

S Africa's first Test win in 22 yrs

Kapil ton goes in vain

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 29: South Africa scored their first cricket Test victory in 22 years Tuesday as Kepler Wessels made 95 runs to help defeat India by nine wickets, reports AP.

The victory on the fourth day was a major stepping stone for South Africa since their return to international cricket after years of sports sanctions imposed to protest apartheid.

India wilted before the South African onslaught, with many of their best batsmen crumbling in the second innings for just a handful of runs.

The one bright spot for India came from Kapil Dev, who scored 129 runs before India were all out earlier Tuesday for 215.

India had a lead of 153 runs when South Africa came in for the second innings. Wessels was backed up by Andrew Hudson, who scored 33 before being caught by Mohammad Azharuddin.

That was South Africa's only loss and Hansie Cronje came in to help his skipper power the home side to victory.

Allan Donald bowled the fourth best match figures in South African Test history with a final match tally of 12 for 139.

The tour is India's first of South Africa, and two earlier Tests, the first ever between the nations, ended in draws due to rain. South Africa won the series of seven one-day internationals 5-2.

South Africa returned to international cricket last year after being banned for two decades because of apartheid. An earlier report said: Kapil Dev hit a magnificent century.

The all-rounder scored an unbeaten 101 as India, once 31 for six, reached lunch at 180 for eight, 117 runs ahead, at lunch on the fourth day.

Even Allan Donald, who took two more wickets in the morning to take his tally to 10 in the match, was unable to halt Kapil's assault.

He took 10 off one Donald over, 15 off another from Craig Matthews, and hit 11 fours and a six during his 132-ball hundred.

It was the eighth Test century of his career, his first for 28 months, and could scarcely have begun in less promising circumstances. India were 27 for five when he walked to the wicket on Monday evening.

India had resumed in the morning on 71 for six, just eight ahead of South Africa with two days to play, but Kapil and Manoj Prabhakar took

Manoj Prabhakar took down fighting against Dipali Juba Sangha in the second of the two matches billed for the opening day of the Sunball Second Division handball league at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

With a few tokat-turned handballers in their ranks Mansur Sporting lost the match 17 to 19. Winners Dipali led the first half 6-3.

Yunus of Mansur Sporting Club top scored with nine goals. Tapan of Mansur and Piku of Dipali with five each were the other notable scorers.

In the first match of the day Arunayatan Sanskritik and Krra Sangha Dal cruised past West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha 14-8.

In a one-sided match the winners led the first half 6-2. Bishu of Arunayatan and Nadir of Jatrabari jointly top-scored scoring six goals each.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) inaugurated the meet as chief guest while Col (Retd) M A Hamed, President of the Bangladesh Handball Federation was also present.

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DSV threatens to sue FINA over Strauss' ban

BONN, Dec 29: Germany's Swimming Federation (DSV) threatened on Monday to sue the sport's world governing body unless they lift an 18-month ban on former world champion Astrid Strauss, reports Reuters.

DSV vice-president Juergen Media said his organisation would also take the suspension to the International Olympic Committee's arbitration court if it were not lifted.

"The alleged ban is so ridiculed with flaws that it cannot and will not stand up in any court in the world," he said.

their partnership to 57 before Prabhakar fell to the game's latest contentious dismissal. On 17 he drove at Donald and wicketkeeper Dave Richardson claimed his eighth catch of the match. But Prabhakar indicated his bat had only hit his boot — and television suggested he was right — and left the crease with great reluctance.

Kiran More then gave Kapil more solid support in a 32-run partnership before playing on to Donald for 17.

Though More's mode of dismissal was unfortunate he was indeed dropped by Peter Kirsten at third slip off Donald

made against South Africa. There were several moments of mild dissent and further examples of arguably over-enthusiastic appealing.

Kiran More was again a vociferous appellant when Jonty Rhoads was given not out on a bat-pad catch early on. When India batted, Donald's long appeal for leg before against Manjrekar elicited a very late decision from umpire Will Driedrick.

Manjrekar, understandably, paused before departing as did Tendulkar after a harsh decision for caught behind.

Non-striker Shastru threw down his bat at that dismissal and was involved in a long discussion with umpire Rudi Koertzen.

After the match Mike Smith, the match referee, said neither umpire had reported any dissent to him.

"I saw nothing about which I thought I ought to take action over," Smith added.

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between South Africa and India today:

INDIA: First Innings 212 (M Azharuddin 60, A Donald five for 55) SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 275 (H Cronje 135, A Hudson 52)

INDIA: Second Innings (overnight 71 for six) R Shastru c Richardson b McMillan 5 W Raman b Donald 0 S Manjrekar lbw b Donald 6 S Tendulkar c Richardson b Schultz 0 M Azharuddin c Wessels b Donald 7 P Amre c Richardson b Schultz 7 Kapil Dev c McMillan 129 M Prabhakar c Richardson b Donald 17 K More b Donald 17 A Kumble c Richardson b Donald 17 V Raju not out 2 Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-1) 8 Total: 215

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-10; 3-11; 4-20; 5-27; 6-31; 7-88; 8-120; 9-197.

Bowling: O M R W Donald 28 4 84 7 Schultz 16 5 37 2 McMillan 12 2 30 1 Matthews 9 1 43 0 Henry 8 2 17 0

Azharuddin went at 20 and Praveen Amre (7) at 27 as Shastru dug in at the other end.

But his 95-minute resistance ended when he paid for his first attacking stroke for more than an hour with his wicket.

Kapil Dev and Prabhakar then survived a further hour despite some sharp deliveries and took the score within four of Australia's 75 in Durban in 1949-50 — the lowest score

also was drawn. Bedi said India should emphasise on spin attack and forget that the "mediocre" pace attack will make any dent in the English batting.

"Kapil Dev is an exception, but you can not expect a one-man army to win games for you all the time," Bedi said.

Bedi said India should think about introducing better batting line up. "The day has come when India should go for new faces and not go on trying with the old ones, who have failed us miserably," he said.

"If these changes are not made, it will be a cakewalk for Gooch & Co" Bedi said.

Other former Indian cricketers said the home side will perform differently on familiar ground.

"It will be a different ball game," said Chetan Chauhan, a former Test opener.

"We are having a bad patch in South Africa, but this does not mean that we are not going to give a proper fight to the English team," Chauhan said.

India's morale sunk low after Mohammad Azharuddin's men, facing a first innings lead of only 63 runs, had scored 71 for six wickets in the second innings on the third day of the third Test match.

"It was ignominious, hopeless performance," said The Pioneer newspaper Tuesday on the Indian performance.

"A mindless debacle, a self-perpetuating destruct wish spells danger to the image and future of Indian cricket," said The Pioneer.

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Gooch separated from his wife

NEW DELHI, Dec 29: Captain Graham Gooch was promised the full support of the England cricket squad today after revelations that he had separated from his wife of 16 years on eve of a lengthy overseas tour, reports Reuter.

The split made front page news in Britain only hours after the squad left for India and Sri Lanka.

"Throughout his period as England captain, Graham has always enjoyed the full support of the England players and everyone here is determined to help him in any way possible," tour manager Bob Bennett said in a statement shortly after arrival in New Delhi.

Gooch, 39, would only say: "It is a private and personal matter and I do not wish to make any further comment."

In Britain, his wife, Brenda, told reporters: "Yes, it's true. It's a personal matter. There is nothing else I want to say."

Gooch married Brenda, 38, in 1976 and they have three daughters, Hannah, nine, and six-year-old twins Sally and Megan.

He had decided earlier not to carry on to Sri Lanka in March at the end of the Indian tour so he could return to his family and tour officials said he would still go home.

"There has been no change of plans," said one official, who asked not to be identified.

Bennett and team manager Keith Fletcher both appealed to the press to leave Gooch's personal life out to the tour.

"I was very saddened when Graham told me, but the problem is very much a private one and I hope he will now be left alone to get on with leading the team on this tour," Fletcher said.

"I hope he will be permitted to resolve the matter in private," said Bennett.

Gooch, who has played 99 Tests for England, has frequently been a reluctant tourist, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family.

He agreed to make the India trip only after lengthy talks with his wife, adding: "This is definitely my last trip."

Hockey transfers Sports Reporter The transfer date for players of the Green Delta First Division hockey league has been refixed.

According to the new programme, players will be able to seek transfers from January 5 to 11, 5 to 7 pm everyday at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation office. Earlier the transfers were scheduled to begin from December 31.

Indurain, Seles voted yr's best ROME, Dec 29: Miguel Indurain, winner of the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia last summer, was named Italian sports daily Corriere dello Sport's sportsman of the year on Monday, reports AFP.

Monica Seles, the world number one in women's tennis, was voted sportswoman of the year by the paper's sports writers.

Stiker Alberto Tomba and fencing Olympic gold medalist Giovanna Trillini won the national awards.

Rai settles a deal with PSG PARIS, Dec 29: Paris St Germain have agreed terms with Brazil's captain Rai, L'Equipe newspaper reported on Tuesday, reports AFP.

However, PSG club vice-president Michel Denisot said nothing was yet signed and he dismissed reports they would loan him out to Portuguese side Benfica for the remainder of the season.

"If Rai joins us, and I say if, it will not be before the end of June," Denisot said. "For the moment we don't envisage loaning him out."

He said the Parisian club's Portuguese coach Artur Jorge was in Lisbon for the Christmas break and not to complete loan arrangements with Benfica.

Rai Souza Vieira de Oliveira, younger brother of Socrates, a member of Brazil's World Cup sides in 1982 and 1986, will be on international duty for Brazil in May and June.

In May Brazil play in a South American qualifying tournament for the 1994 World Cup and the following month they compete in the South American Championship.

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Garlands greet Gooch's gang

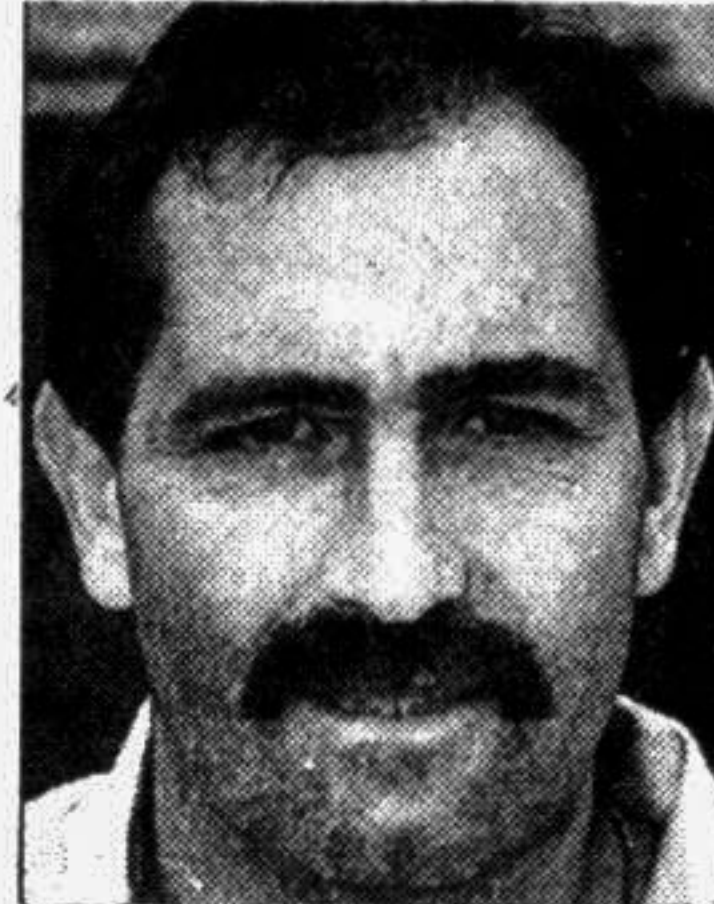


NEW DELHI, Dec 29: England's cricketers led by Graham Gooch arrived to a traditional welcome Tuesday for a two-month passage to India, a country that learnt the sport when it was ruled by Britain, reports AP.

Indian women in glistening saris garlanded the cricketers with marigolds and smeared vermilion powder on their foreheads — the traditional welcome given to warriors to wish them good luck before a battle.

Others showered rose petals on the Englishmen as they walked into the Taj Palace hotel lobby. Earthen lamps lit up the entrance to the 432-room hotel in New Delhi's diplomatic district.

"We have a good side... we are confident of doing well," said Gooch on arrival. "We have



GRAHAM GOOCH

Gooch promises positive play



NEW DELHI, Dec 29: England captain Graham Gooch promised to treat Indian cricket lovers to two months of positive and entertaining cricket as his team flew in here today to play three Tests and six one-day internationals, reports AFP.

But Gooch said he would not make light of India, struggling in South Africa to save the third Test after being whipped 2-5 in the one-dayers on a disastrous tour.

The 39-year-old English captain said his squad aimed to play "positive, entertaining and successful" cricket.

"We have a good team," the Essex batsman told reporters. "You can hope for some good matches."

"Your players might be struggling now in South Africa. But they are a very talented lot. There is no reason why they should not do well at home," Gooch said.

He was being more optimistic than most critics here, who have pilloried the Indian team for putting up a spineless display in South Africa which

has brought Mohammad Azharuddin's captaincy under a cloud.

After drawing the first two Tests, the hapless Indians were starting at defeat in the third.

England cricket manager Keith Fletcher, who flew to South Africa recently to take a look at the opposition, was sympathetic about the Indian plight.

"It happens to all teams sometimes," the former Test player said, picking teenaged batting sensation Sachin Tendulkar and leg-spinner Anil Kumble for special praise.

"India is a good side but it looks like many of their batsmen are not in form."

He said England, who play their first three-day tour match in Faridabad from January 3-5 against national champions Delhi, were a skilful side capable of doing well on all kinds of wickets.

"I have brought 16 talented players. If we play up to our potential we can win," Fletcher added as the squad headed to the hotel for a day of rest before beginning serious practice.

the best possible side." The Indian tour is of special significance for the 39-year-old English captain, who has played 99 Test matches in a 17-year career.

Gooch will play his 100th Test match in front of an expected 100,000 crowd in the sports-crazy eastern city of Calcutta, once the capital of the British colonial rulers.

Gooch, the Essex opener, will also look for another milestone — his 100th first class century. The Indian experience will be Gooch's last overseas tour. He is expected to retire after the next year's Ashes series in England against Australia.

Gooch has scored at a staggering run-rate of 63.31 in the 26 Tests he has played since

taking over England's captaincy full-time in September 1989.

The Englishmen are expected to start practice Thursday at a military stadium to prevent crowds from annoying them. Gooch's 15-member team will open the tour with a 3-day match beginning Jan. 3 against Delhi team, the winners of a national tournament.

The team will travel 12,000 kilometers (7,440 miles) and play in 15 cities for the three 5-day Tests, six one-day internationals and other matches against domestic teams.

Plans to go ahead with the tour were nearly put on hold when violence flared after Hindus fundamentalists demolished a mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya Dec 6.

English cricket officials were apprehensive about the safety of the team after more than 1,200 people were killed and 5,000 injured in nationwide riots that followed the demolition.

The other bulwark of England's batting is expected to be rebel Mike Gatting, who makes a comeback in a country where he launched his career eight years ago.

Gatting was banned from international cricket for five years for making a boycott, breaking tour of South Africa in early 1990. He received an early reprieve with the readmission of South Africa into international cricket following the dismantling of apartheid.

But eyebrows were raised in London because Gatting was picked ahead of David Gower, England's all-time leading run-scorer in Test cricket. Gower's omission prompted much debate in the English cricketing community and led many to call for a review of the selection process.

Gooch parried questions on Gower's exclusion, saying "We have brought the best possible side." But United News of India news agency quoted England cricket manager Keith Fletcher as saying "We did not want too many old players in the team."

Cricket was introduced to India after the British colonised the Indian subcontinent about 300 years ago and has now become a national sport. It is played on streets, parks and any available open ground.

England will travel to Sri Lanka March 6 for the rest of the tour.

Chemwoyo leads a Kenyan sweep SAO PAULO, Brazil, Dec 29: Simon Chemwoyo won the third World Cross Challenge on Sunday, as Kenyans dominated the cross-country race in the warm and humid Sao Paulo climate, reports Reuter.

Chemwoyo finished the six 1,500-metre laps in 26 minutes 31 seconds, 24 seconds ahead of compatriot Dominic Kirui, with Joseph Keino, also of Kenya, in third place.

Chemwoyo and Kirui led the race from the outset, but Chemwoyo took command in the third lap and strode to an unassailable lead.

Keino and Brazil's Artur Castro fought a closer battle for third place, with the Kenyan sprinting clear in the closing metres.

The World Cross Challenge, involving 14 international competitions, culminates in the World Cross Country Championships in Spain at the end of March.

Ataur to replace Aaqib



NAPIER, New Zealand, Dec 29: The suspension of pace bowler Aaqib Javed will force Pakistan to make a team change for the third and decisive limited-overs cricket international against New Zealand at Eden Park on Wednesday, reports AP.

Aaqib, 20, was Monday banned for one game by match referee Peter Burge after being found guilty of dissent in the second international, which New Zealand won by six wickets to square the series.

Aaqib appealed for Andrew Jones' dismissal, caught at slip, but was turned down by the umpires because the ball exceeded the height restriction set down in the series rules.

The bowler then broke clauses two and three in the International Cricket Council's code — those of conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute, and of showing dissent and not accepting the umpires' decision.

Aaqib was playing his 68th one-day match for Pakistan.

He will be available for selection for the Test match starting Saturday in Hamilton, but is expected to be replaced by 17-year-old Ata-Ur-Reh-

mann on Wednesday. Rehmann made his Test debut in England earlier this year and played one limited-

overs international in Australia last month.

Meanwhile, another AP report from Auckland said: New Zealand have overcome an important psychological barrier and will go into Wednesday's decisive limited-overs cricket international with Pakistan full of confidence, Kiwi batsman Ken Rutherford said.

The match will decide the

outcome of the three-match series, after New Zealand levelled the contest with a six-wicket win at McLean Park, Napier on Monday.

New Zealand suffered a 50-run loss to the World Cup holders in the opening match of the series, but Rutherford said Tuesday that his teammates had been boosted by their win in Napier.

"Mentally, we now know we can match it with these guys," Rutherford said.

Rutherford's 34 was a significant feature of New Zealand's win and he and captain Martin Crowe have proved the main dangers to the Pakistanis.

"I needed a little luck on Monday," Rutherford said.

"A couple of edges flew wide of fielders, but that's just part and parcel of playing against this sort of bowling."

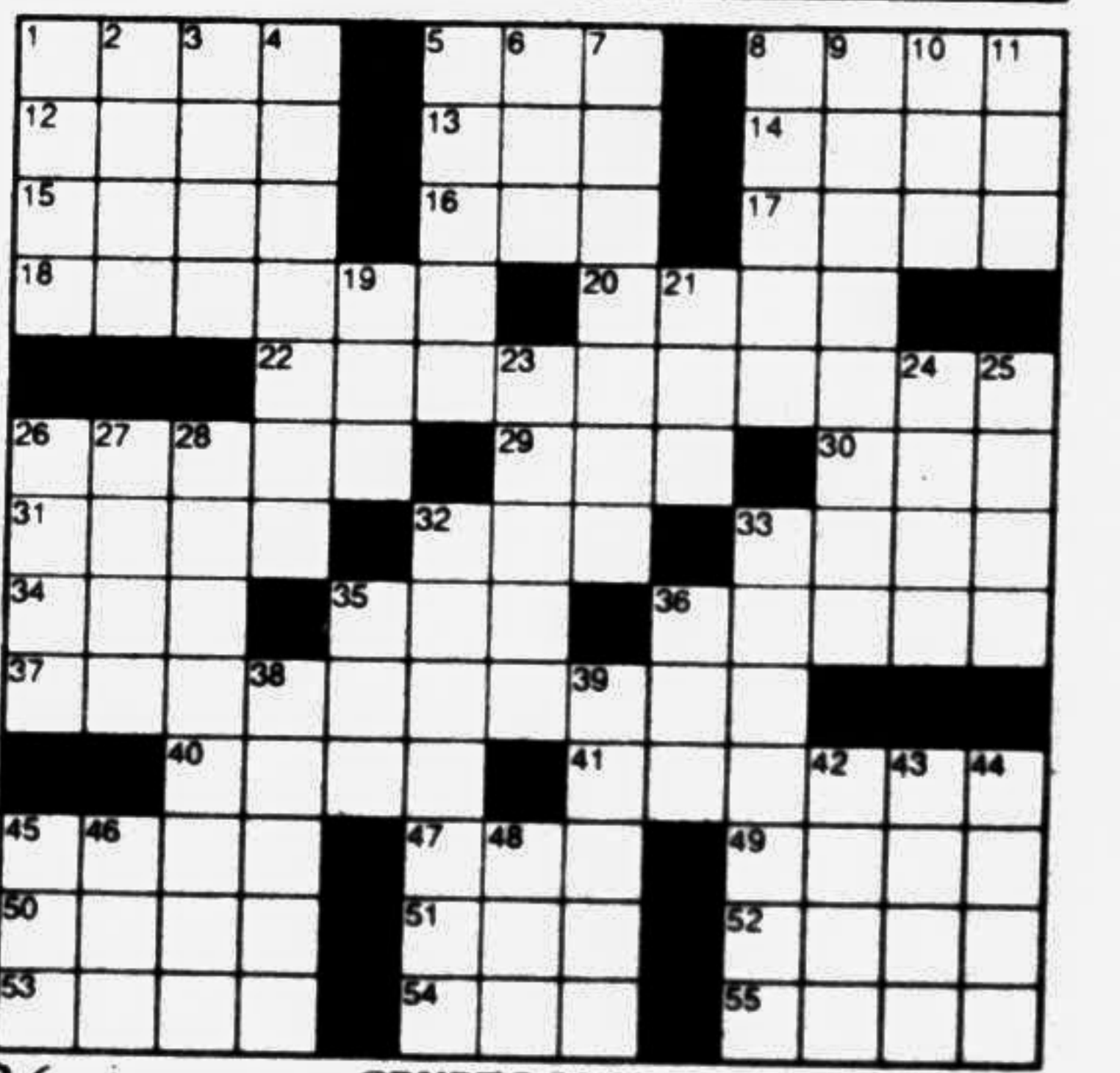
"Whenever you're playing bowling of that Class — and let's face it they are world class — I think it's very important not to let them get on top."

Rutherford said confidence was the key to coping with the speed and skill of pace bowling pair Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis and the naggingly accurate legspin of Mushtaq Ahmed.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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