

# ANDY SHOWS BOWLING FIRE

## Islanders practise in Oval nets

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THE COMBINED Windward--Leeward Islands cricket team flew into Trinidad yesterday afternoon, but without their captain and star batsman Viv Richards for their Shell Shield match against Trinidad and Tobago.

Richards, the West Indies batting superstar and off-spinner Derek Parry, another Test player, were scheduled to join the team last night.

Other members of the team from the Combined Islands had a tough work-out yesterday evening at Queen's Park Oval, in a bid to sharpen up for the match, which starts tomorrow on the same Oval ground.

The local fans focused on fast bowler Andy Roberts in the nets yesterday. The 30-year-old Antiguan paceman, who is making an effort to win back his place in the West Indies team for the coming Test series against England, bowled with fire yesterday, showing that he is physically fit and in very good shape again.



VIVIAN RICHARDS

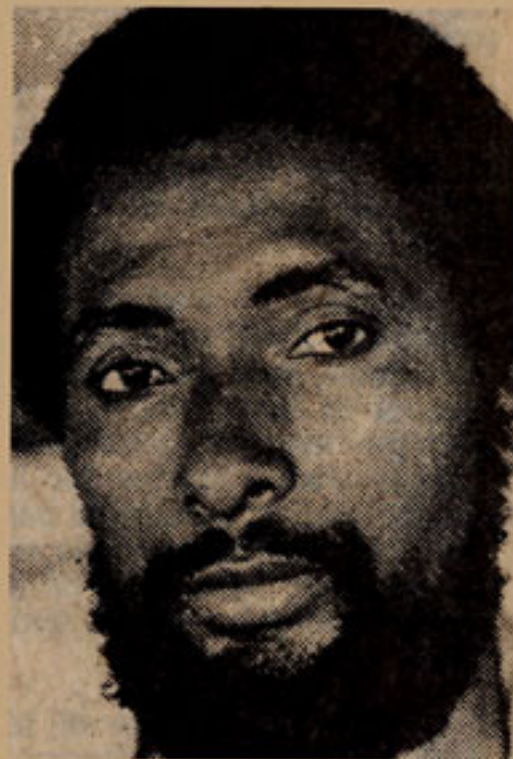
Roberts was surprisingly dropped from the W.I. team which recently toured Pakistan.

Among the new faces in the Islanders' team are Kenneth Hopson, a right-arm medium-pacer from Grenada, Noel Guishard and Luther Kelly of St. Kitts.

### OMISSIONS

Notable omissions from the 13-player visiting squad are wicketkeeper Ignatius Cadette, spinner Elquemedo Willett, batsman Victor Eddy and fast bowler Norbert Phillip - the latter having been involved in a dispute with the islands' cricket administrators, over his failure to attend compulsory trial sessions.

Hesketh Benjamin, manager of the Islanders team, said yesterday: "The boys are ready and looking forward to a good match."



ANDY ROBERTS

Benjamin admitted that his players are not in the peak of form as they would have liked, but "they are coming into their own."

The Combined Islands were runners-up last year in the Shell Shield series. Their manager said that they will be going all out to win their first match in this season's competition.

It would be a memorable happening if they do, for it is the last time the Islanders are playing as one team in the "Shell". From next year the Islands will play as separate sides.

The Combined Islands team: Viv Richards (captain), Derek Parry, Andy Roberts, Irving Shillingford, Jim Allen, Shirlon Williams, Luther Kelly, Lancelot John, Winston Davis, James Harris, Noel Guishard, Enoch Lewis, Kenneth Hopson with Hesketh Benjamin, manager.



# Larry, Ranjïe in Trinidad squad

AS was expected, Larry Gomes and Ranjïe Nanan were included among the 13 players chosen last night to represent Trinidad and Tobago in the four-day Shell Shield Regional cricket match against the Combined Windward-Leeward Islands which starts tomorrow at Queen's Park Oval.

Gomes and Nanan missed this year's opening matches -- the one-day Geddes Grant -- Harrison Line Cup and the Shell Shield game against Jamaica -- because of duty with the West Indies team in Pakistan.

Larry comes in for his brother Sheldon Gomes and Nanan replaces medium-pacer Denzil Regis from the team which went to Jamaica.

However, Sheldon and Regis and Tunapuna's Prakash Moosai, a law student at the University of the West Indies,



**RANJIE NANAN**

St. Augustine, have been asked by the selectors to continue practising and join in today's net session from 3.30 p.m. at the Oval nets.

The final team will be chosen before the start of play tomorrow.

The 13 players chosen yesterday are: Deryck Murray (captain), Richard Gabriel, Kenrick Baine, Larry



**LARRY GOMES**

Gomes, Anil Rajah, Augustine Logie, Ranjïe Nanan, Alec Burns, Eric Audain, Harold Joseph, Raphick Jumadeen, Alston Daniel and Theo Cuffy.

Trinidad and Tobago took first innings points in addition to 12 bonus points from their drawn match against Jamaica to take an early lead in the Shell Shield competition with 20 points.