over.

Gul then had Tillakaratne Dilshan (eight) caught off a mistimed pull. In between Gul's double strike, opener Tharanga Paranavitana was run out when he failed to beat Yasir Arafat's direct throw while taking a single.

Paranavitana, who fell for a duck in the first innings, managed just nine to cap a miserable Test debut.

It was also a setback for 31year-old Younis, Pakistan's new captain, who had set his sights both on Hanif's record for Pakistan and West Indies Brian Lara's world record score of 400.

Younis, who resumed at 306, played on to Sri Lanka's Dilhara Fernando in the ninth over of the day, to the disappointment of a sparse crowd at the National Stadium hoping to see him break Lara's record, set against England in 2004.

Hanif's Pakistani record was set against the West Indies in Barbados in 1958.

Kamran Akmal notched a fiery career-best 158 as Pakistan improved on their previous best Test innings total of 708, made against England at The Oval in 1987.

The home team's total of 765 runs also becomes the highest innings total in a Test in Pakistan, overtaking the 699-5 by Pakistan against India at Lahore in 1989.

Younis, who came to the crease on Sunday, batted for a marathon 12 hours and 48 minutes, facing 568 balls and hitting 27 boundaries and four

His triple ton eclipsed Sri Lankan skipper Mahela Jayawardene's 240, part of a

record 437 fourth-wicket 240, Samaraweera 231 stand with Thilan Sangakkara 70, Warnapura 59; Samaraweera (231).

Akmal, 27, completed his PAKISTAN: First innings 2,000 runs when he was on 56. He hit five sixes and eight boundaries. Arafat finished with 50 not out and put on 169 quick runs for the seventh wicket with Akmal.



PHOTO: AFP Pakistan's Kamran Akma plays a straight drive on the fifth and final day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at the National Cricket Stadium in Karachi yesterday. He was unbeaten on 158.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the first Karachi on Wednesday: SRI LANKA: First innings 644-7 declared (M Jayawardene

Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on the fifth and final day at the National Stadium in

Bowler Gul 41 33 Sohail Arafat Kaneria 35

Malik

Result: Drawn Man-of-the-match: Younis Khan.

Selection worry for Eng IPL opener

PTI, New Delhi

Defending champions Rajasthan Royals will take on Delhi Daredevils in the opening encounter in the second season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on April 10.

The opening match will be hosted in Jaipur, it was announced in a statement issued by the IPL on Wednesday.

The semifinals will be held in Chennai on May 21 and 22 while the final will be once again hosted by Mumbai on May 24. Deccan Chargers will host

their matches at two venues, Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi Stadium and the ACA and VDCA Stadium in Visakhapatnam. Day matches would be held

from 4pm to 7 pm and those at night would be held from 8 to 11pm.

SCHEDULE

Delhi Daredevils at Ricky Ponting's men. Jaipur

Apr11: Kolkata Knight Riders vs Deccan Chargers at Kolkata Chennai Super Kings vs Royal Challengers at Chennai

Delhi Daredevils vs Apr 12: Kings XI Punjab at Delhi Mumbai Indians V

Rajasthan Royals at Mumbai Deccan Chargers vs Chennai Super

Kings at Hyderabad Apr 14: Royal Challengers vs Kolkata Knight Riders at Bangalore

Skipper should have a say in pitch preps'

CRICINFO, Karachi

Wasim Akram, the former Pakistan captain, has said he was perplexed by the docile pitch prepared at the National Stadium for the first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Karachi. Four 150plus scores -- including a triple-century and a doubleton -- were raked up in Pakistan's first home Test in 16 months, and Akram said sparse crowds for five-day games in the country would only improve if the pitches were more bowler-friendly.

"It's a mystery to me why after 14 months of [not playing] Test cricket, such type of a wicket was made," Akram said. "We don't have to play the blame game but have to look what type of wicket should be prepared for the next Test."

Pakistan captain Younis Khan and coach Intikhab Alam had expressed their dissatisfaction about the pitch, and Akram felt the home captain should be consulted. "I think the captain's involvement should be there in the preparation of the wicket. When I was the captain, Imran [Khan] was the captain, Javed bhai [Miandad], Inzamam [ul Haq] we made sure what type of wicket we should have and we got that. So I think there was some communication problem there. But I hope not such type of wicket is made in future. We want teams to come to Pakistan and people of Pakistan should support their team but with such type of wickets it gets a bit difficult."

Sri Lanka raked up 644 for 7 in their first innings, and Pakistan's reply of 765 for 6 was powered by Younis's triple-century, the first by a Pakistan captain. "I think technically it was a superb knock. For any batsman who scores 300 it doesn't matter what type of wicket or against which opposition 300 is a big achievement and against the likes of Murali [Muttiah Muralidaran] and [Ajantha] Mendis, who are experienced spinners. Murali is one of the best ever and to bat against him for two-and-a-half days shows that Younis is a great player."

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run rate.

in 9 overs without any loss.

being sent into bat first. Captain Sohrawordi Shuvo

Saglian Sajib took three wickets for 22 runs.

Royals to face Daredevils in Australia all-pace

Cricket

CRICINFO, Johannesburg

South Africa's tour of Australia was such a short while ago that it feels like this is the fourth Test in a six-match series. Following their 2-1 win, South Africa headed home and their players had a break of sorts, although there was some domestic cricket on the calendar. Australia faced New Zealand in a one-day contest before rushing to the airport to set off for Johannesburg.

which begins at the Wanderers today, hanging on by a finger- diles. nail to their No. 1 Test ranking. They avoided handing it over at the Sydney Cricket Ground last month but a South African series win this time will mean Rajasthan Royals vs | the end of the long reign of

> Australia's last Test tour of South Africa but a lot has and Ben Hilfenhaus. How Australia's newer faces handle the pressure of a Test tour will be a key factor in the final results. There are no such squad issues for South Africa, who have retained the core group that won in Australia and have such a strong line-up that Ashwell Prince couldn't find a spot.

1st Test against SA begins today of the series will be how the Paul Harris is likely to play in a two teams use the umpire team that was so good in referrals. Neither side has played under the trial system, which will be overseen in all three Tests by Billy Bowden, Asad Rauf and the retiring

Steve Bucknor. Dale Steyn lived up to the hype in Australia and finished as the leading wicket taker and was a major reason why South Africa won the series. On his home pitches he will again prove a handful, particularly if the prodigious swing that is expected does happen. As if he wasn't threatening enough, he Australia enter the series, has spent his time off toughening up by wrestling croco-

Phillip Hughes will become

Australia's youngest Test debutant since Craig McDermott in 1984 when he walks out on Thursday at the age of 20 years and 88 days. A supremely talented left-hand It's only three years since opening batsman, Hughes has piled up runs for New South Wales over the past 18 months changed in that time. Only but his most striking characthree members of the current teristic is his ability to perform squad -- Ponting, Michael on big occasions. They don't Clarke and Michael Hussey -- come much bigger than a tour made that trip. Where once of South Africa where the No. 1 there was Shane Warne, ranking is on the line and the Matthew Hayden and Brett ability of Hughes and Simon Lee, there are now names like Katich to provide strong starts Bryce McGain, Phillip Hughes will be critical to Australia's chances.

South Africa have named a 12-man squad for the first Test and there isn't much doubt about who will play. The leftarm fast bowler Lonwabo Tsotsobe has been included but will almost certainly be the man to miss out as the settled Hilfenhaus, Andrew group that beat Australia at home continues its push for Umpires: Billy Bowden and The other fascinating part the No. 1 spot. The spinner Steve Bucknor.

Australia that Prince could not break back into the side having fully recovered from his broken thumb.

The rain and pitch conditions at the Wanderers have encouraged Australia to name a 12-man squad with both the specialist spinners Bryce McGain and Nathan Hauritz left out. It means an all-pace attack and the main decision now is whether to include the medium-pace allrounder Andrew McDonald or go for four out-and-out fast men in Mitchell Johnson, Peter Siddle, Doug Bollinger and Ben Hilfenhaus. The batsman and handy off-spinner Marcus North should have confirmed his Test debut thanks to his strong performance in the tour match in Potchefstroom. However, the only one of the three uncapped men in Australia's 12 who is certain of making his debut is the opener Phillip Hughes.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA (likely): Graeme Smith (captain), Neil McKenzie, Hashim Amla, Jacques Kallis, AB de Villiers, JP Duminy, Mark Boucher, Morne Morkel, Paul Harris, Dale Steyn, Makhaya Ntini.

AUSTRALIA (from): Phillip Hughes, Simon Katich, Ricky Ponting (captain), Michael Hussey, Michael Clarke, Marcus North, Brad Haddin, Mitchell Johnson, Peter Siddle, Doug Bollinger, Ben McDonald.

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Kiwis blow India out

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"For our guys to respond to that and to restrict India to 160 after getting away so quickly and also with how small the boundaries are -- one side was just a toy hit -- so really happy with them." Only Suresh Raina looked

and his unbeaten 61, including five sixes, formed the backbone of the tourists' innings. Yusuf Pathan also found the boundary, hitting Nathan McCullum for three sixes in

to have a game plan for India

three balls but when he went for a fourth six he fell victim to an outstanding catch-of-thematch by Oram. The tall New Zealander took the ball while off-balance just inside the boundary rope. As he was about to step across the line he flicked the ball in

play to complete the catch. Pathan's 20 and a 21 at the end by Harbhajan Singh were the only other innings of note

the air, righted himself and

came back into the field of

from India. While India took 19 off Tim Southee's opening over, New Zealand's big hitting openers Jesse Ryder and Brendon McCullum were slow out of the blocks.

Ryder went leg before wicket for one in the second over and Martin Guptill was lucky to survive his first ball when he shouldered arms to a delivery that swung back sharply and rapped him on the pads.

Television replays showed the ball would have hit the stumps but umpire Evan Watkin thought otherwise.

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before he fell lbw to Harbhajan. Man-of-the-match

McCullum, was cautious by his standards, but managed to bat through the innings with 56 off 49 balls including three Following Guptill's dismissal, Ross Taylor added a

quick 31 and then Oram,

returning from injury, part-

nered McCullum through to the end with 29 off 15 balls. The second and final YPathan 2.5 Twenty20 match in the series Yuvraj is in Wellington Friday to be followed by five one-day

internationals and three Tests. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first Twenty20 international between New Zealand and India at AMI Stadium in Christchurch on Wednesday:

INDIA Gambhir b O'Brien Sehwag b O'Brien Raina not out Sharma c B McCullum b Butler Yuvraj lbw b Vettori Dhoni b Butler Y Pathan c Oram b N McCullum I Pathan c N McCullum b Ryder Harbhajan b Southee

Extras: (lb-3, w-3) Total: (For 8 wkts in 20 overs) Did not bat: Zaheer, I Sharma. Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-32, 3-54, 4-56, 5-61, 6-82, 7-101, 8-

Bowler MRW Southee O'Brien Butler Vettori NMcCullum 2 Ryder **NEW ZEALAND** Ryder lbw b I Sharma McCullum not out Guptill lbw b Harbhajan

on to make 41 in 28 balls Taylorb Zaheer Oram not out

Extras: (w-5, nb-3) Total: (For 3 wkts in 18.5 overs) 166 Did not bat: McCullum, Vettori, Butler, Southee, Broom, O'Brien. Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-56, 3-

Zaheer Sharma I Pathan Harbhajan 4 Result: New Zealand won by

seven wickets. Man-of-the-match: Brendon McCullum.

Toss: New Zealand Umpires: Gary Baxter (NZL), Evan Watkin (NZL) Match referee: Ranjan

Madugalle (SRI) Nobody wants

FROM PAGE 17 kill two seasons. It has already happened and we are in no

condition to repeat that."

Salahuddin also informed that the minister has never said the decision to hold the opening ceremony at the BNS was final. "He rather told us that he

will sit with all concerned parties within a couple of days to find out a formula that works."

When asked whether everything was happening only because of the name of the Father of the Nation, Salahuddin replied: "Bangabandhu belongs to all of us. There is no controversy about that."

AIM A MILLAM. Women's hammer throw was first included in the 2000 Sydney Olympic

Games, after having been included in



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Price of aiming high

Cricket

CRICINFO, Christchurch

India have often been accused of making slow starts to overseas tours, but no one can make New Zealand went for 25 runs. Unfortunately for India, they got too greedy -- the short boundaries at the AMI Stadium in Christchurch offered a temptation few of their batsmen

could resist. Mahendra Singh Dhoni admitted after the game that they over-reached, aiming for around 220 when 190 might have been enough. "I think most of the batsmen batted brilliantly, but the mistake we committed was that we went with the momentum," Dhoni said. "Maybe one of the batsmen could have realised that we had got off to a flier ... throughout the IPL and Twenty20 games we have seen that even if you go after the bowlers for [the whole of] 20 overs, you don't score more than 220-230. So you have to figure out whether you're happy with the score of 180 or 190 or whether you look for those extra 25 runs, which you might not actually need, and instead end up

getting 160-odd." In true Twenty20 spirit, Virender Sehwag, Rohit Sharma and Yusuf Pathan went about their task, and in true New Zealand style the home bowlers stuck to their job. So while the hosts had moments where, as Daniel Vettori said, they thought they would end up chasing 300, they were set a below-par target of 162 by the time the lights took full effect.

Three incidents in the match summed up the teams' approach. Sehwag had smashed the first three balls he faced in New Zealand for sixes -- he that accusation this time -- their first 11 balls in hit four in all during his 10-ball stay -- but went for one hit too many. Rohit went for his second six in a row but got a leading edge off Ian Butler. Then, when Yusuf went for his fourth successive six off Nathan McCullum, Jacob Oram came up with a spectacular, making the entire process of flicking up the ball, crossing the boundary, coming back in and then taking the catch look extraordinarily easy. Indiawere 32 in 3.1 overs, 54 in 5.2, and 82 in 9.4 at those junctures.

New Zealand applied the brakes with those wickets as the bowlers earned their rewards for being on target without attempting anything special. Vettori was wily as usual, giving little away, and despite Suresh Raina's cool-headed innings, there was only one favourite at the break.

Dhoni was not pleased with the way the target was assessed tonight but said it wasn't a premeditated ploy to put New Zealand under pressure right away. "One of the key things was to go into the middle with a blank mind, without a target," Dhoni said. "We wanted to play according to the merit of the ball, it was not a conscious effort to go after the bowlers and hit those big sixes."

Unfinished

help of seven fours and a six. Wicketkeeper-batsman Sahagir Hossain (39) and Nasir Hossain (42 not out) played vital knocks to accelerate the

Pacer Abul Hasan captured three wickets for 49 runs in 10 overs.

In reply, DOHS started cautiously by making 33 runs At BKSP in Savar, Mohammedan suffered a

hit team highest 38 and Marshal Ayub added 28. Saiful Islam claimed three wickets for 22 runs and

In reply, Surjo Torun lost one wicket for 31 runs in 7 overs.

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