

Elton sets sights on Windies

AFP, Nelson

Zimbabwe captain Elton Chigumbura targeted victory over the slumping West Indies after a four-wicket triumph against the United Arab Emirates on Thursday breathed new life into their World Cup campaign.

"We need to take this momentum into the game against the West Indies," said Chigumbura, whose side face the men from the Caribbean in Canberra on Monday.

"Hopefully we can polish up our fielding and have a good game in all departments."

Chigumbura also praised the depth of his batting lineup, which saw Sean Williams making an undefeated 76 batting at five and Craig Ervine, at seven, hitting 42 at almost a run-a-ball.

"I thought the guys played well with the bat. The good thing about our team is we have eight batters so there was no pressure," the skipper said. "Getting over the line was the most important thing to do and we did it."

UAE captain Mohammad Tauqir admitted that despite his side making a ODI best total on their return to the World Cup after an absence of almost two decades, they didn't have quite enough runs on the board.

"We played some good cricket but we were expecting a different result. In the previous game on this wicket we saw that 300 was not enough (when West Indies lost to Ireland)," said the 43-year-old.

"We know our limitations and we scored 285. But they batted well, struck up some good partnerships and they won the game."



Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell goes airborne while throwing the ball during a practice session in Brisbane yesterday. The Australians are gearing up for a clash against Bangladesh at the Gabba on Saturday, but tropical Cyclone Marcia may have other ideas.

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Kirsten past v Kirsten now

AFP, Melbourne

Having coached one team to the World Cup title, Gary Kirsten is now helping plot another nation's bid for the coveted prize -- and the two will meet when India take on South Africa on Sunday.

Kirsten, the former South African opening batsman, was India's coach when Mahendra Singh Dhoni's men won the World Cup in Mumbai four years ago.

He left the job immediately after the tournament to take over as South Africa's coach, serving the Proteas for

two years before handing the baton to his deputy Russell Domingo.

The 47-year-old is now back with AB de Villiers's side as a consultant for a part of the World Cup and joined the squad on Wednesday after returning from the players' auction in the Indian Premier League (IPL), where he coaches the Delhi Daredevils franchise.

Kirsten will be on hand to watch the two sides meet at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday in a key Pool B match which will almost certainly assure the winner a place in the quarter-finals.

Domingo said he was happy to have Kirsten around, even if only on a temporary basis.

"Gary is an experienced coach, he has been with the side for a long period of time," Domingo said on Thursday.

"He has a certain number of days with us for important stages of the event where we think he can offer us a lot of input and advice."

"Just having his presence around is a big source of inspiration and motivation for the team."

Both teams won their opening games, with India thrashing arch-

rivals Pakistan by 76 runs in Adelaide and South Africa beating neighbours Zimbabwe by 62 runs in Hamilton.

South Africa have never won the World Cup, despite being one of the most powerful sides in modern-day cricket, and Kirsten's input will be vital as the Proteas seek to ditch their unwanted tag of "chokers".

"I'm desperately hoping that we win the World Cup this year," Kirsten told the Kolkata-based Telegraph newspaper as he vowed sentiment would play no part in his approach to Sunday's match.

Enter Clarke, exit Bailey

Oz squad at Marcia's mercy

AGENCIES, Brisbane

The baseball glove said it all. If it was not already resolved who would make way for the return of Michael Clarke in this World Cup, then there were more revealing clues on Thursday.

George Bailey is strongly tipped to be omitted on Saturday against Bangladesh, as he himself has acknowledged, and if his role at Australian training was any indication, he has already been told.

He spent the session catching throws from Australia's fast bowlers as assistant coach Craig McDermott, with bat in hand, gave them practice under the high ball on the boundary.

On the other side of the field Australia's other batsmen, Clarke included, were being taken through drills more appropriate to the positions they occupy in the field, picking up and firing at a plastic stump.

Bailey was a notable absentee but, true team man that he is, there was no dragging of the heels on a moist Gabba, which spent the day with the covers on its wicket square as Brisbane braced for an onslaught of wild weather called Tropical Cyclone Marcia.



When he was not passing gloved balls onto McDermott, he was enthusiastically chasing after errant ones.

Bailey had been short of runs before the handy 55 he made in Australia's opening game against England, and Clarke's place in the team can hardly be questioned. But given the two years he enjoyed before this summer, and how regularly he has led the one-day team in Clarke's absence, it is difficult not to feel sorry for Bailey, despite the sound logic behind his pending omission.

"It's a unique set of circumstances. Michael, had he been fit, would have been a walk-up start [against England], so obviously now that he is fit someone has got to make way for him, and sadly it could be [Bailey]," former Australian captain and selector Greg Chappell said on Thursday.

Of course, Bailey may not be the only Australian who misses out on Saturday. If the meteorologists have not just been tossing a coin, and the deluge of rain forecast to arrive in Brisbane on Friday comes to fruition, there may be no game at all.

In that case, Australia will be left without having played in two weeks -- and with what could effectively amount to a play-off for top spot in Pool A ahead of them against New Zealand in Auckland on Saturday week.

Rain rules final day

SPORTS REPORTER



The fourth and final day of the NCL was dominated by rain, rather than any players, as all the matches were interrupted, with three of the four games ending in draws.

Sylhet started the day against leaders Dhaka hoping to bundle them out before the end of the day, but due to continuous rain and bad light the match ended in a draw.

Dhaka ended the game at 175 for 5, with a fifty-run partnership between Nasiruddin (42) and Nadif helping them fend off the Sylhet attack. Rahatul scalped four wickets for Sylhet.

At ground number 2 of BKSP, Chittagong started the day against Dhaka Metro at 126 for three. Nazim Uddin and Tasamul Haque piled up 162 together, ensuring the match end in a draw. Though Tasamul (80) fell short of a century, Nazim was not out on 108. Sharif Ullah picked up 3 wickets for Dhaka Metro and at the end of the day Chittagong were 376 for 6.

At the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Khulna asked Rajshani to start their second innings trailing by 335 runs after failing to avoid the follow-on, but they could not change their fortunes as they were bowled out for 152 runs. Myshukur Rahman top scored with 47 and Abdur Razzak took 5

wickets for Khulna to defeat Rajshahi by an innings and 183 runs.

The other match at the BKSP between Barisal and Rangpur was also drawn, albeit with some impressive batting performances. Mosaddek (250) and Al-Amin's (199) 423 runs partnership helped them to reach 668. Rangpur scored 65 without any loss before the end of the day.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SYLHET: 500 all out
DHAKA: 202 all out and 175 for 5 (Nasiruddin 42 not out; Rahatul 4-56)
Result: Match Drawn
RANGPUR: 518 for 9 dec and 65 for no loss (Liton 52 not out)
BARISAL: 668 all out (Mosaddek 250, Al-Amin 199; Tanvir haider 4-56)
Result: Match Drawn
DHAKA METRO: 496
CHITTAGONG: 274 all out and 376 for 6 (Nazim 106 not out, Tasamul 80; Sharif Ullah 3-59)
Result: Match Drawn
KHULNA: 560 for 6 dec
RAJSHANI: 225 all out and 152 all out in 74.1 overs (Myshukur Rahman 47; Abdur Razzak 5-52)
Result: KHULNA DIVISION won by an innings & 183 runs

Gabba rain may aid NZ

AGENCIES, Wellington

A looming tropical cyclone could rob Australia of Cricket World Cup victory on Saturday, handing the New Zealand the advantage in Pool A.

A rained-out Gabba affair would work in favour of the Black Caps who currently sit on top of their pool.

The co-hosts play England in Wellington on Friday and a third win would give New Zealand a strong lead in the group ahead of next Saturday's clash with Australia.

That advantage would be lost with a defeat to Australia at Eden Park but would still mean Australia would have to avoid a defeat to Sri Lanka to finish ahead of New Zealand.

On the other side of the ledger, if Australia's next match is rained off and New Zealand beat England, then a victory at Eden Park would all but secure top spot for the Black Caps.



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7	4	3	7	3	4

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M	W	L	M	W	L
77	38	33	77	33	38

Last meeting: 16 June 2013 at Cardiff. England won by 10 runs.

KEY PLAYERS



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35.29	AVERAGE	31.05
124.41	STRIKE RATE	108.60
60	TOTAL CATCHES	67
3	50'S	6
1	100'S	1
170	HIGHEST SCORE	121
953	TOTAL RUNS	1149
6	TOTAL STUMPING	8



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As the Zimbabwe fans cheered on their team, the US Ambassador to Bangladesh dressed in the jersey with the mascot, a Tiger.



Day Whatmore: Well done boys and thank you for my 1st win! Even though it was an associate team, the will to win

was clear to me! Seth Rollins: 2 minutes of silence for me. I have a Math exam the day after #IndVSA match!