



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

PRIME MINISTER'S XI

The following team will represent the Prime Minister's XI against the West Indies at Manuka Oval on 5 December:

Michael Bevan (NSW) Captain
Mark Harry (SA)
Dene Hills (TAS)
Brad Hogg (WA)
Dean Jones (VIC)
Mark Lavender (WA)
Shane Lee (NSW)
Carl Rackemann (QLD)
Wade Secombe (QLD) Wicketkeeper
Andrew Symonds (QLD)
Brad Williams (VIC)
Brad Haddin (ACT) Twelfth Man

Current test players were not available for selection because of the timing of the Third Test versus Pakistan in Sydney. But I believe that the team is a competitive and attractive one, which includes some of our finest players of the past decade and a number of big stars of the present and future.

I am delighted that Carl Rackemann will be playing. His selection is a thoroughly deserved recognition of his outstanding services to Australian and Queensland cricket.

Dean Jones is an exciting and popular player, who is playing as well as he was when he appeared in this fixture for the first time more than 10 years ago.

Canberra's cricket fans will again have the chance to admire the great talents of their favourite son, Michael Bevan. The award of the captaincy to this exciting young player is an honour to ACT cricket and an indication of Michael's potential on the national and international scene.

And among those members of the team yet to play test cricket, there are outstanding players who have every chance to wear the green and gold before long.

It will be a great pleasure to welcome the West Indies team to Canberra once again. I am sure the match will live up to the fine traditions of this important event in the local sporting calendar.

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