

# Crowe denied last honour in record-filled game

**WELLINGTON, Feb 4:** A world record partnership of 467 runs between New Zealand batsmen Martin Crowe and Andrew Jones took the first test against Sri Lanka to a draw today, reports Reuter.

The partnership, in which both players made career-best scores, was the highest in the history of test cricket.

It was one of several batting records smashed on a day in which New Zealand erased the embarrassment of a 323-run first innings deficit.

Crowe, who was out off the last ball of the match on 299,



**ANDREW JONES ... 186**

and Jones, dismissed an hour earlier for 186, beat the previous best Test partnership of 451 runs, shared by Australian and Pakistani batsmen.

Australians Bill Ponsford and Don Bradman reached that score against England in 1934 at the Oval, as did Pakistanis Mudassar Nazar and Javed Miandad against India at Hyderabad in 1983.

The batsmen showed splendid concentration on a pitch that provided little assistance to the Sri Lankan bowlers.

The aggressive but sensible batting in sunny conditions contrasted with New Zealand's meagre 174 first innings total. It set a new New Zealand team Test record, easily overhauling the 553 posted against Australia in Brisbane in 1985/86.

Captain Crowe took his share of records, although he was dented after being caught behind just one run short of his triple century.

"I was a bit angry about it to start with, but then I settled down," he told reporters. "I'm pretty happy with what's hap-

pened today."

"But it's a bit like climbing Everest and pulling a hamstring in the last stride."

Throughout the day Crowe dispatched a listless Sri Lankan attack around the Basin Reserve ground, as he raced beyond his previous top Test score of 188.

His innings set a New Zealand record, outstripping the 259 hit by Glenn Turner in 1971/72 at Georgetown against the West Indies.

Crowe hit two sixes and 29 fours batted for 609 minutes and faced 523 balls. His push towards a triple century kept spectators interested until the end of the obviously drawn game.

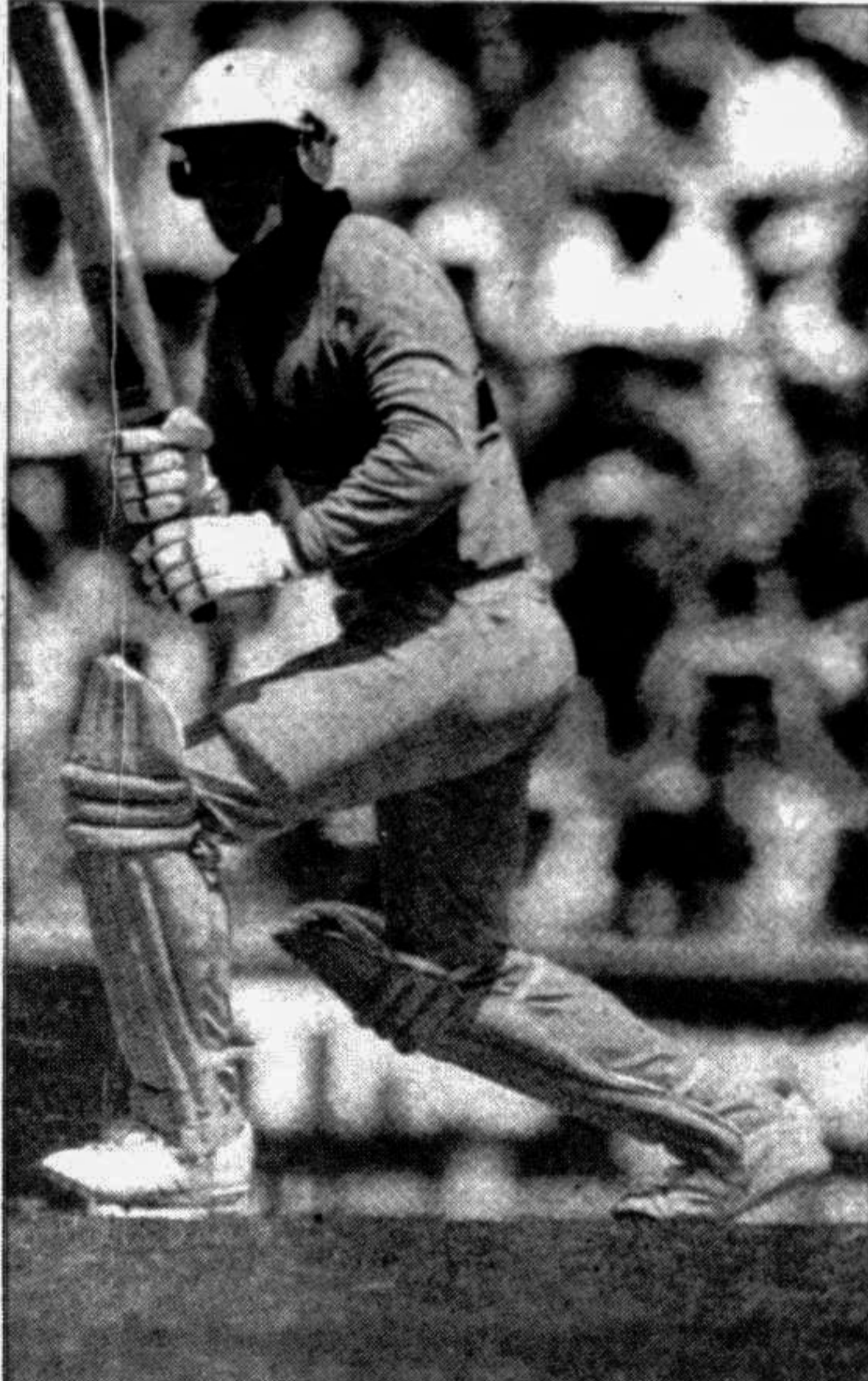
In one over he hit 22 runs off the slow cutters of Aravinda De Silva — two sixes, two fours and a two — prompting the Sri Lankans to take the third new ball of the innings soon after lunch.

Jones also batted with considerable skill to play New Zealand out of their first innings trouble. His 186 runs were struck in 561 minutes off 454 balls and included 15 fours.

He was caught at point, driving at a ball from the slow bowling of Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga.

Sri Lanka spent their second full day in the field, gleaned scarce help from a pitch which held together well and provided only modest turn for spinners Asoka De Silva and Jayananda Warnawera.

Paceman Champaka Ramanayake continued to impress, as he slowed the scor-



**MARTIN CROWE ... robbed of a deserving landmark**

**THE NEW RECORDS**

Apart from New Zealand's record score, the match saw: — a new world record partnership by Crowe and Andrew Jones of 467 before Jones was caught, beating the previous 451 set by Australia's Bill Ponsford and Donald Bradman in 1934 at the Oval and equalled by Pakistan's Javed Miandad and Mudassar Nazar against India at Hyderabad in 1982-83.

— A Sri Lankan Test best in their first innings of 497, in reply to New Zealand's 174, beating the previous record of 454 against Pakistan in Faisalabad in 1981.

— The highest Test match total by a New Zealander, with Crowe's 299 overtaking Glenn Turner's 259 against the West Indies at Georgetown in 1971.

— A personal best of 267 for Sri Lanka's Aravinda De Silva, who beat the 1952 record of 255 for a test at Wellington's Basin Reserve ground before himself being surpassed by Crowe.

ing rate with the new ball after lunch, but the New Zealanders were rarely troubled on a day for the batsmen.

Clearly bitterly disappointed with missing that achievement, Crowe declared New Zealand's second innings closed on 671-4, the country's highest ever Test score.

With a draw inevitable, Sri Lanka were not required to bat again in the limited time available.

### THE NEW RECORDS

**New Zealand:** Second Innings (overnight 369 for two)

Franklin lbw	39
b Ramanayake	
Wright c Tillekeratne	
b Ramanayake	88
Jones c sub (Maduresinghe)	
b Ranatunga	186
Crowe c Tillekeratne	
b Ranatunga	299
Extras: (nb-35, lb-9, w-1)	45
Total: (for four wickets off 220.3 overs)	671

Did not bat: K Rutherford, G Bradburn, I Smith, C Pringle, D Morrison, W Watson.

Fall of wickets: 1-134; 2-148; 3-615; 4-671.

**Bowling:**

Ratnayake	30-1-101-0
Labrooy	26-1-88-0
Ramanayake	40-5-122-2
Ranatunga	19-3-4-60-2
Asoka De Silva	56-14-141-0
Warnawera	34-8-75-0
Gurusinha	7-0-16-0
Aravinda De Silva	8-0-59-0

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka today:

**New Zealand:** First Innings 174 (M Crowe 30, R Ratnayake four for 45, G Labrooy four for 68).

**Sri Lanka:** First Innings 497 (for nine declared (Aravinda De Silva 267, A Gurusinha 70, A Ranatunga 55, D Morrison five for 153, W Watson four for 121).

## A washout at Dhaka Stadium

**Sports Reporter**

Early morning rainfall washed out the second day's play of the two-day Navana Premier division cricket league match between Lalmita Club and the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

The match could not be resumed owing to unplayable conditions, according to the two umpires and the rival team captains.

Under the by-laws of the league, the match will have to be rescheduled as a fresh fixture.

On Sunday, GMCC, needing 183 to win, had made 30 for the loss of one wicket in ten of their stipulated 75 overs.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani K.C. vs Kalabagan K.C. (Dhaka Stadium)

Rupali Bank vs Surjo Tarun (DCS)

### Nissan tennis

**Sports Reporter**

Faisal will meet Ronny in the boys' under-16 final of the fourth Nissan Cup tennis championships.

In the boys' under-12 section, final, also scheduled for tomorrow, Abhi will face Johnny.

In yesterday's semifinals, Faisal beat Faiyaz 6-2, 6-2 while Ronny had a tougher time disposing of Arjun, the score reading 1-6, 7-6, 6-0 in Ronny's favour.

In the under-12 semifinals, also held at the National Tennis Complex, Ramna, Abhi faced stiff competition from Umar in the second set before prevailing 7-6 despite having taken the first set 6-0.

On the other hand, Johnny, who lost the first set 1-6 to Faisal, rallied well to take the next two sets 7-6, 6-2 to make the final.

Four men's doubles were decided yesterday at the Gulshan Club court.

Sandru Salam and Sami Ruzzak beat Jiaz and Manju 6-1, 6-0. Byzid Rashid and Ill-rihal beat Karen Maley and Marcos 6-3, 6-1. Shovon Jamaly and Sardar Iftikhar beat Abdullah and Khan while Dr. Rashid and Mashuq beat Jalal and Wang 6-2, 6-4. The winners will play their quarter final matches today.

Today's highlights also include the men's singles quarter-finals which start at 2:30 in the afternoon.

### Econo TT from today

**Sports Reporter**

The inaugural Econo Ballpen table tennis tournament, under the auspices of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Players' Association, begins at the National Coaching Centre today.

More than 200 paddlers representing eighteen teams, including some from outside Dhaka, are taking part in the boys', men's and women's events in the five-day meet.

Maj. General Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, National Sports Council will inaugurate the meet at five this afternoon.

The tournament, which has a budget of Tk. 40,000, put up by sponsoring company GQ Ballpen Industries Ltd., offers Tk. 8,000 in prizemoney, of which the men's singles winner will collect Tk. 3,000, the runner-up Tk. 1,500, the women's singles winner Tk. 1,500 and the runner-up Tk. 750.

# Stewart determined to remain England coach

**PERTH, Feb 4:** Mickey Stewart said on Monday he was determined to continue as England cricket coach despite a disastrous Ashes series that will almost certainly end in a 3-0 defeat, reports Reuter.

On the rest day of the fifth and final Test, Stewart, along with tour manager Peter Lush, faced suggestion in the English and Australian press that their days were numbered.

Australia require just 81 runs with nine wickets in hand to wrap up their third victory in the five-test series.

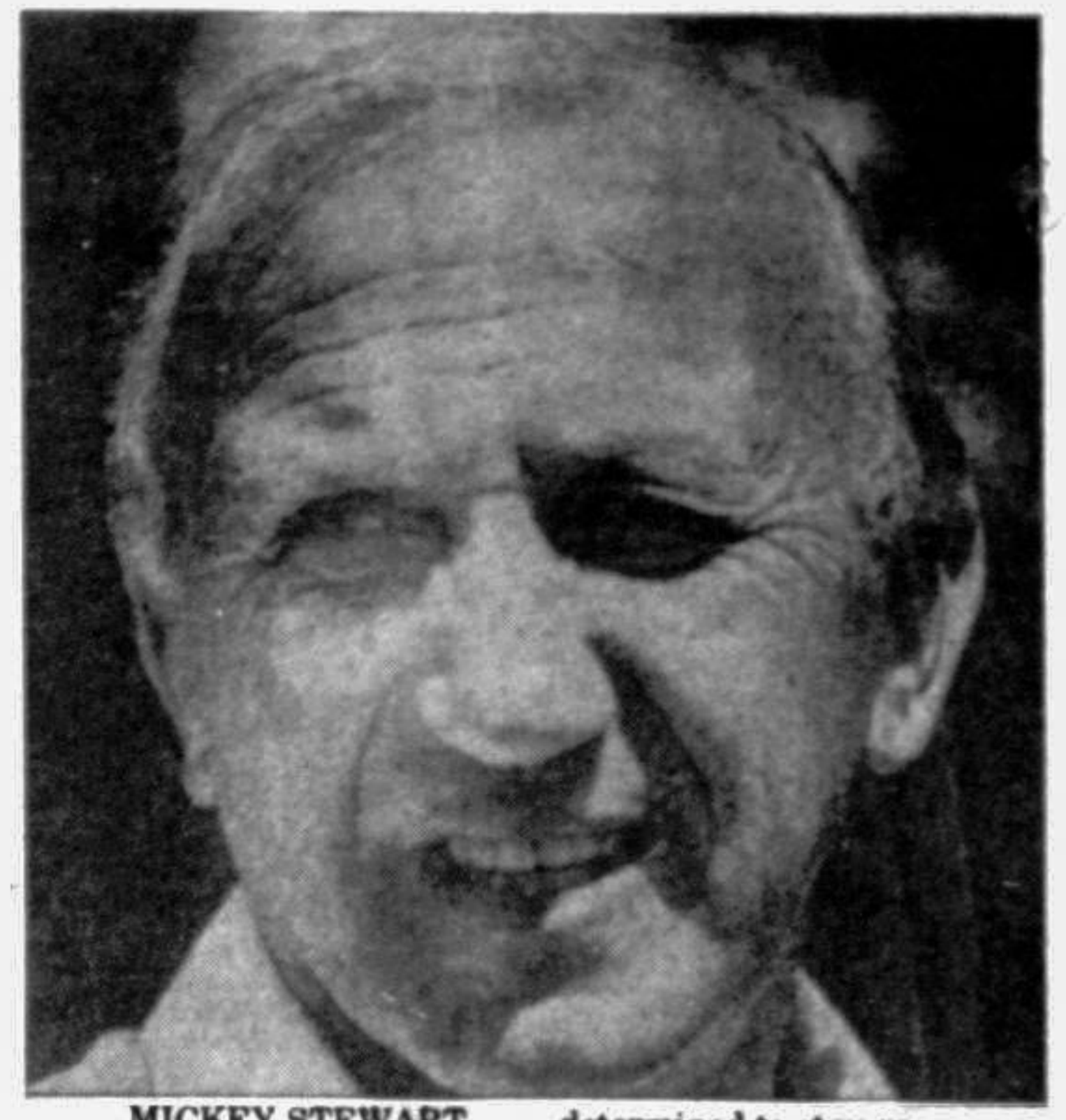
"If you don't win every game there'll always be criticism, and that criticism will go right to the top" Stewart said.

"At one time it was solely the poor unfortunate captain who got all the stick. But now the set-up is different, there's a different area to aim that criticism at, and you just have to accept it and get on with it.

"There's a big job to do... and I want to see it a lot further down the road than it is now" Stewart said. Whether he will get the chance to see it much further remains uncertain. England failed in their primary objective, to regain the Ashes, and they did not reach the finals of the triangular one-day World Series Cup.

The side, however, has been crippled by injuries to key players. The three men expected to form the backbone of the side — Graham Gooch, Allan Lamb and Angus Fraser — appeared together only in the fourth test, and even then Fraser was not fully fit.

But defeat is still defeat and



**MICKEY STEWART ... determined to stay on**

successes over New Zealand and India in England last year seem a million miles away.

"At the end of last summer, everything was okay," Stewart said. "We'd done well in the West Indies, we'd come back with our heads held high we could easily have come away with the series, or at least a draw, and we rolled over both New Zealand and India. So there was no criticism then."

Stewart won support from Bobby Simpson, Australia's cricket manager. "I urge patience," he said, when asked about the speculation surrounding England's men in charge.

"You must be careful to look at all the considerations when changing people, particularly whether there's a suitable successor," he said.

Referring to Graham Gooch's future as England captain, Simpson said: "Captains feel it much harder and take it more personally when results don't go well. It would be a tragedy for English Cricket if Graham Gooch took that attitude.

"When Graham Gooch was there, things were a lot different in what was happening out there with the team."

# Newport may bowl in England's lost cause

**PERTH, Feb 4:** England's unlikely batting hero Phil Newport expects to be able to bowl in the Australian second innings when the final Test resumes here on Tuesday.

Newport suffered blows to his shoulder, right hand and groin during a fighting Test best 40 not out. His innings was one of the few highlights in another dismal English batting display which left Australia a simple target for victory.

The other ones (knocks to the groin and hand) are all right, but I just got this on the point of the shoulder near the end (of the innings), and it's just dented it," he said.

The blow left Newport unable to lift the shoulder he needed in order to bowl and he remained off the field when Australia began their reply.

But with Monday a rest day, Newport was confident of returning to the fray on the fourth day.

"It's clearing up," he added, "and it'll be okay for the next day."

The Worcestershire player gave credit to the Australian pace trio of Terry Alderman, Merv Hughes and Craig McDermott and felt England could have bowled better during Australia's first innings on Saturday.

"They've bowled probably a lot more competitively than we have," he said.

"They've bowled tighter, given you less to score off, and this morning it was very very difficult."

"Graham (Gooch), Mike Atherton, Allan Lamb and Robin Smith are all fine players, but they were made to look very ordinary playing and missing, so it was obviously doing a lot," he added.

With the Australians 39 for one and chasing only 120, prospects of an England victory on Tuesday are highly remote.

"It's obviously a tall task and the odds favour them. It's just a question of bowling very tightly and hoping you can knock two or three over very quickly," Newport said.

# Speedie rescues Liverpool

**LONDON, Feb 4:** A goal by David Speedie on his debut earned English soccer champions Liverpool a 1-1 draw at Manchester United on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The result put Liverpool level on points with Arsenal, who head the table on goal difference. They have played one game more than Liverpool.

Speedie, signed from Coventry for 675,000 pounds sterling (1.33 million dollars) on Wednesday, volleyed home from close range in the 39th minute.

His goal cancelled out Steve Bruce's 26th minute penalty, awarded when Swedish defender Glenn Hysen handled a

corner as he and United's Gary Pallister jumped for the ball.

England winger John Barnes created Speedie's goal with a typical piece of individual skill.

Barnes tricked his way past two United defenders and sent over a teasing cross which goalkeeper Les Sealey could only fingertip to Speedie five metres from goal.

United, unbeaten in all competitions since November, had the better of the game in the second half, despite losing England midfielder Neil Webb with a hamstring injury.

They looked set to score five minutes from time as Lee Sharpe and Brian McClair raced clear of the Liverpool defence.

But goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar dashed out of his penalty area and deliberately handled the ball, rescuing the situation at the expense of a yellow card.

### The Spanish scene

Meanwhile, another Reuter message from Madrid says: Spanish champions Real Madrid rediscovered goalscoring form with a vengeance on Sunday, blitzing hapless Seville 7-0.

Real, defeated in their last two matches at home, scored twice in the first half and then went to town in the second with five more, including a penalty.

The win moved Real up to fourth place with 25 points from 21 games, ahead of Seville on goal average but still nine points behind league leaders Barcelona.

Barcelona battled to a 2-2 draw in a mud-bath in Valencia on Saturday, coming from behind twice.

Second-placed Atletico Madrid failed to capitalise on Barcelona's dropped point when they had two players sent off in the 0-0 draw away at lowly Real Betis of Seville. They are four points off the lead.

Atletico defender Tomas Renones was sent off in the 52nd minute.



**Zulekha won the women's singles title in the Mariners TT which concluded at the National Coaching Centre Sunday.** — Star photo

# South Africa may compete in Barcelona Olympics

**MELBOURNE, Feb 4:** South Africa competing in the 1992 Olympics is "not out of the question", International Olympic Committee vice president Kevan Gosper said Monday.

Gosper said he will visit South Africa next month as a member of the IOC Apartheid Commission. The group will measure progress in removing racial barriers in sport.

The Commission will report its findings to the IOC Executive Board in April, with a recommendation to be considered by the full IOC in Birmingham, England, in June.

"One can't rule out the possibility that South Africa will compete in Barcelona," Gosper said, referring to the 1992 Summer Games in Spain.

His comments followed South African President F. W. de klerk's announcement on Friday asking the Parliament to rescind the last remaining major apartheid laws.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke has said he hopes the sporting sanctions against South Africa will be among the first to be lifted. Hawke said it was "not unrealistic" that Australia could play South Africa in cricket next year.

But Gosper warned that South Africa's return to the sports world must be orderly and acceptable to each of more than 100 international sporting bodies.

The IOC would "expect to take the lead" in deciding when South Africa should again compete internationally, he said.

Whether South Africa went to Barcelona "would all depend on the orderly processes we are setting in place," he added.

Gosper said high-profile sports such as rugby and cricket must not be allowed to jeopardize the process by moving too hastily to restore contact.

"Leading South African sports from nearly a quarter of a century of darkness does not lend itself to the quick fix," he said. "There are entrenched positions that are not easily changed. Further, more than 100 international sporting federations are involved.

"We need to make sure that each one of these federations accepts in an orderly manner a unified South African affiliate that no longer recognizes racial and non-racial sporting groups.

"The prospect of having South African cricket back at

the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Springboks in Sydney playing rugby union must not be at the expense of South African sport as a whole," he added.

Gosper said it was very important that any moves be endorsed by African sporting organizations.

"They won't agree to South Africa returning to international sport until they are satisfied that apartheid is virtually gone and that hasn't happened yet," he said.

The IOC expelled South Africa from international sports in 1970.

Next months week-long commission visit to South Africa will be the first by an IOC body since 1967, Gosper said.

He said there had been "considerable change," and he expects to find plenty of enthusiasm for the formation of single, non-racial sporting bodies in South Africa.

The five-member commission, which includes three African members, arrives in South Africa on March 23.

## Tickets go on sale

**BARCELONA (Spain), Feb 4:** Authorized travel agents around the world began selling tickets Monday for events at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, an official said, reports AP.

Most of the 5.85 million tickets are reserved for sale in Spain, but 20 per cent are to be sold abroad on a first-come, first-serve basis, Adrian Llanos of the Barcelona Olympic Organizing Committee said.

The average ticket price is a little more than 2,000 pesetas (22 Dollars) — a similar price to those sold for the 1972 Munich games.

Admission prices range from 1,000 pesetas (11 Dollars) for the preliminary badminton rounds to 9,000 pesetas (98 Dollars) for the men's basketball finals.

In Madrid, photographers snapped pictures as the first would be buyers requested tickets at the Spanish bank responsible for domestic sales. If demand outstrips supply in Spain, a lottery is to determine who will finally receive tickets.

The National Olympic committees in smaller countries are handling the sales directly, while designating travel agents as distributors in larger nations.

The US distributor is Oalson Travel World of El Segundo, California. Dentsu Inc is handling sales in Japan and Sportworld Travel of Abington, England, is distributing tickets in Britain.

The Barcelona games are scheduled to be held from July 25 to Aug 9, 1992.

## Ad-hoc chess committee named

The National Sports Council yesterday announced the eight-member ad-hoc committee of Bangladesh Chess Federation with commerce secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed and Grandmaster Niaz Morshed as President and General Secretary respectively, reports BSS.

The other officials are: Luthful Matin (treasurer), Begum Farida Hasan, Begum Rasheda Waz, K. M. Shakur, Dr. Abdul Mannan and Saleh Chowdhury.

## China confident of hosting 2000 Olympics

**HONG KONG, Feb 4:** China is confident that its bid to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000 will succeed, a semi-official Beijing News Agency said today, reports AFP.

For China to raise up to two billion US dollars to host the Olympics nine years from now "is not a difficult matter," the Hong Kong China News Service quoted the head of the Chinese Olympic Committee, He Zhenling, as saying.

Beijing "is absolutely confident" of winning the bid, Zhenling reportedly said in Harbin, in Northeastern China.

The success of the Beijing Asian Games last year and initial support from the Olympic International Committee following China's Application to host the Games should help boost its chances, Zhenling said.

A detailed application plan would be submitted to and approved by Beijing's state council in March, he added.