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Matthews sacked from touring party

SYDNEY: Test all-rounder Greg Matthews is a shock omission from the Australian squad to tour Sri Lanka and play in the World Cup in India and Pakistan later this year.

Wimbledon 'is my home'



Kevin Curren on his way to a loss to...

LONDON, Friday (AP). — Wimbledon and Boris Becker are as inseparable as strawberries and cream. Neither tastes quite so good without the other.

o'clock on that first Monday," he said. "I won't feel any pressure. Whenever I play, I'll go out and enjoy it. Wimbledon is my home."



... Pat Cash, who enters the quarters.

Masur scares Edberg

The No 2 seed, Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, received a scare against Canberra's Wally Masur.

They were exchanged and Masur led 4-3, 30-30 when a thunderstorm took the players off for a further 2 1/2 hours.

But Australian Cricket Board chairman Malcolm Gray, commenting on what appeared to be a change of direction and new blood in the Australian team, said the board hadn't given any direction to the selection panel of Laurie Sawle (chairman), Greg Chappell, Jim Higgs or Dick Guy to exclude — or include — any cricketer on grounds other than cricket.

The Australian squad includes three faces new to the international scene — SA spinner Tim May, 25, and his medium-pace colleague, 20-year-old Andrew Zesers, plus WA's 21-year-old Tom Moody, a right-hand bat and right-arm, medium-pace bowler.

They plan to resist an anti-apartheid move by West Indies cricket officials, who have tabled a motion to the sport's world governing body, the International Cricket Conference, to ban any player who plays or coaches in South Africa from international cricket.

SPORT AROUND THE WORLD Blackmailer threatens Suzuka Grand Prix

SUZUKA, Japan, Friday (AFP). — Organisers of the Japan formula one grand prix have received a blackmail threat saying that unless they pay the race would be blocked, police said today.

A threatening letter was delivered last Friday to the Suzuka Circuit where the 16th leg of the formula one world driver's championships will be held at the end of October.

The letter demanded the organisers deposit the money at a designated bank in Nagoya, near Suzuka, by Monday.

"Unless the demand is met, I will obstruct the race," the blackmailer said.

The Suzuka race represents a comeback by Japan to the formula-one circuit after a 10-year absence.

Richard holds a one-stroke lead over compatriots Lenore Muraoka, Colleen Walker and Cathy Gerring who are tied for second on 67.

metres from the finish which put two riders in hospital.

Rosala, already winner of the eighth and 10th stages, crossed the line fractionally ahead of teammate Alberto Volpi and Eddy Planckaert, of Belgium, after 10 circuits of Comu in the conclusion of the 20th stage.

CRICKET BACKLASH: Geoff Cook, chairman of the English Cricketers' Association, predicts a backlash from his members if the International Cricket Federation bans any players with South African links.

England's Test and County Cricket Board are to discuss whether to support a motion by the West Indies to ban from international cricket any players who play or coach in South Africa.

Former England captain said around 20 per cent of the association's 360 county cricketers regularly visited South Africa during the English winter and he felt individual players should not be singled out.

Drug plan one of world's best

The Australian Sports Commission and Drug Offence anti-drugs education program was rated "among the best in the world" by US doctor Bruce Woolley, key speaker at the First World Symposium on Doping in Sport, held in Florence.

The coordinator of the National Drugs in Sport Program, Steve Haynes, said more than 40 countries and international sporting organisations used the program, which had become a success mainly because of the commitment of the Australian Sports Commission.

Haynes said the importance of role models for aspiring sportsmen and women should not be underestimated.

After all, it is their sporting future drugs are compromising," he said. "We must ensure sport remains essentially about the matching of natural capabilities and not who has the best chemists."

A teaching program would be implemented by coaches, physical and health educators, following workshops to be held over Australia later this year.

The ASC was expected to recommend details of sports drug-testing facilities to the Federal Government later this month, after the recent loss of international accreditation by the Brisbane-based laboratory.

Beattie backs entertaining

SYDNEY: St George centre Michael Beattie believes nine more victories, starting with South Sydney at the SCG today, should be enough to lift the Dragons into this year's Sydney rugby-league premiership semi-finals.

Beattie said Saints started the Winfield Cup second round with the view that if they lost only four matches, they'd have a chance of figuring in the play-offs.

The plan was rattled by Sunday's loss to Manly but Beattie remains optimistic, even though Saints have only 11 competition points — five less than fifth-placed Canberra and Souths.

"We'll take our chances and play entertaining football," Beattie said. "We could lose four second-round games and we've lost one already. "We thought we'd beat Manly and get a roll on but the loss hasn't shocked us and in the next month or so, we play the middle five teams and I think we can win the lot..."

Only four teams have scored more points than the Dragons this season.

Rovers 'concern' Arok

TAEGU, South Korea, Friday (AAP). — Australian Soccer's coach Frank Arok will make another five changes to retain freshness among his players for the match against Ireland's Rovers at Taegu tomorrow.

Charlie Yankos, Wally Savor, Graham Jennings, Peter Raskopoulos and Paul Wade return to the side with Robbie Dunn, Oscar Crino, Frank Farina, Graham Arnold and Andrew Zinni holding their places.

Arok said, "I'm a little concerned about the Rovers because they are a better side than indicated by the score."

"It's the first time I'd like the weather to be hot instead of the present coolness, because they would probably crack under pressure in the heat."

Arok believes the Australians will be stronger in attack and in midfield than the Rovers.

Confederation rethink

The Confederation of Australian Sport has sought clarification of the Liberal Party sports policy earlier giving mild support.

The president of the confederation, Les Martyn, said that the confederation was concerned that the policy did not provide any assurances that funding would be maintained or increased.

When age takes its toll of physical capacity, what becomes of the sportsman's enthusiasm for activity and entertainment?

Are we all destined to become addicted to the spectacle of sport on television or is there some more participative encounter available?

For Neil Townsend, former ACT hockey player and a retired deputy secretary after 43 years in the Public Service, participation takes the form of writing letters to newspapers and those on the public stage who profess opinions.

Townsend is celebrating this week the official 50th anniversary of Old Canberra men's hockey club, even though illness will prevent him from attending the commemorative dinner tonight.

Although practically confined to quarters, Neil spent an hour entertaining members over the phone this week with stories of the old days of Canberra hockey and his letter-writing deeds.

"I suppose I'm just a bit of a stirrer. I'm not a hard belliger, there are just a few things I believe in," he said. "I've always been a bit of a nuisance."

It isn't only letters to the papers, although he has been successful at getting almost all of his letters published. He has a current correspondence running with poet Max Harris about some statements in the media to the effect that Australians suffer from an anti-cultural cringe, and Harris is about to receive another letter supporting his comments about the unsuitability of businessmen as national managers in politics.

Neil's bipartisan view is that big bucks don't automatically qualify one to run the country, citing both John Brown and Wilson Tuckey as examples of people who need political nous as much as business sense. He holds some strong views on New Right leader Andrew Hay.

Stirring came early in Townsend's career as a hockey administrator, and he still remembers with regret that he was a prime mover in arranging the split of Old Canberra into two clubs, when, in the early 1950s, the club was far too strong for the local competition.

With the split, a new club, Waratah, was formed and, in the nature of club life, some friendships were damaged for a time. Today, of course, the common wisdom is that the split was entirely necessary for the good of Canberra hockey.

Townsend was also an early mover for ACT statehood in hockey, which came about only in 1972.

Although Townsend has yet to write to the papers about hockey, I asked him for a bit of his opinions on the game.

He appreciated the influence which artificial surfaces had had on the game, although he was quick to point out that they were no new phenomenon, citing the cin-

Sports results and details

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Social Women's League...
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