

A break through at last?

NEW DELHI, Jan 15: The controversy over the granting of telecast right to Doordarshan...

The problem will be sorted out. The concerned government authorities have expressed certain reservations...

Earlier, Bindra said the terrestrial rights for India were still available and the board would be pleased to grant them to Doordarshan...

The PILCOM has maintained that the network should be given the terrestrial rights in their countries. We won't even mind subsidising and we are not bothered losing a huge sum on this count...

Thorpe's timely revenge

PRETORIA, Jan 15: England's Graham Thorpe turned the tables on South African captain Hansie Cronje...

Thorpe was controversially run out in the final Test at Newlands when Cronje persuaded umpire Dave Orchard to consult the third umpire...

At Centurion Park, Cronje was caught on the boundary by Thorpe going for the six that would have given him 50...

An angry Thorpe ran in demanding Diedericks consult the third umpire, the very action that caused Cronje to be fined 50 per cent of his match fee...

Diedericks duly signalled for third umpire Robbie Brooks to adjudicate and TV replays showed that Thorpe had staved within the boundary...

England manager Ray Illingworth said, "I don't want to get into trouble for criticising umpires, but I'm amazed that the umpire didn't call for the third umpire straight away..."

England acting-captain Alec Stewart denied Thorpe had intimidated the umpire. "The umpire said that he went on Graham's body language, there was never any question of Graham asking for the third umpire..."

"He isn't a great celebrator and the umpire just assumed from his body language that he'd stood on the rope. Hansie didn't have any problem with the decision..."



Christian Santamaria (white jersey) of Honduras tries to clear the ball before being tackled by Brazil's Amaral during their CONCACAF Gold Cup group match in Los Angeles, California, on Jan 14.

Brazil blank Honduras

LOS ANGELES, Jan 15: Brazil, clinically exploiting the defensive errors of their outclassed opponents, beat Honduras 5-0 on Sunday to reach the semifinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup...

The comfortable victory should set up a semifinal clash with the United States, provided the Americans beat El Salvador on Tuesday...

In an earlier first-round match Sunday in San Diego, Mexico, beat Guatemala 1-0 to advance to the semifinals of the nine-team Gold Cup tournament...

Brazil has been invited to take part to make up the third first-round group. Brazil was never in trouble and got two goals each from Caio and Jamelli...

The match at the Los Angeles Coliseum started 10 minutes late after a four pas by the organizers who played the Panamanian national anthem...

Cup champions put on a display of smooth soccer. Two up at halftime, Jamelli scored his second in the 61st minute when Honduras goalkeeper Milton Flores failed to hold a Savio blast...

Malaysia mauled LONDON, Jan 15: Malaysia failed to live up to their early promise and lost 5-1 to Great Britain in the second and final international hockey match on Sunday...

Malaysia's German coach Volker Knaopp was quick to react to the heavy defeat, saying, "Britain were a vastly superior side. We gave them too much room to move and paid a heavy price for it..."

Malaysia made four changes to the side that lost 1-0 on Saturday but by half-time they had used all their substitutes...

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Saskatoon suits Surin SASKATOON, Saskatchewan, Jan 15: Bruny Surin, the world indoor sprint champion, won the 60 metres on Sunday at the Saskatoon Knights of Columbus indoor track meeting...

Surin covered the distance in 6.51 seconds ahead of Donovan Powell of Jamaica, who was clocked in 6.53, and Bailey, who crossed in 6.57...

"I was prepared, I ran well and I've always done well on the Saskatoon track," said an elated Surin...

It was a satisfying end to what otherwise would have been a nightmarish night for the Haitian-born Montreal resident...

Greetings, Googlee!

NEW DELHI, Jan 15: World Cup officials on Sunday unveiled "Googlee," an animated cricket ball with legs and arms...

"Googlee" spelt with a twist to gooly, the perplexing cricket delivery, is a symbol of the deceptive charms of spin bowling...

The animated ball is in the shape of a batsman, donning a coloured helmet and pads, waving his bat at applauding spectators...

Fanie recalled

PRETORIA, Jan 15: South Africa recalled fast bowler Fanie de Villiers on Sunday for the last three games of the seven-match one-day international series against England...

Slow left-armers Nicky Boje makes way for De Villiers in the 14 man squad, while all-rounder Brian McMillan has been rested to protect a niggling groin strain...

De Villiers was forced to sit on the sidelines during the Test series, undergoing intensive physiotherapy on a deep-seated groin strain...

The Northern Transvaal paceman has played just two one-day matches for his province since returning to fitness, but such is his reputation in the limited-overs game...

De Villiers said: "I'm just delighted to be given the chance to play in the World Cup. It's fantastic to be coming into the team when they're playing so well..."

Doull dares!

HAMILTON, Jan 15: Simon Doull still hopes to be a member of the New Zealand cricket team to tour the West Indies from March, reports AP...

Just a week after an extraordinary outburst against the national selectors, Doull said he hoped to regain his Test spot...

Doull, 26, was critical of the selectors after missing a place in the New Zealand team to play Zimbabwe in two Tests...

"I don't know if the things I've said are going to hinder my chances," Doull told the New Zealand Press Association on Monday...

"But the things had to be said because there was a breakdown in communication. Maybe I was a bit too up front, but hopeful I'll still be in line for selection..."

Doull has yet to speak to any of the selectors since calling them "blatant liars" but has spoken to New Zealand Cricket chief executive Christopher Doig...

"I got a positive reaction from him," Doull said. "He understood where I was coming from and I could see his point when he rebutted some of the things I said..."

Doull has played 11 Tests, taking 33 wickets at an average of 32.66...

Kiwis in a kamikaze act

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Jan 15: New Zealand made early inroads against Zimbabwe today on the third day of the first Test...

Robert Kennedy each took their first Test wickets with the 20th ball of their international careers...

Allott captured the wicket of Alistair Campbell, caught at third slip by Nathan Astle for five, and Kennedy's wicket came courtesy of a brilliant catch by Craig Spearman...

"I think if we get the last five wickets fairly quickly and put a few runs on the board, there could be a chance of a result," Germon said...

New Zealand grabbed five wickets in the middle session to set up an exciting finish to the rain-affected match with 10 hours out of 18 lost to the weather...

"We were in a strong position when the rain came and I thought we would have bowled them out by the end of the day," Germon said...

Chris Cairns led the way today taking three for 23 off 12.4 accurate overs...

In his first spell he dismissed both openers - Stuart Carlisle caught behind by Germon for four, and Grant Flower, who played on for five...

He then grabbed the prize wicket of veteran David Houghton leg before wicket for 31 with the second ball of a second spell to reduce Zimbabwe to 56 for five...

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Returning at 154 for four in the morning, New Zealand added 76 runs in smart time before declaring...

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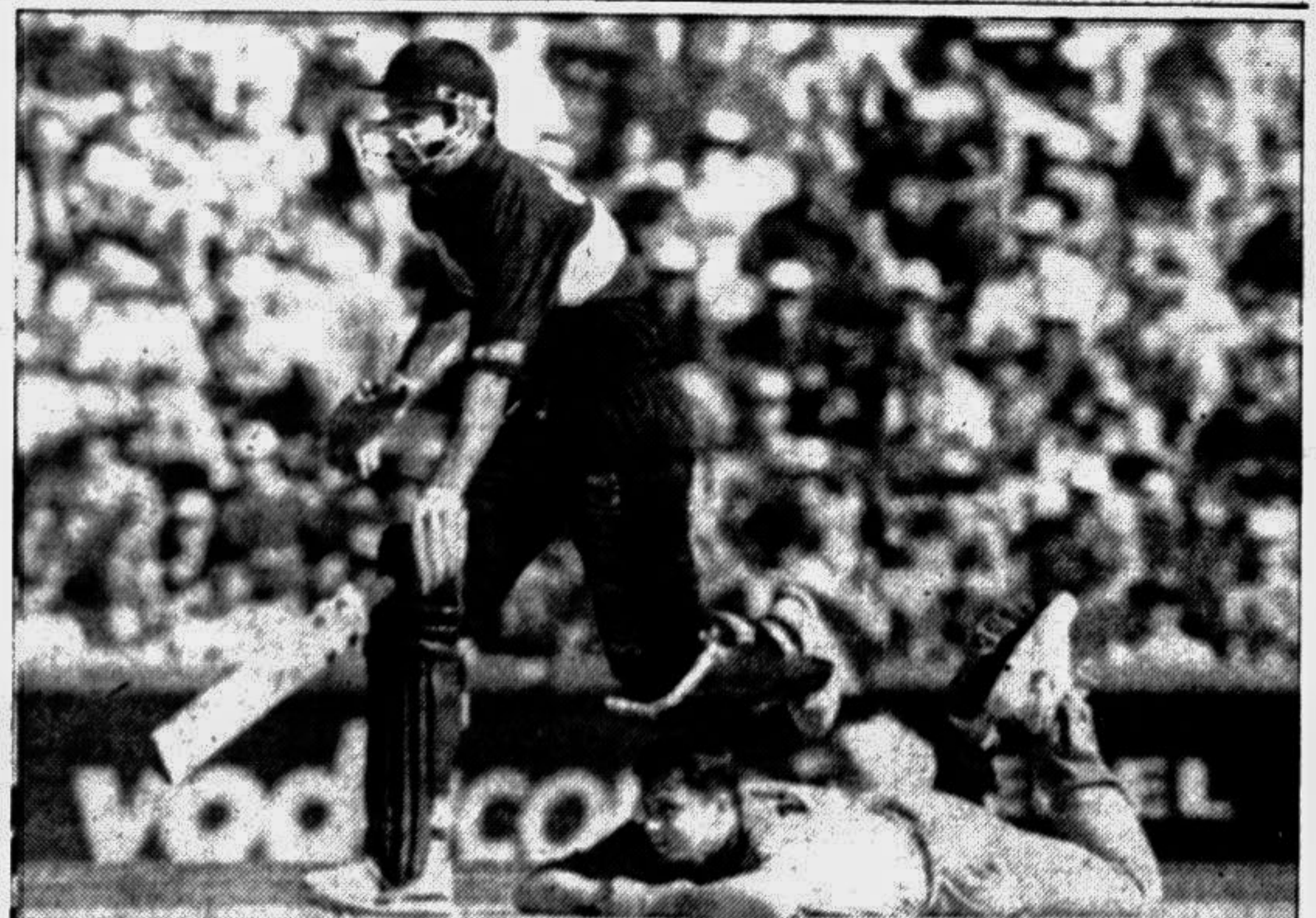
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Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-67; 3-115; 4-143; 5-160; 6-164; 7-218; 8-228.

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HAIL, YE HIGH AND MIGHTY... England allrounder Darren Gough looks on in despair (or is it reverence?) as Springbok skipper Hansie Cronje runs past him during their fourth one-day game in Pretoria on January 14. The hosts romped past a helpless England by 7 wickets.

Gary grinds England down

PRETORIA, Jan 15: A brilliant 116 by South African opener Gary Kirsten inspired his side to an overwhelming seven wicket win against England in the fourth one-day international at Centurion Park...

Replying to England's 272 for eight, South Africa raced to 276 for three in 48 over to go 3-1 up in the seven match series...

Kirsten and Andrew Hudson set the home side on the way with an opening stand of 156 in 29 overs. Without taking outrageous risks the pair cruised along at five an over with England's out-classed bowlers powerless...

When Hudson fell for 72, lbw to Darren Gough, he had hit two sixes and seven fours off 85 balls. But there was no respite as Hansie Cronje smashed 47 off 46 balls to put the result beyond doubt...

Kirsten overtook his previous best score in this form of cricket, and unbeaten 112 against Australia, before being bowled by a full length ball from Dominic Cork...

Earlier Alec Stewart (64) and Robin Smith (63) gave England an ideal start with an opening stand of 103. Stewart hit his runs from 78 balls with eight fours and a six, while Smith was more subdued, needing 90 balls and hitting just six fours...

England lost their way in a 10-over period after Stewart and Smith had laid the platform for a big score. Between the 30th and 40th over only 34 runs were scored and two wickets fell...

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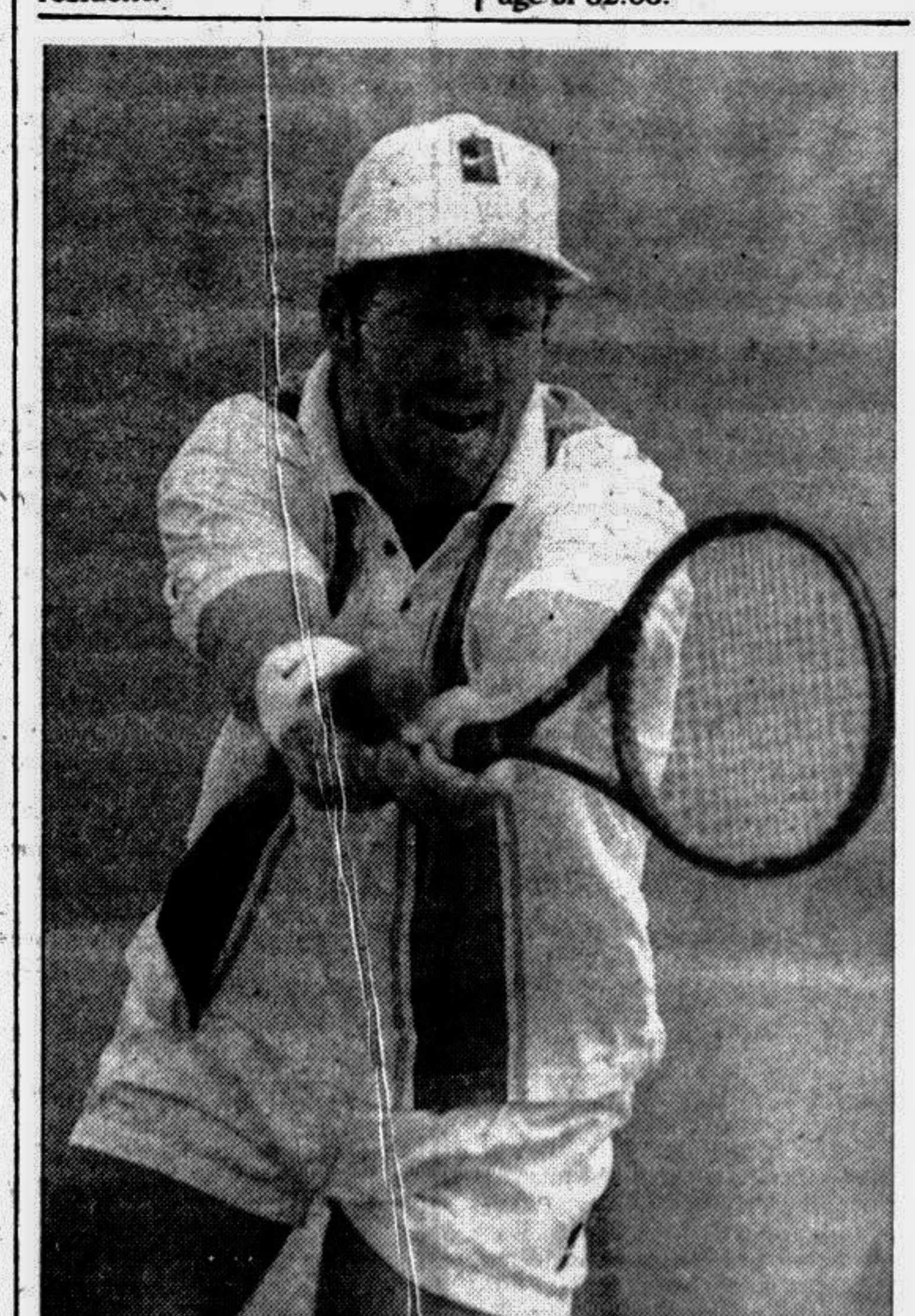
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Eighth seeded former champion Jim Courier stretches to make his trademark double-handed backhand in his Australian Open first round match against Belgian Johan Van Herck in Melbourne on January 15. Courier won 7-5, 7-6, 6-4.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Across: 1 Macho type agenda, 6 Parisian thug, 12 Hood release?, 13 Very fresh, 14 Reminiscent of O. Henry, 15 Evasive maneuver, 16 Mosquito, 17 Kubia or Genghis, 19 Nest egg, 20 Nimbus, 22 Certainly, 24 Mishchery, 27 Follicularly challenged, 29 Nebraska, 32 Reformation of a sort, 35 Evidence of moths, 36 Count counter-part, 37 Ike's command abbr., 38 Science m. 40 Entries on agenda, 42 TV alien Sci-fi, 44 Sci-fi knights, 46 On the rocks, 50 Seuss pachyderm, 52 Non-necessity, 54 On, 55 Come out, 56 Leads off, 57 Pub, 59 Pastime, 61 Aesopian also-ran, 62 Piccadilly status, 63 Calendar page, often, 64 Actor, 65 Greatest, 67 String of pearls, 68 Geometry, 7 Found, 7 Thought value, 8 Put together, 9 Miss, 10 Marie's creator, 11 Sicilian spouter, 12 Spade, heart, diamond or club, 13 Piccadilly status, 18 Bernadette member, often, 19 Actor, 20 Vigoda, 23 Long-o-long time, 24 LBJ's vesp, 25 Tic-tac-toe win, 26 Low-pitched pond, 27 Twister, 28 Of the beaten track?, 30 Neighbor of Man, 31 Red or Black, 34 Matter-horn, e.g., 39 Competitor for life, 41 Philly cager, 42 Moby's pursuer, 43 Ear pendant, 45 Concludes, 47 Rude, 48 Work unit, 49 Turn blue?, 51 Skater, 53 Actress, Thurman.