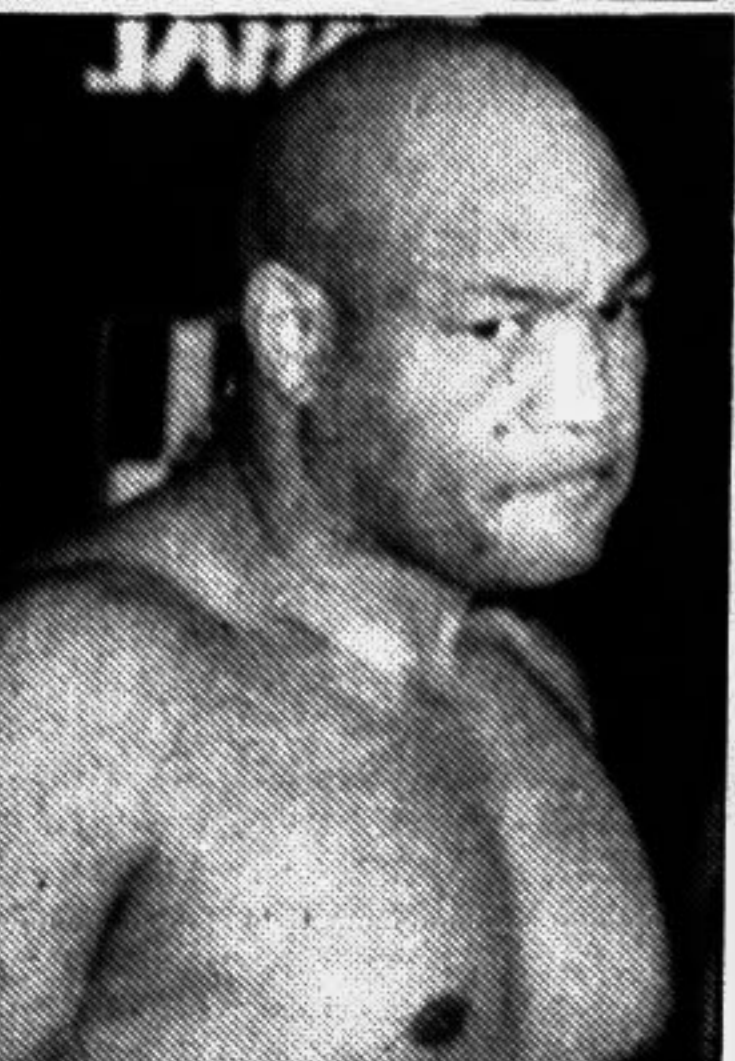


Sport

Column One SPORTS TALK



George Foreman (Champion heavyweight boxer) 'I have to go back to the church and I don't think I'll be boxing again.'

Boost sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-84 Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, on Dec 12, '97. 1. Who lifted the Chase Championships title? 2. Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tournament? 3. How many stadia will be used during France '98? 4. Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title? 5. Who won the Div II handball league?

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Pele wins a toughie

BRASILIA, Dec 11: A bill drawn up by sports minister Pele to modernise the organisation of Brazilian domestic soccer cleared its most difficult hurdle on Wednesday when it was passed by the Lower House of Congress, an official said, reports Reuters.

ACB faces media music

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec 11: A newspaper attack on Australia's cricket selectors over the national team's inept showing in the triangular one-day series, was 'publicity-seeking garbage', chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said today, reports AFP.

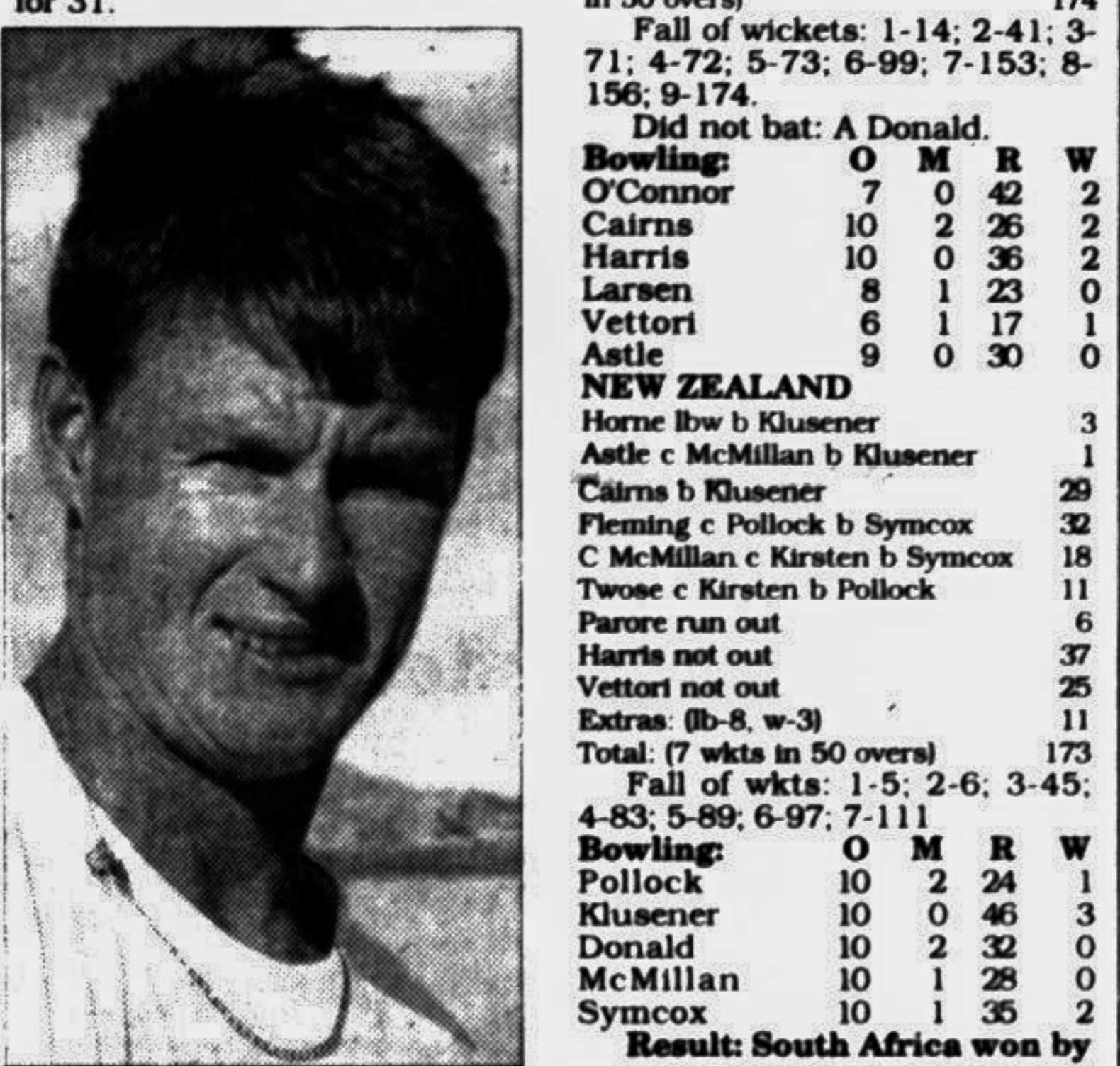
UAE booter banned

RIYADH, Dec 11: The United Arab Emirates have dropped striker Zuhair Bakheir from their squad for the Confederations' Cup in Saudi Arabia and banned him from playing for a year, officials said on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

S Africa stymie Kiwis

HOBART, Australia, Dec 11: South Africa held off a strong fight-back by underdogs New Zealand to win by one run in a thrilling end to their one-day cricket international at the Bellerive Oval here today, reports AFP.

Australia in Melbourne on Tuesday - yet they lead the series with two wins. The South Africans began brightly Thursday and were scoring at four runs an over, but a middle-order batting collapse halted their momentum when three wickets fell for two runs.



KLUSENER... m-o-m

Chris Cairns, Harris and Shayne O'Connor each took two wickets for New Zealand. A measure of New Zealand's tight bowling was that the South Africans managed only four boundaries and one six in their innings.

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Widener rankings No change in Aussie position

LONDON, Dec 11 (Reuters). Crisis-ridden West Indies have dropped to third place in the Wisden World Championship table after their crushing defeat in Pakistan, who completed a 3-0 Test series whitewash on Tuesday.

Pakistan rise to fourth, level with India, who dropped a point by drawing with Sri Lanka. Australia remain top of the standings after beating New Zealand 2-0.

The championship works by taking account of the Test series between the teams since 1990. The last time West Indies toured Pakistan (1990-91), they drew 1-1, so the 3-0 defeat this time costs them a point and Pakistan gain one.

Similarly, the last time Sri Lanka toured India (1993-94), they lost 3-0. So the 0-0 draw this time gains them a point and costs India one.

The Wisden Championship was among the proposals for a global championship of Test cricket discussed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) at their meeting in Calcutta on Monday and Tuesday.

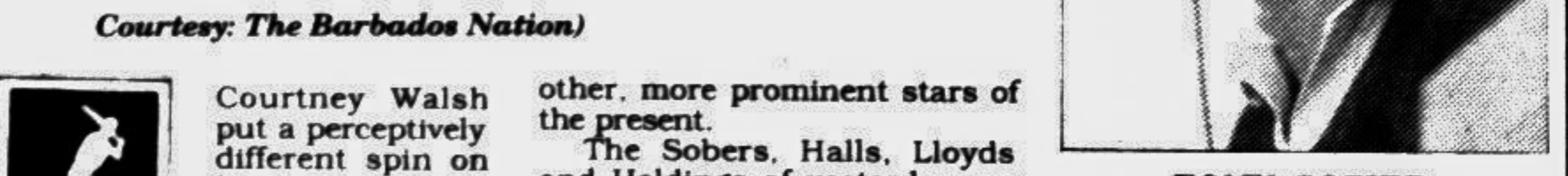
No firm decision was taken and the ICC will consider the alternative again at their next meeting in London in June next year.

Standings (tabulated under team, played, points): 1. Australia 14 22 2. South Africa 13 18 3. West Indies 13 17 4. Equal India 14 15 5. Equal Pakistan 13 14 6. Sri Lanka 15 13 7. England 14 11 8. Zimbabwe 10 5 9. New Zealand 16 7

Man-of-the-match: L Klusener. Umpires: McQuillan (Aus)/S Randell (Aus). STANDINGS: Team: P W L Pts. South Africa 4 3 1 6. New Zealand 3 1 2 2. Australia 3 1 2 2.

A kingdom's on the line

(Tony Cozier, now a popular TV commentator, wrote the story prior to the start of the third and final Test between West Indies and Pakistan which the hosts won by ten wickets. For the West Indies it was their worst series result in 69 years, since losing 3-0 to England in 1928.



TONY COZIER pastures and streets of the West Indies, where once the bat and the ball held sway, have converted mainly to football and basketball.

If there was ever any question as to the influence of television on the psyche of our youth it was graphically dispelled during the week of a picture on the front page of the Holiday Nation and a clip of a school's basketball match on CBC's Evening News.

The first was of a group of strapping young men racing down a hill in St. George on wooden skate boards, a straight copy from the so-called X-Games which are a favourite of ESPN, the American sports network.

The second showed the reaction to a three-pointer by frenzied spectators who sprinted across the court and started to clamour up the chain-link fence, just as they see them do for a goal in South American football.

It's a safe bet that not many of those youngsters have been up through the early hours getting into a deep depression as Andrew Mason, Fazeel Mohammed and Michael Holding bring sad tidings from Pakistan.

And it's just as certain that not many of them appreciate how pivotal cricket has been to the social development of our people or recognise the host of humble heroes it has produced.

Indeed, Courtney Walsh was spot on. It certainly isn't the best of times for our cricket to be passing through a crisis. It's the very future of what has been a way of life for us that is on the line here.

Juventus jive in late

LONDON, Dec 11: An 88th-minute goal by a Yugoslav in Athens ended the dreams of a team of Norwegian giants and sparked wild celebrations in Turin as the Champions' League group stage came to a furious finale on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

A night of fluctuating fortunes and late drama saw 1996 winners and last year's runners-up Juventus scrape into the quarterfinals by the skin of their teeth, along with Real Madrid, Monaco and Bayer Leverkusen.

Juventus needed to beat Manchester United to have any chance of claiming one of the two places as best runners-up and were making heavy work of it until Filippo Inzaghi struck seven minutes from time.

Friday 12th December (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change). BTV Morning Session: 8:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 8:10 Patriotic Songs 8:15 Alor Dahan 8:35 Kirita Jagat 9:00 News in Bangla 9:10 Avinandan 9:40 Cartoon Film 10:00 The News 10:05 Modar Gorob 10:15 Aalapan 10:35 Galpaktha 11:30 Pre-Script 11:45 English Debate 12:25 Second session programme summary.

STAR PLUS 6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 10:00 Ek Lamha Saath Tumhare 10:30 Post Card From Pakistan 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Media TV 12:30 Are You Being Served 1:00 Nine to Five 1:30 Murder She Wrote 2:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 3:00 Santa Barbara 4:00 The Central Maza 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00pm Kaleidoscope 6:30 Philips Meri Awaz Suno 7:00 Ghatun 7:15 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Ashok Masale Meri Pasand 8:30 Suneet Varna's Style Gurus 9:00 Master Card Family Fortunes 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garwal 10:30 Duet South 11:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 12:00 Santa Barbara 1:00 Star News 1:30 The Jewel in the Crown 2:30 Burke's Law 3:30 Vega 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

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