

Sport

N'ganj earn full points in Mayor Cup

CHITTAGONG, Jan 2: Narayanjan got full points in the robin league of Mayor Gold Cup football tournament...

Bahutule sparkles

BOMBAY, Jan 2: England A began their first ever cricket tour of India with a narrow one-run defeat...



BAHUTULE ... 5 for 41

practice match at the Brabourne Stadium here Monday, reports AFP.

Chasing the Cricket Club of India's score of 209 for six in 50 overs...

Sussex captain Allan Wells, who is leading the visitors on their 50-day day tour...

Bombay's young leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule, expected to lead India A's attack...

For the home team, skipper Sameer Dighe scored 50 while Test prospect Anol Mazumdar made 49.

Nat'l booters take on Gazipur XI Jan 5

Sports Reporter The national football team will take on Gazipur Eleven in a rather purposeless exhibition match...

Div III football

Sports Reporter Gandaria Famous and Rahmatganj Sporting Club started their Progoti Insurance Third Division football league campaign...

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter Draw was the order of the day in the Second Division football league...

Rain halts Australian progress on Day 2 Gough England's toast



SYDNEY, Jan 2: All rounder Darren Gough received England's swiftest with a swashbuckling half century against Australia...

his highest score in Test cricket, including two sixes off Warner's leg-spin. Seamer Angus Fraser, who came to the wicket as night-watchman 30 minutes before the close on Sunday...

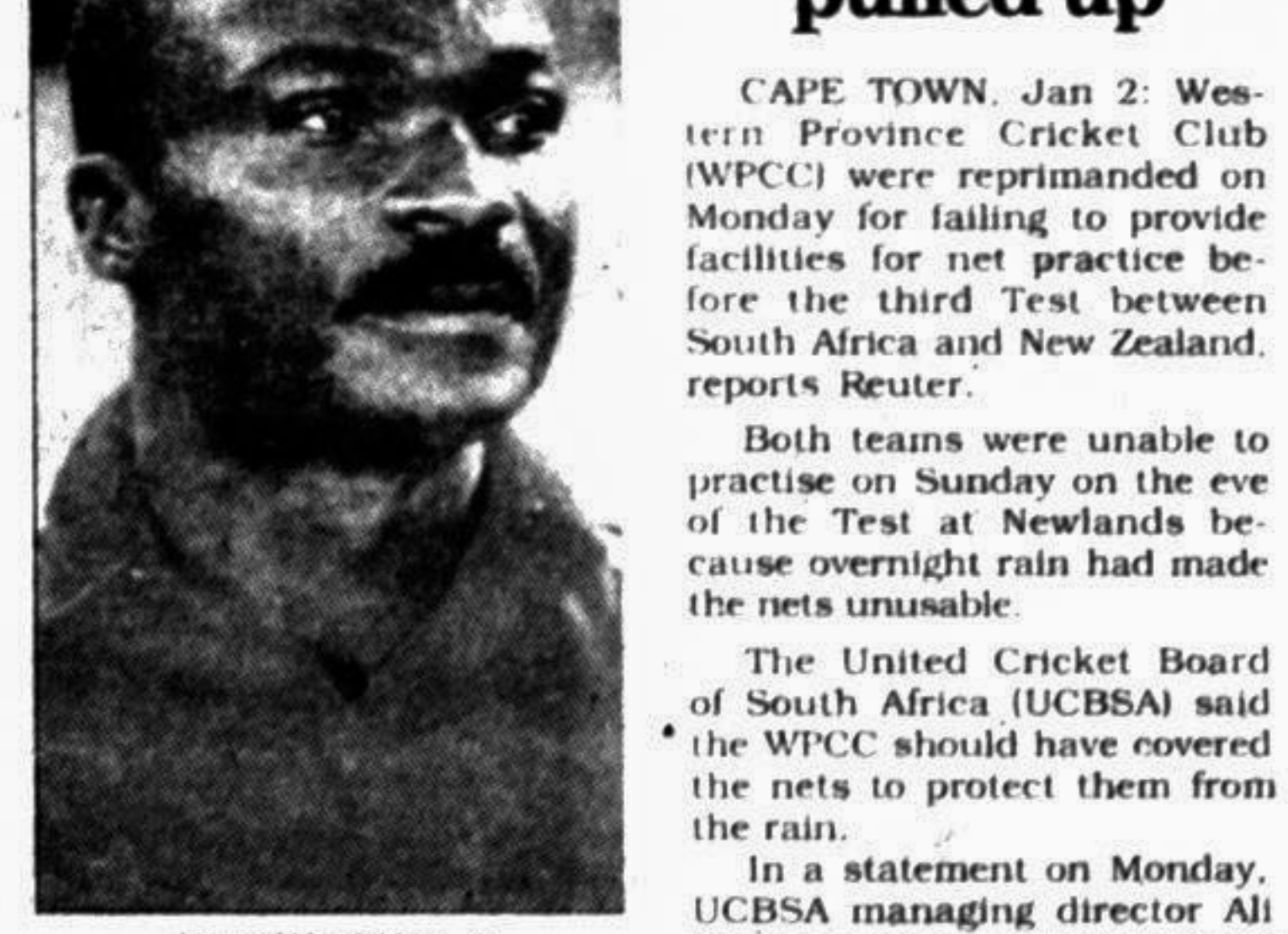


England's Darren Gough hooks in the air during the second day of third Ashes Test at the SCG yesterday.

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like McDermott, Fleming, Warner, May, Waugh, Bevan and their statistics.

Milla goes to Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 2: Cameroon's football star Roger Milla is joining a private Indonesian football club...



ROGER MILLA

Pelita Jaya players since his arrival on Thursday and he said they appeared to make a good team. The Cameroon ace said that he would have no problem extending his contract...

Muralidharan mauls Border

EAST-LONDON, South Africa, Jan 2: A devastating spell of off-spin bowling by Muralidharan reduced South Africa's Border cricket team to 218 for nine...

Muralidharan took six wickets for 57 runs after Border, who won the toss and elected to bat, went to lunch on 69 without loss.

After Michael Stonier (60 runs off 178 balls) and Andrew Lawson (25) put on 78 runs for the first-wicket, the Border batsmen came and went as Muralidharan extracted alarming turn from the pitch.

For dear English pride

SYDNEY, Jan 2: Fiery Darren Gough scored a flamboyant half-century Monday that restored England's flagging pride on the second day of the third cricket Test against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground...

Gough hit one huge six and four fours on his way to a belligerent 51 as England's tailenders punished the Australian bowlers.

Spinner Shane Warne and fast bowler Craig McDermott, who tormented the English batsmen in Brisbane and Melbourne, bore the brunt of the assault.

Gough, who began the day on nought, took the attack to Australia from the outset, saving his most savage blows for McDermott the hero for Australia on the first day.

Gough's approach became clear when he became the first to hit a century. McDermott for six as the Yorkshire bowler posted his second 50 in Test cricket from 56 balls.

"I hope our efforts mean things are turning round for us," Gough said. "It was a good day but we need a few more like it."

"We were disappointed about the rain because Devon and I were on a high after our innings," he added. "If we can get a few early wickets tomorrow it will be interesting especially as they have to bat last for the first time in the series."

World Cup begins today



HONG KONG, Jan 2: China's drug-tainted swimming squad are noticeable absentees but their country will lead the fight against banned substances at the start of the World Cup season here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

China, which was severely embarrassed by the Asian Games drug scandal after winning 12 of the 16 women's titles at last year's World Championships, gave visa problems and the need for rest to explain its World Cup absence.

Organisers of the first of the seven legs of the short course World Cup series have cast doubt on the excuse though, while not explicitly blaming the drug failures, who included world champions Lu Bin and Yang Aihou.



FRANZISKA VAN ALMSICK

Canada edge past Finns



EDMONTON, Alberta, Jan 2: Marty Murray had one goal and three assists to lead Canada to a 6-4 win over Finland on Sunday and first place in the world junior ice hockey championship, reports AP.

Canada, with a 5-0 record, led Sweden and Russia, tied for second at 4-1, after the Russians defeated the Swedes 6-4 in Calgary Sunday.

Murray's goal at 2:36 of the third period allowed Canada to hold on after giving up two late goals in the final seconds of the second period.

Alexandre Daigle put the game out of reach with his third goal of the tournament at 4:58 of the third period. Canada held a 4-1 lead, until the final 25 seconds of the second period.

Canada's fourth goal came on a penalty shot after Veli-Pakka Nutikka was hauled down on a breakaway by McCabe. In the second game, the United States beat winless Germany 5-3 to improve to 2-3.

With the score 4-4 and Russia saddled with an interference penalty, Kharlamov blocked a shot at the blue line, took the puck and outraced two Swedish defencemen before firing it home.

England have already lost fast bowler Martin McCague because of a shin stress fracture. His replacement, Angus Fraser, was the first of the four additions to the tour party.

Left-arm pacer Mark Holt arrived before Christmas as cover when England's problems with injury and illness were mounting. Holt will be released to join the England A side in India this week but new arrival Jack Russell is staying for the rest of the tour as wicketkeeping back-up.

Rangers reign GLASGOW, Jan 2: Danish international Brian Laudrup helped Rangers to a 3-1 win at Motherwell on Saturday that gave the defending champions a 10-point lead in the Scottish Premier Division going into 1995, reports Reuters.

Romario named L'Equipe's athlete of year

PARIS, Jan 2: Brazilian soccer star Romario was named as the top athlete-of-the-year by the French sports daily L'Equipe Monday, reports AP.

Romario was named 'Champion of Champions' for 1994 after he led Brazil to the World Cup title in the United States. He scored five goals in the final round and had 36 for the season counting his FC Barcelona club, which he led to the finals in the Champions Cup before losing to AC Milan.

Romario scored 235 points with cyclist Tony Rominger of Switzerland second with 144 points and Russian swimmer Alexander Popov third with 137.

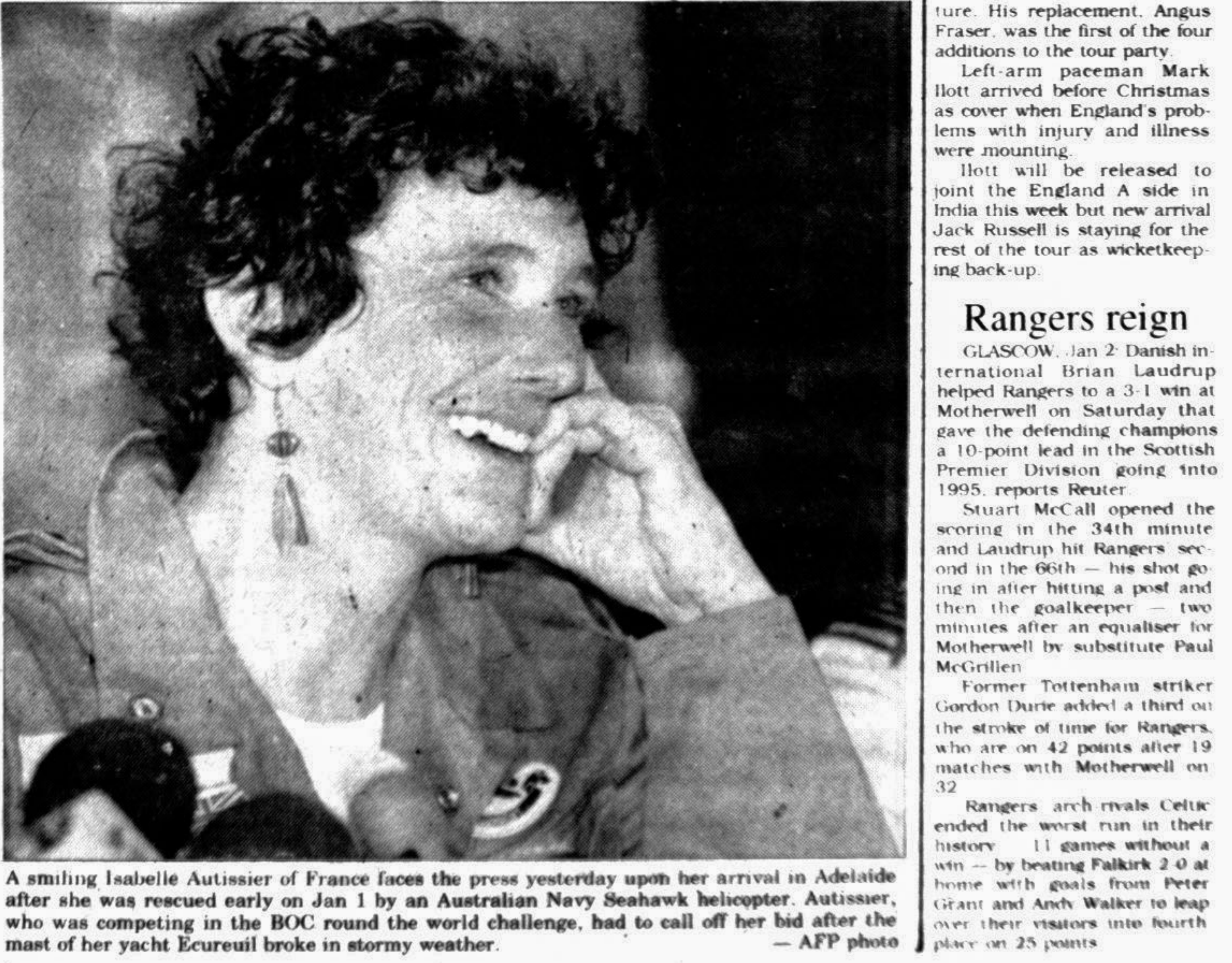
Last year's top athlete, track star Noureddine Morceli of Algeria, finished 11th although he set a world record in the 3,000 meters and was unbeaten for the season in the 1,500 metres and mile.

Bad hosts pulled up

CAPE TOWN, Jan 2: Western Province Cricket Club (WPCC) were reprimanded on Monday for failing to provide facilities for net practice before the third Test between South Africa and New Zealand, reports Reuters.

Both teams were unable to practise on Sunday on the eve of the Test at Newlands because overnight rain had made the nets unusable.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said the WPCC should have covered the nets to protect them from the rain. In a statement on Monday, UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher said: 'The WPCC agreed that it was unacceptable that the nets were not covered and have now given the assurance that there will be covers for the nets in the future.'



A smiling Isabelle Autissier of France faces the press yesterday upon her arrival in Adelaide after she was rescued early on Jan 1 by an Australian Navy Seahawk helicopter. Autissier, who was competing in the BOC round the world challenge, had to call off her bid after the mast of her yacht Ecuireuil broke in stormy weather. - AFP photo