

Babes go home empty-handed

LAHORE, Dec 27: Pakistan scored an emphatic 75-run victory over Zimbabwe in their third and final one-day cricket international on Monday to sweep the series 3-0, reports Reuters.

Pakistan rattled up 216 for four thanks to an unbeaten 80 from Inzamam-ul-Haq and then restricted Zimbabwe to 141 for nine in their 40 overs.

Debutant paceman Irfan Bhatti captured two wickets in four balls to rock the tourists. Then leg-spinners Mushtaq Ahmad and Salim Malik claimed three wickets each to slice through the rest of the batting.

Only Alistair Campbell, top-scorer with 26, offered any resistance.

Irfan struck on the first ball of his second over when he had skipper Andy Flower caught for 15 by Aaqib Javed, who ran back several metres at mid-on to hold a fine catch.

Irfan then had Mark Dekker caught by Mushtaq in the covers for four.

Campbell and David Houghton briefly revived Zimbabwe by adding 40 runs for the third wicket before Mushtaq broke their stand with Campbell stumped as he stepped down the pitch.

Five runs later at 66 the stocky leg-spinner sent back Houghton, lbw for nine.

Zimbabwe lost half their side for 79 and there was no way back.

Earlier, Pakistan's performance was highlighted by Inzamam's brilliant knock which won him the man-of-the-match award.

Together with veteran Javed Miandad, who scored a steady 55, Inzamam lifted the side out of some trouble at 61-3, the pair adding 127 for the fourth-wicket.

It was Inzamam's 11th half-century in his 51st one-day and Miandad's 50th in 228.



INZAMAMUL ... 80 n.o.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third and final one-day cricket international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe today.

PAKISTAN	
Saeed Anwar c James b Brandes	25
Asif Mujtaba c James b Rennie	12
Inzamamul Haq not out	80
Basit Ali b Streak	9
Javed Miandad lbw b Steak	55
Wasim Akram not out	17
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-10, nb-4)	18

Total: (for four wickets, 40 overs)		216		
Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-42; 3-61; 4-188				
Did not bat: Salim Malik, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed, Irfan Bhatti.				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Brandes	8	0	44	1
Brain	6	0	33	0
Rennie	8	0	53	1
Streak	8	0	32	2
Dekker	5	0	27	0
Whittall	4	0	18	0
Campbell	1	0	5	0

ZIMBABWE	
A Flower c A Javed b I Bhatti	15
M Dekker c M Ahmed b I Bhatti	3
A Campbell st R Latif b M Ahmed	26
D Houghton lbw M Ahmed	9
G Whittall c R Latif b M Ahmed	7
B Jackson st R Latif b S Malik	12
W James not out	14
D Brain c and b S Malik	1
E Brandes c I Bhatti b S Malik	7
I Streak c A Mujtaba b J Ali	13
J Rennie not out	7
Extras: b-4, lb-9, nb-3, w-11	27

Total : (for) nine wkts					
after 40 overs					14
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-21; 3-					
61; 4-66; 5-79; 6-88; 7-91; 8-					
101; 9-117.					
Bowling:	O	M	R	W	
Wasim Akram	5	0	29	0	
Irfan Bhatti	8	0	22	2	
Aaqub Javed	4	0	8	0	
Mushtaq Ahmed	8	1	19	3	
Salim Malik	8	1	22	3	
Asif Mujtaba	4	0	11	0	
Basit Ali	3	0	17	1	
Umpires: Irfan Rabbani and					
Ifthikhar Malik.					

Samaranch to visit Sarajevo

ROME, Dec 27: International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch has confirmed he plans to visit the shattered Olympic city of Sarajevo next year, reports Reuters.

Samaranch told the Gazzetta Dello sport daily he intended to visit the Bosnian capital, site of the 1984 Winter Olympics, after the Games in Lillehammer next February.

"After Lillehammer I will go to Sarajevo in person. I want to reunite the members of the organising committee (from 1984). A third Serbs, a third Croats and a third Muslims," he was quoted as saying on Monday.

Samaranch said earlier this month he would visit Sarajevo during the Games when he hoped Bosnia's warring factions would be observing an Olympic truce.

The United Nations general assembly has supported reviving the ancient Greek tradition of the Olympic truce.

Samaranch will declare the truce on January 23, to take effect from February 5, a week before the Games begin in the Norwegian town of Lillehammer.

No mixed Olympic flame

OSLO, Dec 27: Organisers of the Lillehammer Olympics say they are likely to abandon a plan to mix the Olympic flame from Greece with a flame lit in Norway after protests from Athens, reports Reuters.

"What I hope is that we'll manage to satisfy everyone and that would mean we don't mix the two flames together," said Gerhard Heiberg, president of the Lillehammer Olympic Organising Committee.

"We'll make a decision in early January," he added in an interview with state television late on Wednesday night.

The Greek Olympic Committee has protested at Lillehammer's plan to mix a flame lit in Norway last month at the start of a 75-day relay with a flame lit in Olympia, the cradle of the ancient Olympics.

Athens says a pure Greek flame must be used at the opening ceremony on February 12.

The conservative daily Afterpost said on Friday that Norway should devote energy to more important issues — such as trying to get world opinion to realise that father Christmas lies in Norway rather than in neighbouring Finland.

"The flame (s) is ... drawing in nonsense," it said.

Under Lillehammer's original plans, the Norwegian flame was to be mixed with the Olympic flame in Oslo on February 5. The United flame would then be carried to the opening ceremony.

About 7,000 Norwegians are running in the 800 km torch relay around the country with the domestic flame lit at Morgedal in the mountains of southern Norway. Known in Norway as the cradle of modern skiing.

Norwegians say rock carvings in Norway show skis in use 4,000 years ago and that ancient Greeks practised winter sports as often as stone age Norwegians drank Ouzo.

Flames for the 1952 Oslo Winter Games and 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics were also ignited in south Norway.

Asked if he was going to let down thousands of Norwegians who are braving arctic temperatures by skiing, running or sitting in reindeer sleds with the torch in the belief it will be used at the opening ceremony, Heiberg said.

"What we've promised is that the Morgedal flame will be taken to Lillehammer, and it will — but exactly how isn't yet clear."

He denied rumours Lillehammer would back down so far as to snuff out the Norwegian flame when the Greek torch arrived.

One possibility is to use the flame from Olympia at the opening ceremony for the Games and use the Norwegian flame at the opening ceremony for the Paralympics in Lillehammer in March.

Maleeva heads the field

BRISBANE, Dec 27: Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria and Lindsay Davenport of the United States head the entries for next month's Danone Australian Women's Hardcourt tennis championships, reports AP.

Tournament director Bevan Faulkner said Monday that the Women's Tennis Association still was seeking a replacement for Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic, who is injured.

Sabine Hack of Germany, Julie Halard of France, Wang Shi-ting of Taiwan, Stephanie Rotter of the Netherlands, Barbara Rittner of Germany and Ann Grossman of the United States are the other provisional seeds for the event.

The tournament is one of a series of leadup events to the Australian Open and will be played at Brisbane's Milton Tennis Center Jan. 3-9.



A planquin, representing the traditional way of a bride's departure from her father's house on way to husband's, was displayed as one of the episodes named "Kannya Bidaya" in the closing ceremonial of the Sixth SAF Games at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Waldner had a poor 1993

PARIS, Dec 27: France's Jean-Michel Saive, 21, came of age in 1993 to take the men's singles world title in a year otherwise dominated by political rumblings within the sport, reports AFP.

"Philu", as he is affectionately known, became the first Frenchman or woman to win a world title since Jacques Secrétin and Claude Bergeret claimed the mixed doubles crown in Birmingham 16 years ago.

In the final, Gatten beat Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive 21-19, 21-14, 21-14, 21-14, 21-18 as a change of serving tactics brought him the winning point.

Saive, the current world number two, was handling Gatten's short serves with aplomb. The Parisian, sensing this, won the championship with a faster, longer service to surprise his Francophone neighbour.

Gatten's silver medal at the Barcelona Olympics, behind Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner, simply fired the Frenchman's appetite to go one better in Gothenburg, Sweden in May.

The quickest mover in the sport with a devastating forehand, he showed courage, coolness under pressure and sheer steelness throughout the tournament.

Five of his seven matches went to the full five sets and he even came back from trailing two sets to one in the semifinal against Croatia's Zoran Primorac.

The 25-year-old left hander from the outskirts of Paris had improved markedly from his mediocre form in the team events to strike gold.

The biggest surprise was the failure of Waldner on home soil to add the world title to his Olympic crown.

The Stockholm-based champion, who reputedly earns up to an annual five million dollars, fell in straight sets in the semifinal to an inspired Saive.

Waldner won the European top 12 title in February, and claimed the Paris Grand Prix in October, a major victory with all the world's top players present.

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JAN-OVE WALDNER

up to 11 points instead of 21, and bigger, lighter balls to be introduced to prolong rallies.

The officials-versus-players clashes has left a rift between both camps as many stars have spoken out about tinkering with rules before full consultation with the players themselves.

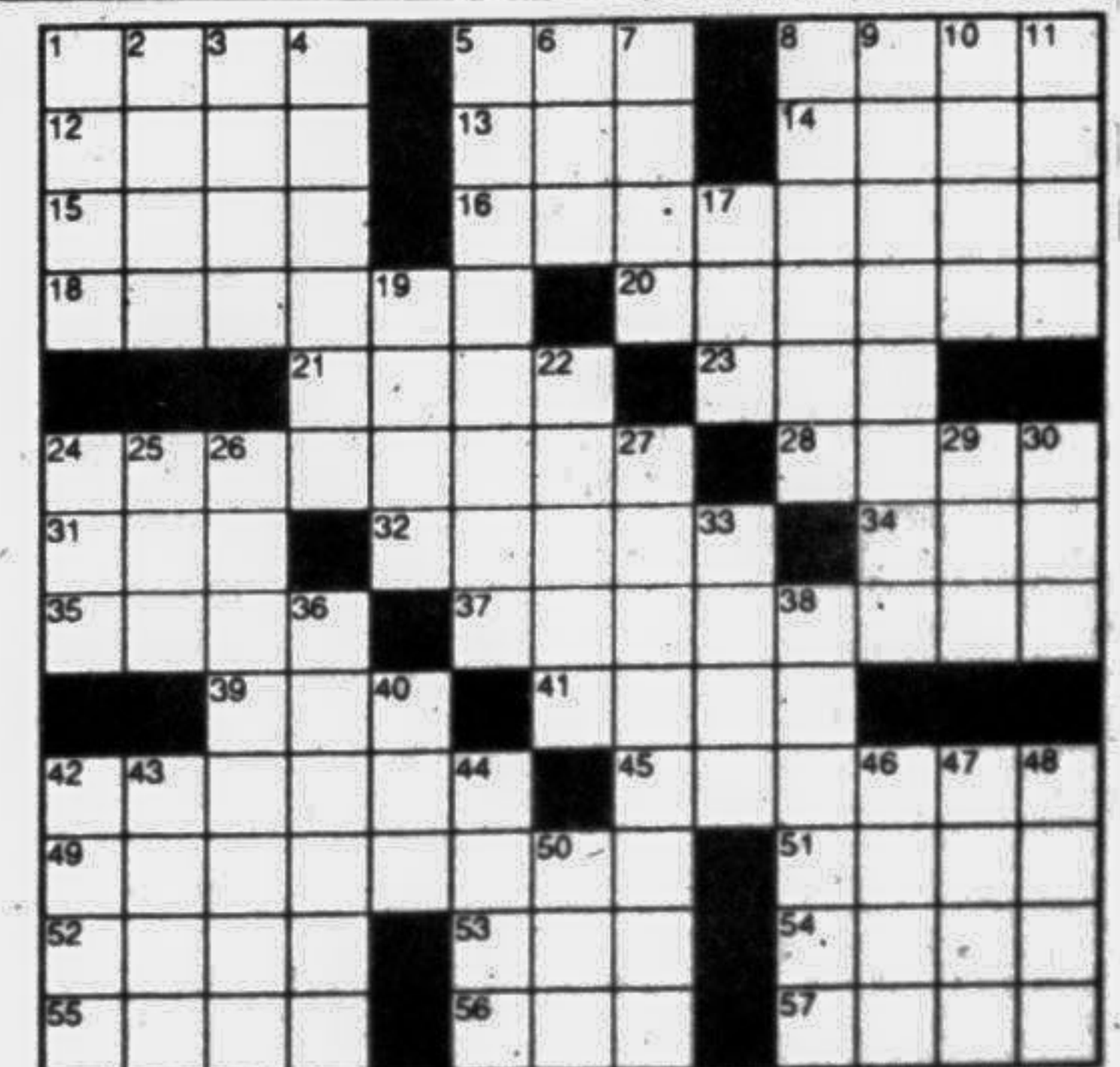
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS		topping	56 Yet, in verse	9 California resort
1 Slanting line	39 Weir	41 Paddock	57 Olympia's locale	10 Islets
5 Haw's partner	42 Aviator	Earhart	1 Put your feat in your mouth?	11 Highlander's hillside
8 Strike-breaker	45 Resolve a dispute	49 Mexican street musician	2 "The Music Man" setting	17 Squid squirt
12 "Arrivederci"	51 Roger Rabbit, for one	52 The yoke's on them	3 Cupid's specialty	19 Jazz jobs
13 Future aces	53 A stock answer?	54 "The Swedish Nightingale"	4 Deli buy	22 Raines and Fitzgerald
14 Low poker hand	55 "West — Story"	8 Coin	5 Start of the school day	24 Ran into
15 MP's quarry	56 Yet, in verse	8 Coin	6 Zsa Zsa's sib	25 Reverential fear
16 Victor Herbert's "Naughty" girl	57 Olympia's locale	8 Coin	7 Former filly	26 Provided
18 Sale site, sometimes	58 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	27 Scorn
20 Box up	59 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	29 Capek opus
21 Muck	60 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	30 Plato's H
23 Metric dist.	61 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	33 Tragic
24 Late summer bloom	62 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	36 Lens-cleaning solution
28 Green acres?	63 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	38 Irritate
31 Farm female	64 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	40 Actress — Sara
32 Did cobbling	65 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	42 Author Oz
34 Eccentric scores... or half-scores?	66 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	43 Long skirt
35 Nadia's scores... or half-scores?	67 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	44 Pinnacle
37 Tortellini	68 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	46 Drudgery
	69 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	47 Burt's missus
	70 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	48 Tackles' teammates
	71 "The Swedish Nightingale"	8 Coin	8 Coin	50 Weeding tool



CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: MANY PEOPLE WHO RAISE PIGS AS A HOBBY MIGHT ALSO WRITE TO PEN PALS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals M

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.

Rain reigns in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Dec 27: Australian cricket was a 600,000 dollars (US 405,000 dollars) poorer after heavy rain washed out the second day of the first Test between Australia and South Africa today, reports Reuters.

"We estimate we have lost out on a 600,000 dollars in gate receipts over the first two days because of the weather," Ken Jacobs, executive director of the Victorian Cricket Association told reporters.

"We will need very good crowds on each of the final three days just to make up for those losses," added Jacobs, whose association is responsible for staging the Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Australia were 71 for two overnight after winning the toss and electing to bat on a rain-softened first day on Sunday.

Officials had hoped for bumper crowds for the Christmas holiday Test in Melbourne, traditionally the best supported in Australia's cricket calendar.

Some 70,000 spectators were expected on Sunday to witness the first Test encounter between the two nations since 1970.

But persistent rain, which led to only 29 overs being bowled during the day, kept attendance at just 15,000.

Umpires Darrell Hair and

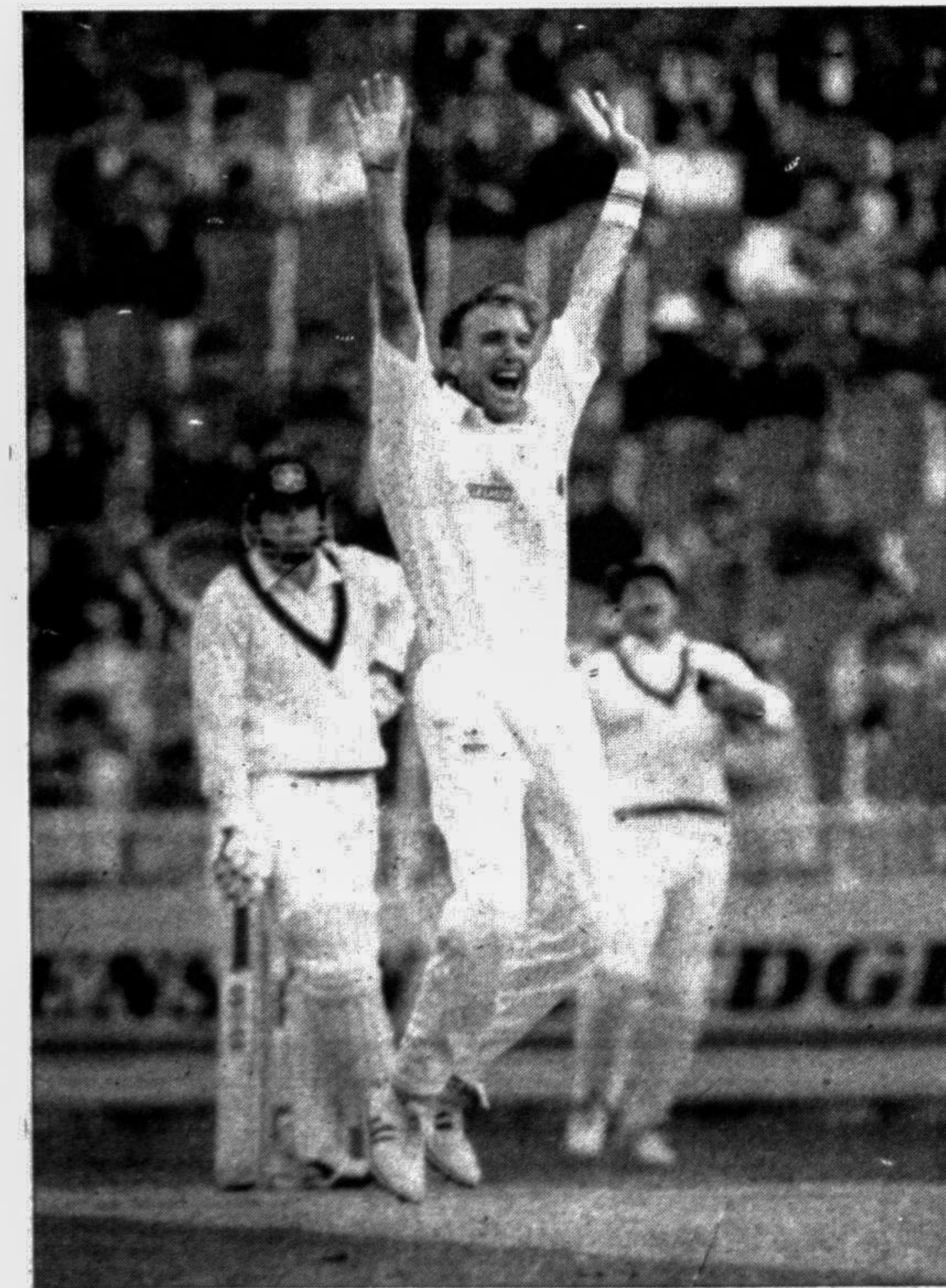
Mandela invited to first Aussie one-dayer in SA

MELBOURNE, Dec 27: African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela has been invited as guest of honour to attend Australia's first international cricket match in South Africa for 24 years, reports AP.

United Cricket Board of South Africa executive director Dr Ali Bacher said Monday that Mandela had been invited to the match in Johannesburg on Feb 19 next year to thank him for his assistance in helping South African cricket gain international re-acceptance.

Australia are due to arrive in South Africa on Feb 6 and will play their first one-day international in Johannesburg 13 days later.

The ANC has given its approval for the Australian visit and Bacher said Mandela had already accepted the invitation.



South African fast bowler Allan Donald makes a loud appeal for a leg before against batsman Mark Taylor on the opening day of first Test between Australia and South Africa in 23 years in Melbourne on Dec 26.

— AFP photo