



Kiwi wicketkeeper Adam Parore (L) confident that West Indian batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul has been clean bowled begins to celebrate during the first Test between New Zealand and West Indies at Lancaster Park in Christchurch yesterday. The wicket was disallowed after the umpire called a no ball. — AFP photo

Dean Jones available for Windies tour

MELBOURNE, Feb 6: Victoria captain Dean Jones said on Sunday that he would be available for Australia's forthcoming tour to the West Indies if selected, reports Reuters.

Former Test player Jones, who hit a brilliant unbeaten 324 in Victoria's current Sheffield Shield match against South Australia, has scored 1,041 runs this season at an average of 86.75.

"All my business commitments are free if I get picked for Australia but I'm not holding my breath," said Jones, who was overlooked for the series against England having ended a brief retirement from international cricket.

Victoria look set to increase their lead in the Sheffield Shield after forcing South Australia to follow-on at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Victoria dismissed the visitors for 363 in reply to their 572-4 declared. Paul Reifel was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with four for 61.

South Australia ended the third day on 26-1 in their second innings.

Motchebon erases Coe's name from record books

STUTTGART, Feb 6: German Nico Motchebon wiped one of the biggest names in athletics out of the record books when he broke Sebastian Coe's European 800 metres indoor mark on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Motchebon, fourth at last year's European Indoor Championships in Paris, clocked one minute 44.88 seconds to shave three-hundredths of a second from the record the Briton set in Cosford, England, on March 12, 1983.

The 25-year-old German, a former modern pentathlete, was just four-hundredths of a second outside Kenyan Paul Ereng's world record of 1:44.84 set at the 1989 World Indoor Championships in Budapest.

The performance at the end of the one-day indoor meeting upstaged a superb run by Britain's world silver medalist John Regis in the 200 metres.

Regis clocked a blistering 20.47 seconds, the best time in the world this year.

Motchebon has surprised the experts before. He finished third at the 1993 World Indoor Championships in Toronto in only the ninth 800 metres race of his career.

Kazakhs in Indira Cup hockey semis

NEW DELHI, Feb 6: Kazakhstan advanced into the semifinals of the eighth Indira Gandhi International Gold Cup hockey tournament defeating Malaysia 3-2 on Monday, reports AP.

In another match, India were lucky to draw 1-1 against England after a poor display of their skills.

India need another draw against Kazakhstan in their last Pool A league match to qualify for the semifinals.

Playing for the first time in the tournament, Kazakhstan scored the winner in the closing minutes. Malaysian players disputed the goal as an off-side one and threatened to march off the field.

The Malaysian coach, however, prevailed upon the players to accept the umpire's verdict and continue with the game.

Parore's maiden ton hauls Kiwis out of trouble Morrison makes WI wobble

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 6: Adam Parore's maiden Test century and four prime wickets for New Zealand in their first Test against West Indies heading for a certain draw, reports AFP.

The rain hit match came alive today when Parore hit an unbeaten 100 in New Zealand's first innings total of 341 for eight declared.

West Indies' reply of 102 for five at the close would have looked vulnerable if there was more than the one remaining day's play left. But West Indies still need 40 to avoid the follow-on.

Parore and Hart put on 118 for the seventh-wicket to lift their side out of trouble. Hart made his highest Test score of 45.

Parore's five hour innings grew in stature as it went on. There were only two fours in the first 50 runs, but he became more aggressive in the second half, hooking and pulling with arrogance to add another seven boundaries.

Pace bowler Morrison then tore through the top of the West Indies batting order, taking four for 33 off 15 overs.

Morrison claimed Stuart Williams' wicket in his third over. Williams went for the hook but hit the ball to Parore behind the wicket.

The New Zealand vice-captain bowled world record runner Brian Lara two overs later. The batting star drove at a full ball and got an inside edge on to his leg stump with the score at 21.

Jimmy Adams attempted a hook off a Morrison ball which went to Simon Doull at fine leg and West Indies were 49-3.

Keith Arthurton was run out looking for an impossible single. Ken Rutherford spread the stumps from midwick.

S Campbell scored a half-century, playing some glorious square cuts off left-arm spinner Matthew Hart. But on 51, he was trapped lbw by Morrison and the West Indies were in trouble at 98-5.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul had a life when he was bowled between bat and pad by Hart off a no ball. Chanderpaul was on

four at the time and was 18 not out at the close. With him was junior Murray on three.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on fourth day of first Test between New Zealand and West Indies today.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 341 for eight declared (Adam Parore 100 not out, Stephen Fleming 56; Curtly Ambrose 3 for 57)

WEST INDIES: First innings

S Williams c Parore b Morrison	10
S Campbell lbw b Morrison	51
B Lara b Morrison	2
J Adams c Doull b Morrison	13
K Arthurton run out	1
S Chanderpaul not out	18
J Murray not out	3
Extras: (nb-4)	4
Total: (for five wickets)	102
Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-21; 3-49; 4-54; 5-98	
To bat: K Benjamin, W Benjamin, C Ambrose, C Walsh.	

Bowling O M R W

D Morrison	15	6	33	4
D Nash	5	2	11	0
S Doull	9	4	24	0
M Hart	14	2	32	0
S Thomson	3	2	2	0

When going gets tough, Swedes get going

LONDON, Feb 6: Swedish doubles specialist Jonas Bjorkman clinched a final-match marathon on Sunday to complete a comeback 3-2 victory for the champions in their Davis Cup World Group first round tie against Denmark, reports Reuters.

Sweden, trailing 2-0 after the Danes had won both opening-day singles, secured a quarter-final meeting with Austria when Bjorkman beat giant-killer Frederik Fetterlein 6-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Former world number one Stefan Edberg, a shock loser to Fetterlein on Friday, had earlier downed Denmark's Kenneth Carlsson 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 to level the tie after Sweden trailed 2-1 overnight.

It was the fourth time

Sweden had fought back from 2-0 down in Davis Cup and followed a similar comeback against the United States in last year's semifinals.

The Swedes' win was the hardest fought of the first round ties that had been decided by Sunday.

Germany and Russia, already assured of progress after taking unbeatable 3-0 leads on Saturday, completed 4-1 victories.

Italy, Austria and the Netherlands also advanced with 4-1 wins in their ties.

Bjorkman, who combined with Jan Apell to win the doubles on Saturday and keep the champions' hopes alive, had been forced to play singles as well when Magnus Larsson fell ill with a stomach complaint the night before the tie started.

In Vienna, Thomas Muster beat French Open champion Sergi Bruguera and Alex Antonitsch downed Carlos Costa to give Austria a 4-1 win over Spain and secure the March 31-April 2 quarter-final against Sweden.

Italy also notched a 4-1 win over the Czech Republic in Naples and will face the US in the quarter-finals.

In Geneva, Dutchman Richard Krajicek crushed Davis Cup debutant Lorenzo Mantu, who was replacing the injured Marc Rosset 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to give the Netherlands an unbeatable 3-1 lead over Switzerland and set up a quarter-final against Germany.

Germany's advance had been secured when Boris Becker and Michael Stich, putting their past Davis Cup differences behind them, on Saturday added the doubles to their singles wins on Friday.

The Germans completed a 4-1 win when Stich beat Sascha Hirszon 7-6, 7-6 after Markus Zoccker, standing in for Becker, lost to Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 7-6.

Russia, who also held an unbeatable 3-0 lead against Belgium overnight also finished 4-1. Yevgeny Kafelnikov lost to Johan van Herck 7-6, 3-6, 1-6 and Andrei Chesnokov beat Kris Goossens 7-6, 2-6, 7-6.

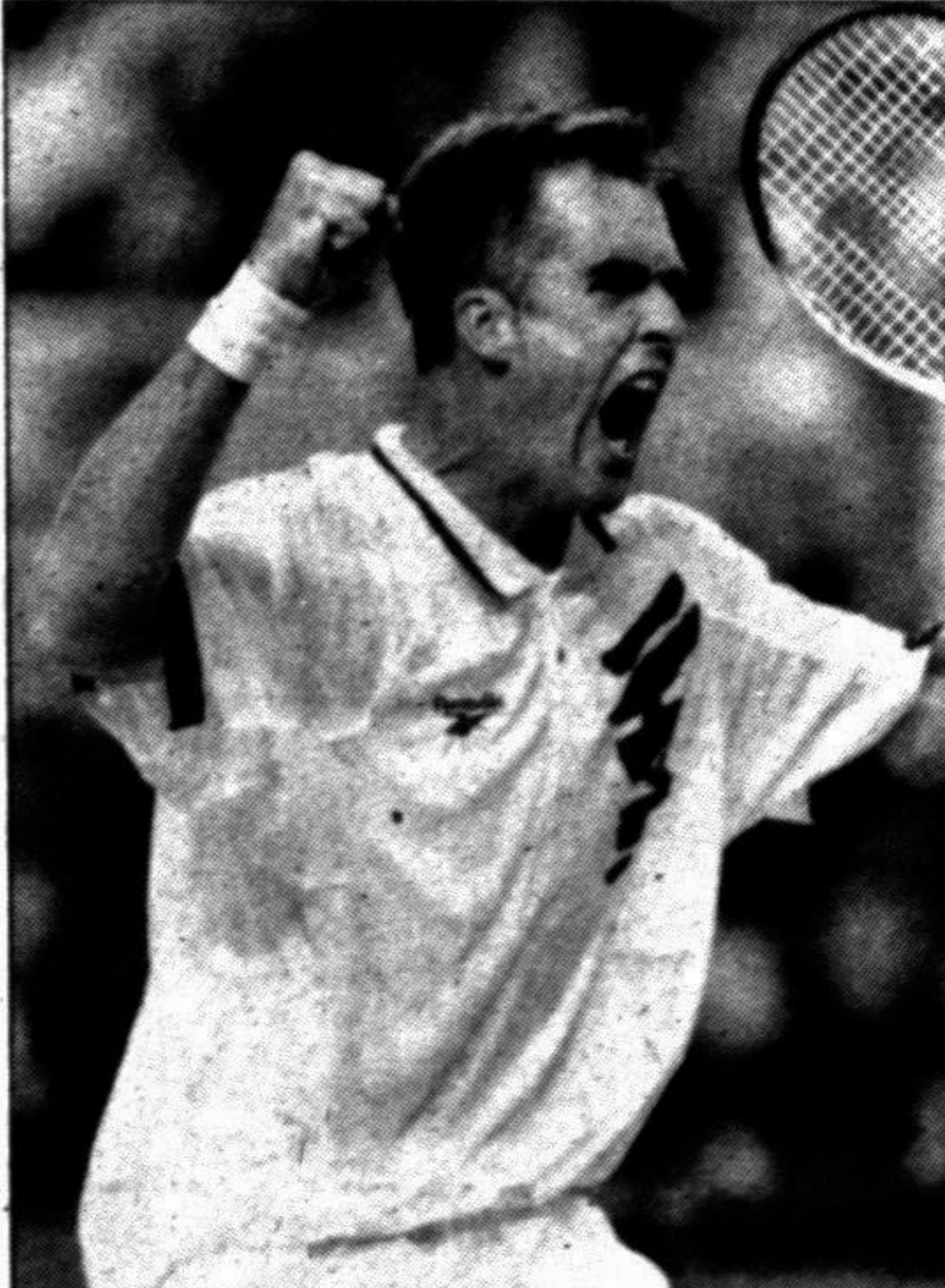
They now face either Australia or South Africa in the quarter-finals.

Australia took a 2-1 lead in Durban on Sunday when Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge beat Wayne Ferreira and Pietie Norval 7-5, 6-3, 7-6.

Meanwhile, AP adds from St Petersburg, Florida, Todd Martin, who struggled from the baseline in his first match, charged and volleyed past Guy Forget on Sunday to lift the United States to a first-round Davis Cup World Group victory over France.

Martin served 20 aces and came to the net 63 times in a 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-5) triumph that moves the United States to the next round against Italy. The victory gave the United States a 3-1 lead in the best-of-five format.

Jim Courier finished off the 4-1 victory later in the day, beating Cedric Pioline 6-4, 6-3.



American Todd Martin exults after winning his Davis Cup match against Frenchman Guy Forget in St Petersburg, Florida on Feb 5. Martin won 6-3, 7-6, 7-6 to clinch victory in round one for the United States. — AFP photo

Slater sidelined

PERTH, Feb 6: Australian opener Michael Slater is virtually certain to miss next week's short cricket tour to New Zealand because of a broken right thumb, team manager Ian McDonald said Monday, reports AP.

Slater's thumb was broken by a ball from England pacer Devoni Malcolm just before stumps on Sunday, the third day of the fifth Ashes Test at the WACA Ground.

McDonald said Slater had been given medical advice that the injury will need three weeks to heal.

"He has a clean break at the top of the thumb and it will need three weeks," McDonald said.

"The selectors have been informed of the situation but there will be no hookup to decide what to do until the end of the match."

Australia's two-week visit to New Zealand is to celebrate that country's cricket centenary and Australia, only one slated to play three limited-overs internationals.

Candidates to replace Slater include Justin Langer and his Western Australian state teammate Damien Martyn.

Slater is likely to be fit in plenty of time for Australia's tour of the West Indies in March and April.

Slater was the star batsman of the Ashes series with 623 runs at an average of 62.30, including three centuries.

Englishmen in soup again

PERTH, Feb 6: New batting prodigy Greg Blewett scored a brilliant century Monday as Australia took a stranglehold on the fifth and final Ashes Test by reducing England to 27 for five at stumps on the fourth day, reports AP.

England were set 453 for victory in a minimum of 104 overs but capitulated against pacer Craig McDermott (three for 13) and Glenn McGrath (two for 13) in the final session.

Australia already enjoy a 2-1 series and have secured the retention of the Ashes.

England lost three wickets for one run in the space of seven deliveries after batsmen Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting — both playing in their last Test — were snapped up in quick succession by McDermott.

Australia's strong bowling performance overshadowed Blewett's century in only his second Test appearance.

Blewett followed up his England bowling after coming together on 123 for five.

Blewett reached his century on the last ball before tea, pulling Malcolm for his 17th boundary.

The 23-year-old allrounder joined Australians Bill Ponsford and Doug Walters, West Indian Alvin Kallicharman and Indian Mohammad Azharuddin in a select band of batsmen who have scored centuries in their first two Tests.

Azharuddin went on to score a record third against England during the 1984-85 series in the subcontinent.

Steve Waugh, who was left high and dry on an unbeaten 99 in the first innings, fell to a brilliant catch by Mark Ramprakash at gully to end the mammoth 203-run stand realized in 11 minutes over three hours.

He became the 13th Australian to score 4,000 Test runs.

Waugh was dropped on 22 by Graham Thorpe off a luckless Malcolm and went on to hit nine boundaries in his 215-

John Crawley thwarted McGrath's hat-trick bid, but survived just another two deliveries — offering a catch to Mark Waugh at second slip off McDermott.

Captain Mike Atherton was on eight at stumps with Mark Ramprakash yet to score.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps Monday, fourth day of the fifth and final Ashes cricket Test between Australia and England at the WACA Ground:

AUSTRALIA: 1st Innings 402

ENGLAND: 1st Innings 295

AUSTRALIA: 2nd Innings
Mark Taylor b Fraser 52
Michael Slater c Atherton b Fraser 45
Jo Angel run out 0
David Boon c Rhodes b Malcolm 18
Mark Waugh c Rhodes b DeFreitas 1
Steve Waugh c Ramprakash b Lewis 80
Greg Blewett c Malcolm b Lewis 115
Ian Healy not out 11
Shane Warne c Lewis b Malcolm 6
Extras: (1-b, 9-lb, 7-nb) 17
Total: 345 for eight wickets declared.
Fall of wickets: 75; 79; 102; 115; 123; 326; 333; 345.

Bowling O M R W
Devon Malcolm 23.3 3 105 2
Angus Fraser 21 3 74 2
Chris Lewis 16 1 71 2
Phil DeFreitas 22 10 54 1
Mark Ramprakash 8 1 31 0
Batting time: 403 minutes.
Overs: 90.3

ENGLAND: 2nd Innings
Graham Gooch c and b McDermott 4
Mike Atherton not out 8
Mike Gatting b McDermott 8
Angus Fraser lbw McGrath 5
Graham Thorpe c Taylor b McGrath 0
John Crawley c Mark Waugh b McDermott 0
Mark Ramprakash not out 0
Extras: (1-b, 1-w) 2
Total: 27 for five wickets.
Fall of wickets: 4; 17; 26; 26; 27.

Bowling O M R W
Craig McDermott 7 2 13 3
Glen McGrath 7 3 13 2
Batting time: 65 minutes.
Overs: 14

Karpov forced to a draw

SANGHINAGAR, India, Feb 6: World Champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia was held to an exciting draw by Belarus Grand Master Boris Gelfand in the first of their ten-game World Chess Championship semifinals on Monday in southern India, reports AP.

Playing with black pieces, Karpov opted for his favourite Caro-Kann defence. On the other hand, Gelfand chose the rarely played sixth move B-E3.

Karpov came out with a novelty on the seventh move.

Gelfand, known for his attacking game, sacrificed a piece to seize initiative from Karpov, exposing his king.

Karpov defended well and Gelfand forced a draw with perpetual checks in 26 moves.

Second Monte Carlo rally for Sainz

Carlos Sainz led the 555 Subaru world rally team to historic victory in the 1995 Monte Carlo Rally, reports AP.

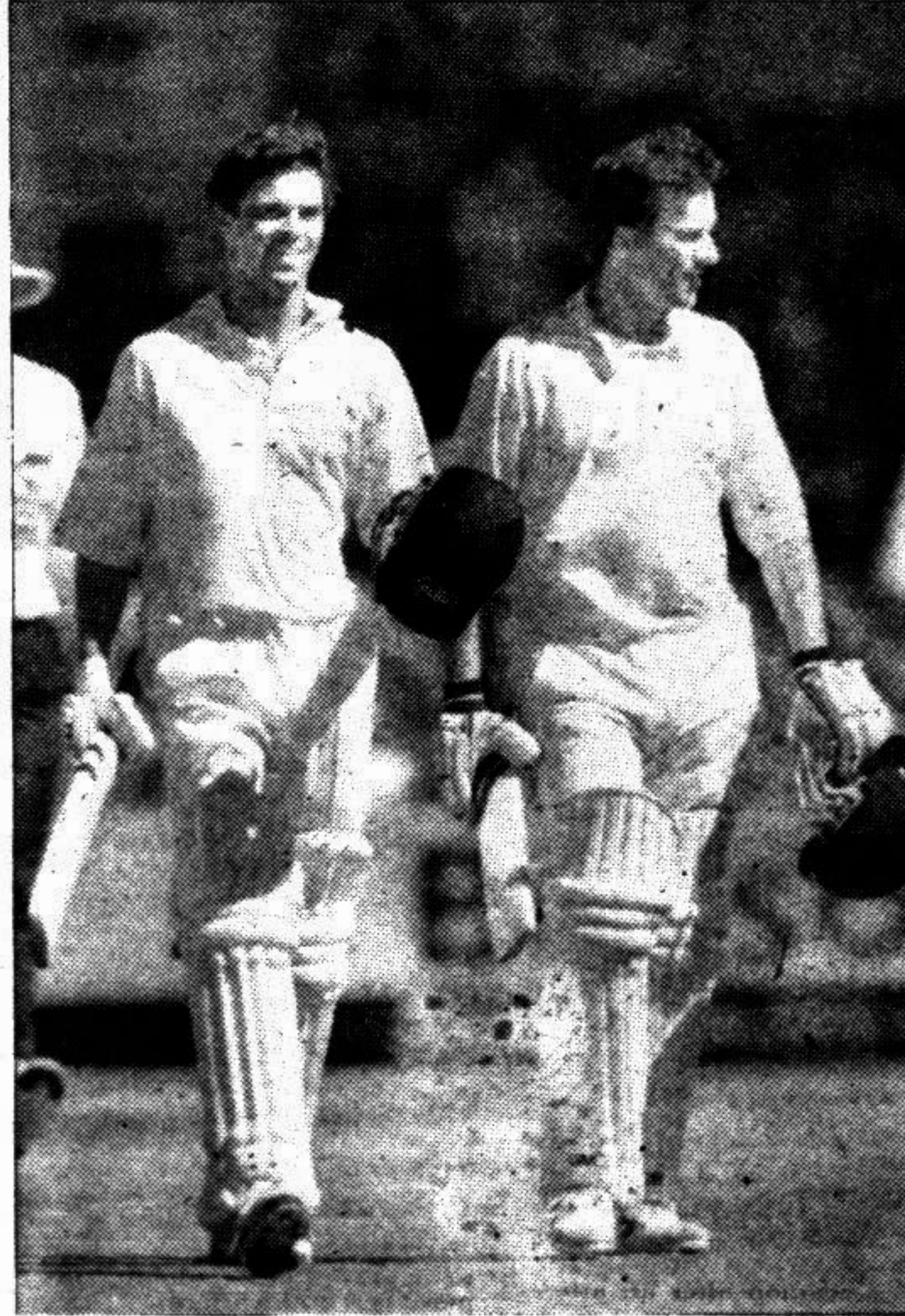
It is the second Monte Carlo rally win for twice world champion Sainz, but the first memorable unbeaten debut century in Adelaide with a career best 115, enabling Australia to declare soon after tea on 345 for eight.

He completely dominated the sixth-wicket partnership with Steve Waugh (80) and eventually fell to a tired shot, lofting a delivery from medium pacerman Chris Lewis to Devon Malcolm in long-off.

Blewett produced an innings of great character — cutting, hooking, pulling and driving throughout his 21-minute presence, which was crowned with 19 scintillating boundaries.

England's hopes of making a match of it were ruined by two catches they dropped. The visitors dropped a total of 10 catches in the two Australian innings.

Blewett and Steve Waugh pummelled the hapless



Aussie batsmen Greg Blewett (L) and Steve Waugh leave the WACA ground at the tea break on the fourth day of fifth Test against England in Perth yesterday. The pair featured in a mammoth 203-run partnership. Blewett made 115 and Waugh 80. — AFP photo

minute stay, facing 141 balls.

Australia resumed on 87 for two and were in for a rude shock, losing three wickets, Mark Taylor (52), David Boon (18) and Mark Waugh (one) — all in the space of 10 overs in the morning session.

Boon failed to make full use of being dropped and recorded his sixth failure in the last three Tests.

Despite losing early wickets, Australia raised 99 runs in the morning session followed by another 126 in the post lunch session off just 29 overs.

England's hopes of saving the match quickly dissolved after the declaration. Gooch and Gatting departed and McGrath then trapped night-watchman Angus Fraser lbw and had first innings centurion Graham Thorpe caught low by Taylor at first slip off successive balls.

The players are among the 85 state soccer team members who have been arrested since last August in the country's biggest sporting scandal.

Millions of dollars are believed to have changed hands in the scandal, which involved nearly all 16 teams in the league.

Police investigations are believed to be well advanced, but no charges have been filed against any player yet.

However, using the confessions, the government may punish the players under the Restricted Residence Order, a 37-year-old law that empowers the Home Ministry to send people to a remote area of the country for up to two years.

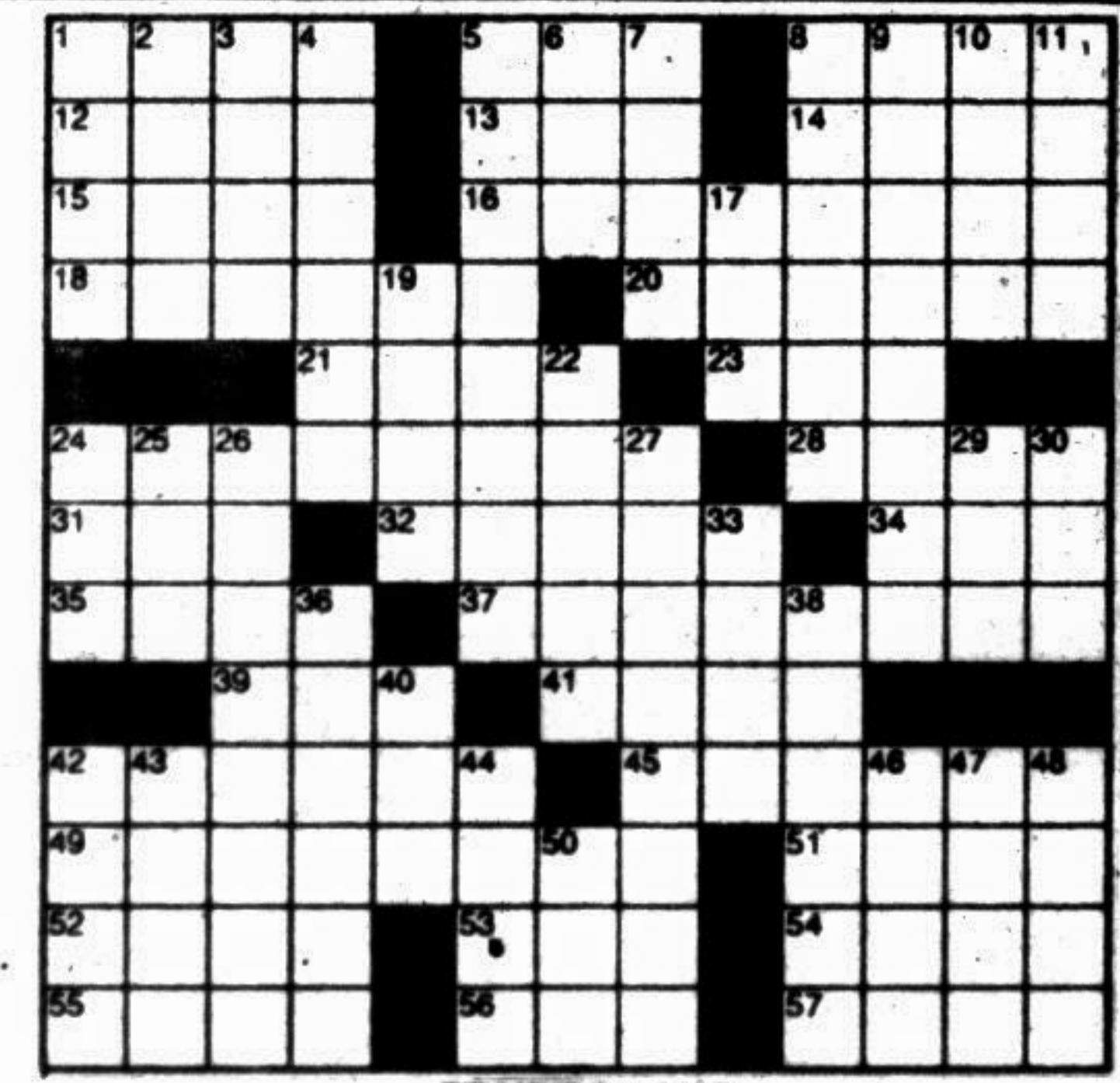
Those exiled are placed under police supervision and must stay indoors at night. They have to report daily to the police.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Farmer's home	41 Green land	1 Syllable before step or stop	17 Prior to
5 Circle section	42 A record amount of money?	2 Czech-German river	19 Go on foot
8 Megalomania	45 Dickens-based musical	3 Mortgage	22 They're silly
12 Spicy stew	49 Coffee variety	4 Baltimore college	24 Future flamingo
13 Shell-game prop	51 Poi base	5 Italy's — Mountains	25 Japanese honorific
14 Pedestal occupant	52 Shock deeply	6 Scale members	26 Odd-looking beast
15 Act the robot	53 Sandy's comment	7 Dogpatch founder	27 Censures
16 Particular	54 Oklahama city	8 In a pleasing way	29 One of Hawaii's Maunas
18 Fame	55 Kickoff prelude	9 Issues	30 Pussycat's co-passenger
20 Quite	56 Not neg.	10 Gator bowl?	33 Earth protectors
21 "M" director	57 Sandra and Ruby		36 Rose's
23 New Haven collegian			38 One
24 Tree on a trellis			40 Flamenco cheer
28 John's missus			42 Kid sibling, often
31 Guy's companion			43 Regarding
32 Dangling sites			44 Pronto, on a memo
34 Fresh			46 Barn-roof decoration
35 Estival nuisance			47 Pennsylvania port
37 Advocacy			48 Cones' mates
39 Nevertheless,			50 Hit sign

Solution time: 26 min.

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HAWAII	DOLLAR
INVEER	AMPERE
MEDE	ROME
EIS	DEAF
ZAP	OIL
LIFE	VIEW
FROM	DISTANCE
FAZE	SCOW
GOD	EAT
ETON	ANN
HARE	ACES
JOGGER	RAVAGE
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WOODSMAN WHO ENLISTED IN THE ARMY LEAPT AT THE CHANCE FOR A TREE-DAY PASS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals V

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.