

MERRY MERV: The big Australian, who got his 200th Test wicket yesterday, bustles in to drive another nail in England's coffin. The inventors of the game lost the fourth Test of the Ashes series to Australia by an innings and 148 runs at Headingley, Leeds. — Star TV photo

### Ashes remain in Aussie urn

LEEDS, England, July 26: Australia's cricketers retained the Ashes on Monday when they thrashed England by an innings and 148 runs in the fourth Test at Headingley, reports Reuter.

The result gave Allan Border's team an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the six-Test series and extended England's sequence without a win against their oldest rivals to 17 matches.

England, who started the day on 237 for four, declined to 305 all out with off-spinner Tim May collecting four wickets.

Alec Stewart top-scored with 78, but Australia wrapped up victory in early-afternoon when Border accepted a skied catch offered by last man Mark Ilett.

No other outcome had looked likely from the moment seamer Paul Reiffel dismissed Surrey pair Graham Thorpe (13) and Stewart in quick succession before lunch. Merv Hughes, struck for four successive boundaries in one over by Stewart, then roared back to trap Andrew Caddick (12) and Martin Bicknell (0) lbw with consecutive deliveries.

England lunched on 279 for eight, and their dismal position worsened 20 minutes after the interval when Martin McCague became Hughes' third lbw victim.

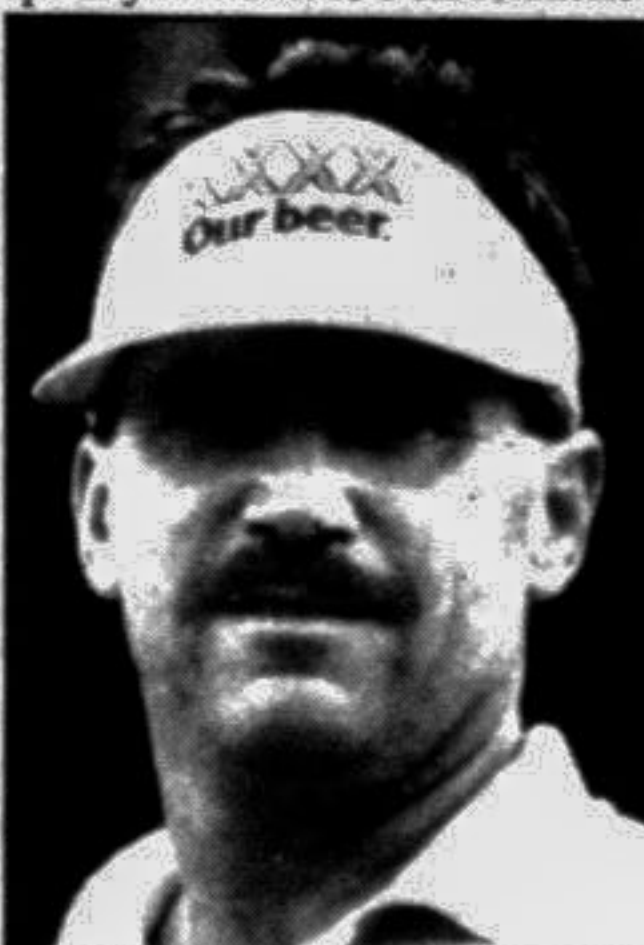
The coup de grace was not long delayed, Ilett departing for four to give May final figure of four for 66 and spark familiar scenes of Australian jubilation.

Border was deservedly named man-of-the-match by adjudicator Vic Marks for his

unbeaten 200 not out in Australia's innings and "superb leadership" of a superior side.

"I'm a very happy captain," Border said. "I feel tremendous. The boys had it right from the word go."

The Australian captain paid tribute to his bowlers, notably Merv Hughes, as well as the quality of his side's close catch-



ALLAN BORDER...m-o-m ing. Mark Waugh held a blinding one-handed chance at second slip to dismiss Stewart which Border described as "one of the best" he'd seen in Test cricket.

England and Australia at Headingley on Monday.

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 653-4 declared (A Border 200 not out, S.Waugh 157 not out, D.Boon 107, M.Slater 67, M.Waugh 52).

**ENGLAND:** First innings 200 (G.Gooch 59, M.Atherton 55, P.Reiffel 5-66).

**ENGLAND:** Second innings (overnight 237-4)

M. Lathwell	b May	25
M. Atherton	st Healy b May	63
R. Smith	lbw b Reiffel	35
A. Stewart	c M.Waugh b Reiffel	78
G. Gooch	st Healy b May	26
G. Thorpe	c Taylor b Reiffel	13
N. Hussain	not out	18
A. Caddick	lbw b Hughes	12
M. Bicknell	lbw b Hughes	0
M. McCague	b Hughes	11
M. Ilett	c Border b May	4
Extras	(b-5, lb-3, w-1, nb-11)	20
Total		305

Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-131, 3-149, 4-202, 5-256, 6-263, 7-279, 8-279, 9-295.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Hughes	30	10	79	3
Reiffel	28	8	87	3
Warne	40	16	63	0
May	27	6	65	4
M.Waugh	2	1	3	0

**Result:** Australia won by an innings and 148 runs

**First Test:** Old Trafford — Australia won by 179 runs

**Second Test:** Lord's — Australia won by an innings and 62 runs

**Third Test:** Match draw

**Fifth Test:** Edgbaston — August 5-9

**Sixth Test:** The Oval — August 19-23

### Glamorgan ride on Richards

LONDON, July 26: Viv Richards, in his farewell season of county cricket, produced an irresistible all-round display to keep Glamorgan top of the Sunday league, reports Reuter.

The former West Indies captain hammered 63 off 54 balls, ran out Graeme Hick for five, took two wickets in 15 deliveries and held a brilliant catch as his team beat Worcestershire by 27 runs at Worcester.

Glamorgan's eighth successive win in the 50-over competition kept them two points ahead of second-placed Kent, who squeezed home by three wickets against Somerset at Taunton.

After an opening stand of 150 in 32 overs by Hugh Morris (87) and Adrian Dale (57), Glamorgan were lifted to a final score of 259 for seven by Richards, whose last 23 runs were struck off seven balls.

Worcestershire promoted England batsman Hick to open but the plan misfired when he went for a sharp single and failed to beat Richard's throw from mid-wicket. The West Indian later took two for 27 as the home side were dismissed for 232.

Kent stayed second despite a fine all-round performance by Somerset's Graham Rose, who lashed an unbeaten 78 and took four for 26.

Rose and Andy Payne (55 not out) put on 122 in 14 overs for the seventh wicket after Somerset collapsed to 71 for six, leaving Kent needing 194 to win.

Kent were rescued from 44 for four by a fifth-wicket stand of 96 in 25 overs between Nigel Long and Neil Taylor. After a further slump to 144 for seven, Steve Marsh and Mark Ealham secured victory with nine balls to spare.

Former England captain Mike Gatting cracked his first league century of the season as defending champions Middlesex beat Hampshire by 81 runs at Lords.

Gatting's unbeaten 104 included a six and 11 fours, his unbroken fourth wicket partnership of 185 with Mark Ramprakash (69 not out) carrying Middlesex to 246 for three. Hampshire were bowled out for 165, pacesman Angus Fraser (4-17) and England left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell (4-50) doing the damage.

Pakistan Test batsman Salim Malik hit his highest Sunday score of the season to guide Essex to victory over Durham at Chelmsford on faster scoring rate.

Durham were all out for 163 and Essex faced a revised target of 134 in 41 overs after rain. Malik saw them to their target with seven balls to spare as he struck an unbeaten 71 from 70 deliveries including nine fours.



England opener Mark Lathwell looks at his rattled stumps after being bowled by Tim May as Australian wicket-keeper Ian Healy looks on during their fourth Test match in Leeds on July 26. — AFP photo

### Botham-Breweries imbroglio

NEWCASTLE, England, July 26: Ian Botham, the England great who retired from first-class cricket last week, is being sued for breach of contract — for not visiting enough pubs, reports AFP.

The 37-year-old was contracted by Newcastle Breweries to tour their pubs and to meet fans in question-and-answer sessions.

But Botham, who is planning a video of his career, a ghost-written autobiography and a winter tour of his stage show with great friend Viv Richards, is understood to have been too busy for further pub visits.

A Newcastle Breweries spokeswoman said: "We have regretfully had to terminate our agreement by commencing legal proceedings against Ian Botham as he has not satisfactorily completed his obligations with regard to our contract."

"In all the circumstances, we believe we had no alternative but to issue proceedings."

### Bad knee forces Foster to retire

LONDON, July 26: England fast bowler Neil Foster announced his retirement from first class cricket on Monday because of persistent knee trouble, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old Essex player was recalled for his 29th Test only last month at Lord's, but following a recent exploratory recent operation has decided to end his career.

He is the fourth former England player to announce his retirement in recent weeks. Ian Botham played his final first-class match last Monday, while Chris Tavare and Derek Randall have said this will be their final season.

During his career Foster took 907 first class wickets and scored just over 4,000 runs, including two centuries.

"He has been a magnificent player for Essex and on the two occasions he took 100 wickets in a season we won the County Championship," said Peter Edwards, Essex's secretary-general manager.

### TCCB berates Mail on Sunday for eavesdropping

LONDON, July 26: English cricket authorities strongly criticised a British newspaper on Sunday for using a high-powered directional microphone to eavesdrop on players and umpires during the heat of the Ashes battle, reports Reuter.

The Mail on Sunday employed the microphone to pick up comments on in the middle while England were struggling against Australia's bowlers in the fourth Test at Headingley on Saturday.

The newspaper did not come up with any startling revelations, but the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) condemned the eavesdropping and said it would bar anyone trying to use such equipment in future.

"We utterly deplore this disgraceful intrusion into our Game," said TCCB chief executive Alan Smith.

"People playing and officiating in top-class cricket are perfectly entitled to have whatever conversations they like about any aspect of the game. They should be able to play in and control matches without the fear of their conversations being reported."

"We shall do everything necessary to maintain that proper confidence for the remainder of this Series and indeed for any first-class cricket match. Ground authorities will exercise their right to refuse entry to anyone who is considered to be breaching ground regulations by operating such equipment."

Australia were given an official warning for bad behaviour during the third Test at Trent Bridge. Match referee Clive Lloyd ticked them off for reacting angrily to umpiring decisions and using abusive language.

### Residents raise hands for Beijing's bid

BEIJING, July 26: Ninety-eight point seven per cent of Beijing residents support the city's 2000 Olympic bid, according to a random sample released today, reports Xinhua.

The survey, conducted by the city's urban social and economic sampling team in May, was held among about 10,000 people of 230 organizations in 12 districts and countries. Those surveyed include 7,797 workers and employees, 1,955 university and secondary school students, 198 retired people and 50 self-employed individuals.

In their answers to the question whether they support the city's Olympic bid, 73.3 per cent said full support, 22.3 per cent support and 3.1 per cent virtual support.

### Capriati snubs out Fernandez

MAHWAH, New Jersey, July 26: Jennifer Capriati regained her title at the 150,000 dollars Pathmark women's tennis classic with a blistering winning effort against favoured Mary Joe Fernandez in an all-American battle on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Capriati, ranked number nine in the world, won the final eight games against a visibly tiring Fernandez for a 6-3, 6-0 upset victory in a 72-minute battle played in 40-degree Celsius (103-degree F) court-side temperature. The 17-year-old winner earned a purse of 20,000 dollars and number seven Fernandez settled for 14,000 dollars.

Capriati was extremely pleased with her game. "I played very well," she said. "My serve was on and I felt confident whenever I went to the net."

Capriati, who beat Monica Seles in the 1991 final and lost to Seles in last year's title round, allowed only six points in the second set. She closed out the match with successive aces, her third and fourth.

"I did feel a bit tired," acknowledged Fernandez, who was pushed to three sets in a near three-hour semifinal on Saturday night by No. 14 Mary Pierce of France.

"It was hot and Jennifer played very well. She felt confident in the second set and went for her shots."

Capriati, who had a single break point in each of the sets, led on a forehand placement. But Fernandez broke right back to 4-3 on a service winner, a double-fault and two forced errors.

Fernandez, runner-up to Steffi Graf at the French Open, was broken in the eighth game when she committed an unforced forehand error on the fourth break point.

Ahead 5-3, Capriati fought off a break point in the ninth and held for the set with a backhand winner.

"I had problems with my serve accuracy and she was teasing off on my second," said Fernandez, who later withdrew from the doubles final due to a flare-up of a tennisitis condition in her right shoulder. She committed 24 unforced errors in the opening set.

Capriati dropped only 17 games in four rounds, previously winning straight-set matches over three other American opponents, Terri O'Reilly, Beverly Bowes and Lisa Raymond.

In their only previous match on the Kraft tour, Capriati beat Fernandez, 6-2, 6-4, in the quarter-finals of the 1990 French Open.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

### Mansdorf learns hard way

WASHINGTON, July 26: Amos Mansdorf of Israel played better on the big points to beat Todd Martin of the United States 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 on Sunday in the sweltering final of the Newsweek Tennis Classic, reports Reuter.

The eight-seeded Mansdorf, 27, won his first tour event in three years to earn 84,000 dollars.

Martin failed to capitalise on opportunities in both sets. He dropped three set points at 5-6 in the first and had a chance to serve out the second set at 5-4 before losing the game on the seventh break point.

Mansdorf won the last three games of the match.

Martin, 23, earned 44,000 dollars as runner up.

Mansdorf said playing daytime matches throughout the week helped prepare him for the championship match.

"The weather was brutal — hot and humid" Mansdorf said. "I think it worked against him that he had played a lot of night matches this week. That was to my advantage. He's also a big guy, so he had to spend more energy to move than me."

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### Sexuality costs Navratilova dear

NEW YORK, July 26: Martina Navratilova says she could have made more money as a tennis player if she hadn't been open about being a lesbian, reports AP.

"My sexuality definitely has cost me a lot of money, but that's OK with me. I'd rather be who I am and make less," she said on the Sunday edition of ABC television's "Good Morning America."

"I certainly can't complain. I've made more than my share of money playing tennis."

The world's fourth-ranked women's tennis player also denied rumours that she plans to retire from singles play at the end of this year.

"I'm playing it year by year," she said. "Now I definitely feel I'll play next year."

### ACOg hopes to get \$450m from Games' TV rights

WASHINGTON, July 26: America's major television stations could be set to pay out 450 million dollars to screen the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996, reports AFP.

That was the figure being predicted as the ABC, CBS and NBC networks began negotiating here on Monday for the right to cover the event.

ABC, which won the television rights for the Los Angeles Games in 1984 for 225 million dollars, is the favourite to win exclusive rights for Atlanta.

Another company, Turner Broadcasting Systems (TBS), could also win the right to screen part the Games on cable.

Games organising committee president Billy Payne predicted three years ago that television rights would be sold for between 500-600 million dollars.

But observers now believe the figure will be around 450 million.

NBC sports programme director Dick Ebersol said: "None of the channels want to lose money. Television is always interested in the Games but only if they can earn money."

NBC paid 401 million dollars for coverage of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

"It's a new world," explained CBS sports president Neal Pilon, who argued television rights fees for sporting events had dropped in recent years.

The three networks also revealed advertising costs should be the same as they were for Barcelona — 170,000 dollars for 30 seconds.

### Becker's lawyer dismisses Ion Tiriac's claim

BONN, July 26: A lawyer representing Boris Becker on Sunday denied claims by Ion Tiriac that he was still manager of the three-time Wimbledon winner, reports Reuter.

"The contracts that Ion Tiriac cites do not stand up to a legal review," said Axel Meyer-Woelden, a Munich sports lawyer who has been tipped in media reports as Becker's likely new manager.

Meyer-Woelden said in a statement he was authorised by Becker "to represent his interests."

Tiriac was quoted on Sunday as saying his contract with Becker was valid until the end of 1996 and could not be cancelled before then.

"It cannot be legally terminated before 1997 and Boris Becker has not attempted to terminate or otherwise end it unilaterally," Tiriac was reported as saying by the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag.

"I am the sole worldwide representative for management services and public relations for Boris Becker... I will, of course, fulfil all my functions and obligations without change."

Meyer-Woelden said Becker had cancelled his arrangement with Tiriac at a meeting on July 21.

"Boris Becker also gave his reasons for this," Meyer-Woelden said without elaborating.

Becker said in a signed statement on the same day that he had split with Tiriac. He thanked the 54-year-old Romanian for his 10 years of work but did not give a reason for ending their link.

### Sjoberg shows what he wants

COPENHAGEN, July 26: Former world record holder Patrik Sjoberg, recapturing form after an Achilles' tendon injury, scored an encouraging high jump win on Sunday which augured well for next month's World Athletics Championships, reports Reuter.

The Swede, world champion in 1987, cleared 2.30 metres to win from Norwegian Steinar Hoen (2.25) and Briton Steve Smith (2.20).

"This was one of my best results ever in rainy conditions," Sjoberg said. "I expect to be 100 per cent fit for the World Championships in Stuttgart next month."

Sjoberg, nursing the injury since early July, returned to competition last Friday with a jump of 2.28 for second place at the London Grand Prix behind Cuban rival Javier Sotomayor, who cleared 2.40.

American Hollis Conway, fearful of risking injury, withdrew from competition after clearing 2.10 with his only jump.

The poor weather conditions scuppered Richard Chelimo's attempt on the 5,000 metres world record.

Chelimo, who held the 10,000 metres world record for five days this month before losing it to fellow Kenyan Yobes Ondieki, was paced by compatriots Peter Rono and Ismail Kirui, his younger brother.

He was on target for the first

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID MISERABLE FIGHTER, DEFEATED BY CHAMP: "I CAN'T HELP BEING A SORE LOSER."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

### Residents raise hands for Beijing's bid

**ACROSS**

1 Circle dance

5 Seemingly endless

9 Use the microwave

12 Paradise

13 Act the robot

14 Greek vowel

15 Burt's missus

16 Vex

17 Heavyweight?

18 Seniors' big event

19 Actor Wass

20 Lab rat's challenge

21 Mimic

23 Kyoto cummerbund

25 Wordy

28 Crazes

32 Onetime Teamsters honcho

33 Lint collector

34 Baby

36 Mason's secretary

37 Theater

ticket 54 The bad guys

38 Cause of royal insomnia?

39 Go in for a close-up

42 Future aces

44 Prevaricator

48 The whole shootin' match

49 Ugly duckling

50 Never again?

51 Disencumber

52 Greenberg of baseball

53 Summer-time desserts

23 Kyoto cummerbund

25 Wordy

28 Crazes

32 Onetime Teamsters honcho

33 Lint collector

34 Baby

36 Mason's secretary

37 Theater

10 The gamut

11 Glazier's item

20 Lubricant

22 Billy Joel's place

24 Sew temporarily

25 — Beta Kappa

26 George's predecessor

27 Non-functioning

29 Dander

30 Ripen

31 Rarin' to go

35 Dual

36 Hits bottom?

39 Metal cup-holder

40 Medley

41 Quaintly ancient

43 Wind indicator

45 Erstwhile Peruvian

46 Trick takers, often

47 Leftovers

49 "— Was Bred in Old Kentucky"

**DOWN**

1 Beatles movie

2 Skunk's defense

3 Gambling city

4 Orwell opus

5 Whirlpool

6 Rose's love

7 Rarely

8 Nautical rope

9 14 Across preceder

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

BLT AHAB SPRY  
OOH NOLO THOU  
GUERNSEY RILL  
RIOT TULLE  
SPICY CHIC  
CAVE BLACKTOP  
AGE FRANK HIE  
BERTRAND WENT  
HANG PARKS  
STORY ALDA  
ARNE MEDIEVAL  
RACE OLDE EGO  
APES MISS NOW