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MANAWATU pace bowler Mike Mason doesn't believe he will be picked for the cricket World Cup despite joining the Black Caps in Christchurch.

Mason was yesterday called into the one-day side replacing the injured Shane Bond (side strain) for today's day-nighter against India.

He is in the New Zealand squad for two games. The next match is at Queenstown on Saturday.

He said he was glad the selectors were picking on form but believed his only chance to join the 15 to South Africa would come if there were injuries.

Meanwhile, he was glad his girlfriend, Michelle Frey, had her ***cellphone*** switched on yesterday.

He'd packed his gear after helping Central Districts beat Wellington on Monday, had tossed his mobile phone in his cricket bag and left it there.

They were driving to New Plymouth for CD's next one-dayer against Otago on Thursday when Michelle received the summons as they entered Wanganui.

Mason was told to head straight back and catch a plane from Palmerston North to Christchurch.

"It's all happening a bit too fast again. I was ready for my day off," laughed Mason.

This time he was hoping to play rather than be the 12th man as he was for the two tests against India.

"Hopefully I'll get a game otherwise the Stags are missing out if I'm not playing."

He went for only 22 runs off his 10 overs at Wellington and for the fourth time dismissed NZ captain Stephen Fleming.

In the previous one-dayer at Nelson, Mason conceded only 14 runs off his 10 overs against Canterbury.

He has given up only two fours.

"I was pretty gutted about that; they were both mental lapses by me."

He said his experience has taught him what works.

"I'm focusing more on bowling line and length and not giving the batsmen anything, no four balls. Bowling to a plan, bit more of a thinking game."

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