

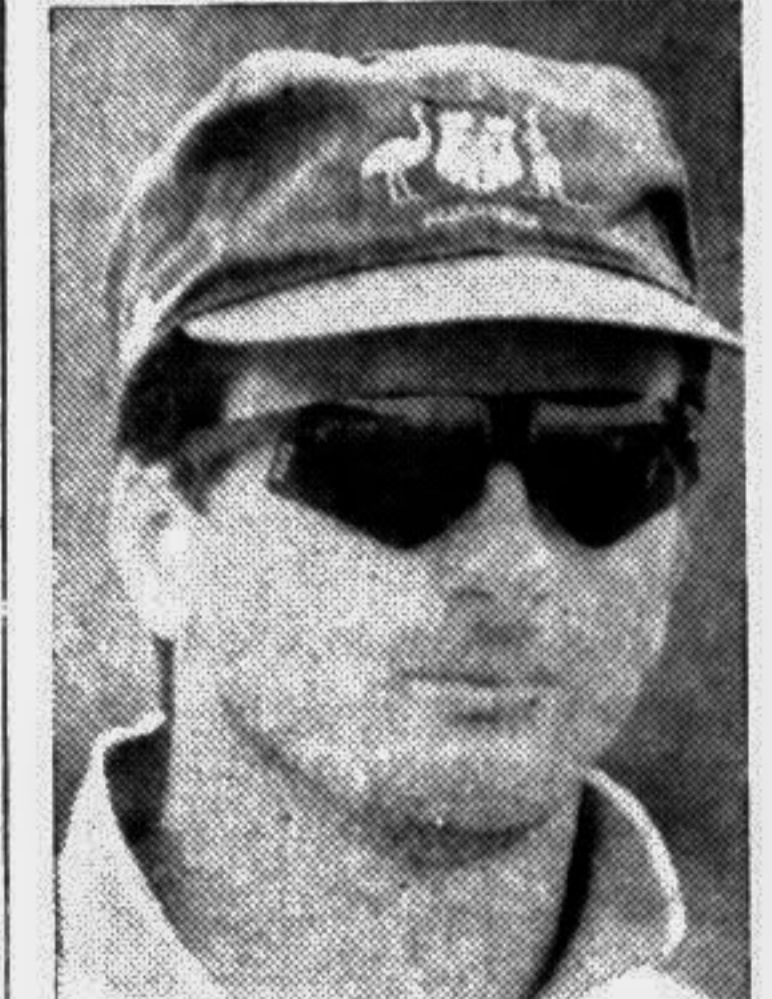
Sport

Column One

Cook burst cripples Kiwis

PERTH, Nov 23 (AP, Reuters): Rookie fast bowler Simon Cook made a dream debut with a five-wicket haul as Australia trounced New Zealand by an innings and 70 runs in the second cricket Test at the WACA on Sunday.

The match ended 25 minutes after lunch as Cook claimed his five wickets on either side of the lunch-break on the fourth day to hurry the home side win.



STEVE WAUGH... m-o-m unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series for the Trans-Tasman Trophy.

It was Australia's eighth straight series win under Mark Taylor since he took over from Allan Border in 1994. Australia have also beaten the West Indies and England twice, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

New Zealand, resuming on 69 for three, were dismissed for 174 in the second innings. Cook took 5-39 and a match haul of 7-75.

Cook, 25, playing in the absence of the injured Glenn McGrath, took just 32 balls to end New Zealand's short defiance.

It was the first time an Australian bowler has claimed five on debut since Tony Dodemaide's 6-58 against New Zealand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1987-88.

"He bowled lot faster in the second innings," Taylor said of Cook. "It might have been nerves and tension."

But Taylor refused to guarantee Cook a place in the third Test despite the fact that McGrath has been given an extended week's rest to recover from groin injury.

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Pocock broke his right toe while fielding and McMillan cracked his right thumb when batting in the New Zealand first innings.

Also not fully fit is all-rounder Chris Cairns, who has a swollen knee.

Steve Waugh was voted man-of-the-match for his 96 in Australia's 461 runs.

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test match between Australia and New Zealand at the WACA ground on Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 217 (C. McMillan 54, C. Cairns 52, S. Warne four for 83).

AUSTRALIA: First innings 461 (S. Waugh 96, M. Waugh 86, I. Healy 85).

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings (overnight 69 for three) Pocock c Blewett b Kasprovic 1.

B. Young run out 23 Parore lbw b Kasprovic 63 Vettori c Taylor b Warne 4 Fleming c Blewett b Warne 1 Astle lbw b Cook 19 McMillan lbw b Cook 23 Cairns b Cook 7 Doull c S. Waugh b Cook 17 O'Connor c Taylor b Cook 7 Allott not out 2 Extras: (nb-5, lb-2) 7 Total: (64.2 overs) 174

Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-53: 3-55: 4-84: 5-102: 6-137: 7-145: 8-160: 9-165.

Bowling: Kasprovic 16 5 43 2 Reiffel 12 4 26 0 Cook 10 2 39 5 Warne 26 4 64 2

Result: Australia won by an innings and 70 runs. Australia lead the three-Test series 2-0.

The third Test starts in Hobart on November 27. Man-of-the-match: Steve Waugh.

Bob counts on Pak experience

PERTH, Nov 23: South African cricket coach Bob Woolmer hopes his boys — set to face Australia in a two-Test series and limited overs tournament — will learn from their recent tour of Pakistan, reports AP.

Woolmer said Sunday the mental toughness attained in a 1-0 series win over host country Pakistan was an invaluable asset.

"When you get into situations where it can go either way you need to be mentally strong and that's what we learned in Pakistan," Woolmer said.

Having been defeated 2-1 on home soil by the Australians earlier this year, Woolmer said this tour provided an opportunity to learn from previous mistakes more than to extract revenge.

"We've come over here to win the series, there's no doubt about that, although I think revenge is probably the wrong word," he said.

"We contributed to our own downfall in some way in South Africa and hopefully we don't be making the same mistakes on this tour."

Captain Hansie Cronje said his side had learned to adapt to the changes necessary in switching from the one-day game to Test cricket.

"I think we are better prepared than last time because we came out of the one-day series and didn't really think the changes that big going back into the Test," Cronje said.

"I think we are a better team than what we were in April." Cronje suggested there could be plenty of work in store for the dangerous duo of 37-year-old off-spinner Pat Symcox and unorthodox wrist-spinner Paul Adams due to South Africa's glut of world class all-rounders.

"With two all-rounders in the side making runs if you get onto wickets like Sydney and Adelaide you can afford to take in two spinners," Cronje said.

South African paceman Shaun Pollock will have the chance to take on his uncle and idol when the team plays its opening match at Lilac Hill, near Perth, on Tuesday.

Graeme Pollock, whose Test career was shortened by South Africa's extensive exile from international cricket, will appear for the home side in the one-day festival match.

"The only time I ever bowled to him was in Durban when we had a game of backyard cricket, but I think I was only about 10 at the time so it will be good to eventually play against him," Pollock said.



World No 1 Martina Hingis shows off her trophy after being named the WTA's player-of-the-year in New York on Saturday.

Bhupathi-Paes pair one

HARTFORD, Connecticut, Nov 23: India's Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes are poised to set off scenes of mass celebration in their homeland having qualified Saturday for the final of the 500,000 dollars ATP World Doubles Championship, reports Reuters.

The fifth seeds, aware that they had the hopes of their countrymen resting on their shoulders, slugged it out with Canadian Sebastian Lareau and American Alex O'Brien and emerged with a 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5) semifinals victory.

The Indian duo's prospects of claiming the world title in their first full year on the circuit as a team improved when US veterans Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark disposed of heavily favoured second seeds Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis 6-3, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

The contest for the 133,000 dollars winner's check will be a battle between youth and experience, with the Indians the youngest team in the event and Leach, at 32, the oldest player.

A spot in the final also gives the veteran a chance to maintain a streak, now in its 10th year, of having won at least one title every 12 months.

Elated at their form, the Americans were bristling with confidence looking forward to today's final.

Fresh faces' Chase final

NEW YORK, Nov 23 (AP): Jana Novotna and Mary Pierce have never had to worry about a fourth set before. Or a fifth set.

But, then, they have never been in the final at the 2 million dollars Chase Championships before, the only time during the year the women play best-of-5 sets.

"I've always wanted to" play best-of-5 sets, Pierce said Saturday. "I remember watching this tournament on TV. I think it was Monica (Seles) and Gaby (Gabriela Sabatini) in the finals, they played five sets. I thought it was really cool."

Pierce and Novotna will be in untested waters Sunday when they meet for the title.

"Getting to the final of this tournament is a new experience," the second-seeded Novotna said.

It's a new experience for Pierce also. Both won their first Garden semifinal after twice losing in the penultimate match.

Pierce became the first operation in June.

To get there, she had to survive the plethora of upsets that have wiped most of the top seeds from this tourney during the week. And she had to survive Spirella, who has the game to beat anyone.

The Romanian pulled off the first service break, in the fifth game. When she held from deuce in the next game, Spirella led 4-2. But Novotna chipped and charged her way back, breaking Spirella's serve in the eighth game to pull even. The two then held serve the rest of the way, sending the opening set into a tiebreak.

Spirella led the ninth point when she sailed a backhand long. On the next point, Novotna took the first set.

The second set was a formality as Spirella — whose three-set quarterfinal victory over Mary Joe Fernandez match didn't end until after midnight Friday night — ran out of steam.

Novotna kept up the pressure with her next-charging play and eventual wore down her opponent.

Pierce went into her semifinal on a high after handing top-seeded Martina Hingis only her fifth loss of 1997 in the quarterfinals. Brimming with confidence, the usual baseline-hungry Pierce surprised by going to the net frequently. The tactic worked to perfection as she dominated her Fed Cup teammate in the opening set, breaking Tauziat in the fourth and

deuce to capture the second set and level the match at one set apiece.

Early in the final set, both players made numerous unforced errors.

In the opening game of the final set, Pierce struggled before holding. But she broke Tauziat in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead.

Trailing 5-3, Tauziat broke back at love, putting the set back on serve. But in the longest game of the match, a 14-point battle, Pierce prevailed when Tauziat hit a forehand into the net on the second match point.

The doubles winners shared a top prize of 200,000 dollars. Fusai and Tauziat split 100,000 dollars.

French player to reach the final in this elite 16-players tournament at New York's Madison Square Garden when she defeated Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in Saturday's first semifinal. Novotna followed with an easy 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 win over eight-seeded Irina Spirella of Romania.

The tournament was assured of a new champion when Monica Seles, the only former winner in the field, failed to survive the first round. Steffi Graf, who has won the Championships the past two years, has not played since undergoing a knee

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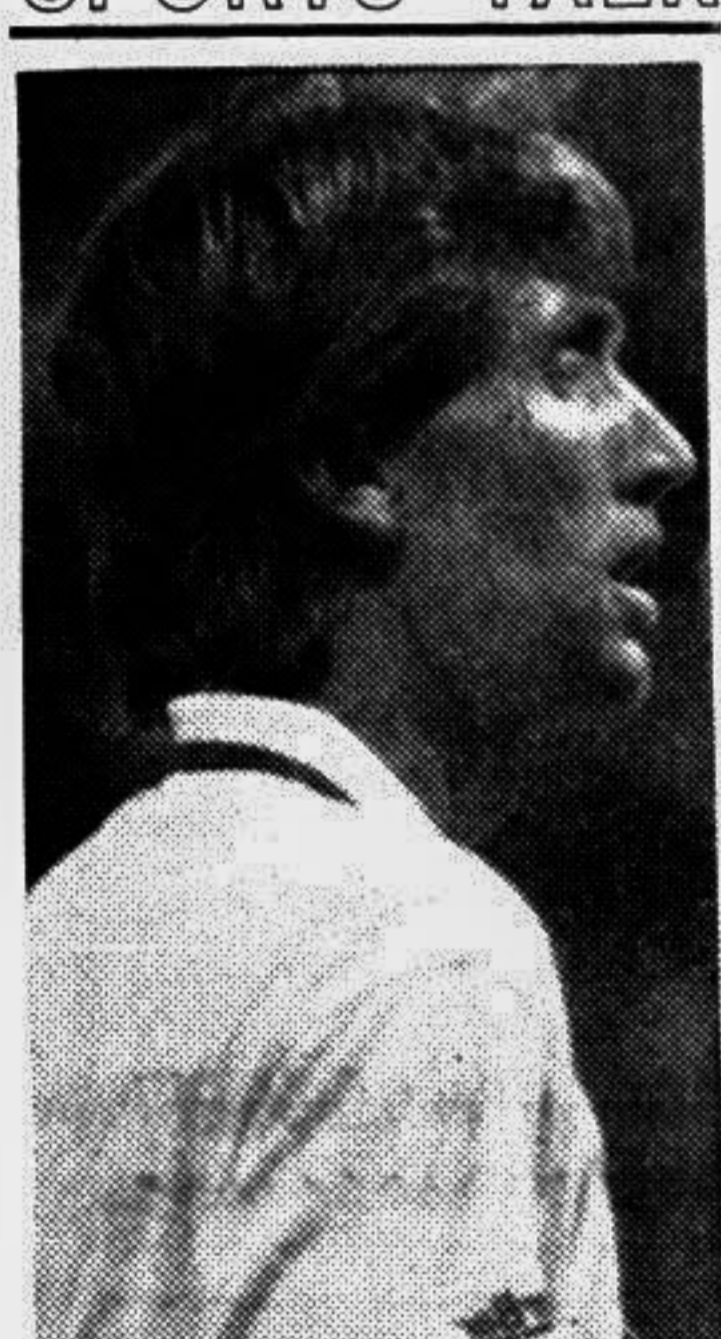
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- 1 Who lifted the Stockholm Open tennis title? Bjorkman, Ros, Polace. 2 Who was the man-of-the-match in the quadrangular cricket final? Anwar, Ijaz, Klusener. 3 Which county will Wasim lead next season? Sussex, Lancashire, Surrey. 4 Which team won the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tourney? Abahani, Mohammedan, Biman. 5 Who won the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis league? Mariners, Armanitola JS, Utara.

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Mark Woodforde

(Australian tennis player) "I owe a great deal of my success in doubles to John (McEnroe). He really was my mentor. But he also just about handpicked Todd (Woodbridge) for me, giving me a complete profile of him without actually saying his name."

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Nov 23: Mousumi Kria Chakra, outplayed Mongla Port by 4-0 in the First Division football league at the Khulna Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Winners led the first half 1-0. Despite clear dominance of the winners in the entire proceeding Mousumi waited until the 47th minute when Bhulu netted the ball first.

In the second half of play winners pressed hard to increase the margin. The quick three goals by Asadul, Tamjidul and Arif at the 60th, 67th and 72nd minutes sealed off the fate of Mongla Port.

In another match Khulna Shippard Club won against Ulka Club by a solitary goal. Abed scored the goal for the winners.

McRae eying double delight

Former world champion, Colin McRae, loves nothing better than living on the edge, and this year's RAC Rally will see the Scottish 555 Subaru World Rally Team driver doing just that. Victory on his home event is the only option if Colin is to seal his second World title. The daring and spectacular style so associated with the Scot will be a sensational sight in the Welsh forests as he and co-driver, Nicky Grist, fight head to head with Tommi Makinen for the 1997 FIA World Rally Championship title, says a press release.

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Japanese boxer regains WBC belt

OSAKA, Nov 23: Japan's Joichiro Tatsuyoshi regained his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title by handing champion Sirmongkol Nakornthorn of Thailand in the first defeat of his career on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Tatsuyoshi regained the world title he held three years ago by stopping Sirmongkol in the seventh round of the 12 scheduled rounds after knocking down the champion for a second time with a body blow.

Sirmongkol got up after an eight count but American referee Richard Steele stopped the one-sided match at one minute 54 seconds into the round after Tatsuyoshi had landed a flurry of follow-up blows.

Scott's honour at stake

SYDNEY, Nov 23: Australian swimmer Scott Miller, who won a silver medal at the 1996 Olympics, is contesting an allegation of drug-taking, his lawyer said on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Miller had failed a drug test for Marijuana.

"It was a test made some months ago when he was out of training with a shoulder injury," Miller's lawyer, Chris Murphy, told Australia's Channel Nine television network. "We'll be defending it vigorously."

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) president John Coates said on Saturday three athletes had returned positive tests for banned substances but gave no further details.

Miller, 22, has not competed at a major meeting since he took the 100 metres butterfly silver medal at the Atlanta Olympics last year.

A niggling shoulder injury kept him out of the Australian trials in Brisbane last month, automatically ruling him out of January's world swimming hopes to make a comeback for next year's Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Two years ago Miller spent a night in jail after intervening in a fight outside a nightclub during the Pan Pacific Championships in Atlanta.

Subaru World Rally Team advertisement with logo and slogan 'ABOVE ALL ELSE'.

The Daily Star TV Guide listing various TV programs and channels for Monday 24th November.