

# Captain is always the whipping boy

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AT the end of another unsuccessful series and that too at home, Daniel Vettori has thrown in the towel and has resigned from the captaincy of the New Zealand team. He himself did not have a bad series but somebody has to carry the can and in such situations, it is invariably the captain who is the whipping boy, even if the others in the team have not performed to their abilities and let the team down.



Vettori has jumped before he was pushed and in doing so has done the dirty job which the selectors would have had to do otherwise. Mind you, he still will skipper New Zealand till the end of the World Cup and quit after that. It will be interesting to see what the reaction would be if the Kiwis were to play some fearless cricket and get to the last four or even the finals of the World Cup. Would there be a rethink then by Vettori and the selectors?

Vettori certainly will be a key player for he has developed his batting so well that he has many hundreds in Test cricket now and though he is not the biggest spinner of the ball, he can tie up the batsmen with his accurate bowling and make runs hard to be taken off him in all forms of the game. This week the CEAT International Cricketer is Daniel Vettori

for his century which certainly saved New Zealand from a collapse in the Test and helped draw the Test match.

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