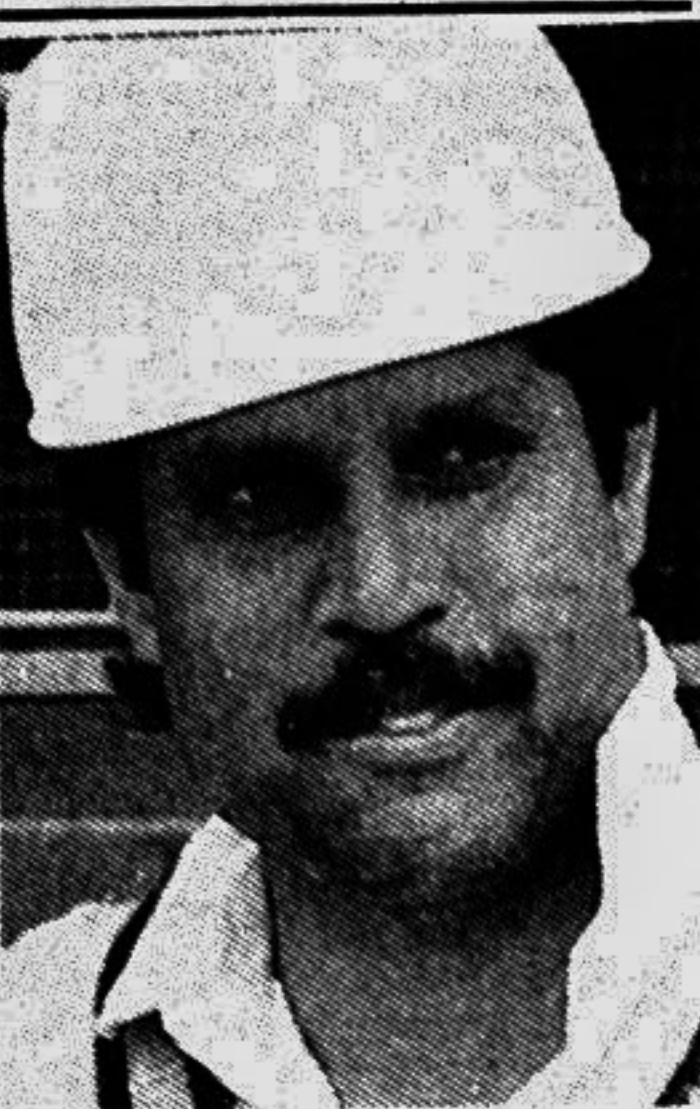


Column One SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev (Indian cricket great) "The fact that I was not consulted on the Rajesh Chauhan issue means that the ICC doubts my integrity." On the ICC directive against the off-spinner.

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Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 30, 1998

- 1. Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?
2. Which is the highest ODI individual score?
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Boxer arrested

NEW YORK, Jan 21: Mitch "Blood" Green, the heavyweight boxer who won a 45,000 dollars courtroom decision over Mike Tyson, was released without bail Tuesday after his arraignment on a drug charge, reports AP.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Manager Govt Transports Repair Workshop 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka Re-Tender Notice

- Sealed tenders are re-invited from the workshop enlisted suppliers & other bonafide motor parts suppliers for purchase of necessary parts/materials to use in vehicles of various makes & models at the Govt Transports Repair Workshop.
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Room for Waqar, not Wasim Rashid remains skipper

KARACHI, Jan 21: Pakistani cricket selectors dropped ace paceman Wasim Akram when they announced today the team to tour South Africa and Zimbabwe, reports AFP.

Fellow fast bowler Waqar Younis was included in the 15-member squad to be led by wicketkeeper Rashid Latif.

Younis was dropped from the team that finished runner-up to India in the Independence Cup in Dhaka last week.

Opening batsman Aamir Sohail will be Rashid Latif's deputy on the tour.

No reason was given for Akram's ouster, with one selector saying it was done on the advice of the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Sources linked the decision to match-fixing allegations against Akram that surfaced here after Pakistan lost in the Sharjah tournament in December under his captaincy.

Akram, currently in England, has denied the charges. He said earlier this month he would protest if he was excluded.

He has already announced he would never lead the side as

he was "sick and tired of the allegations and threats to his family."

The 30-year-old pacer has the distinction of taking over 300 wickets in Tests and one-day matches.



WAQAR YOUNIS

The team leaves for South Africa on Jan 25.

It will play three Tests and then leave for Zimbabwe to play two Tests and two one-day matches. They will return to South Africa to take part in a

triangular tournament also featuring Sri Lanka.

The Pakistan team is passing through a transformation phase and with new boys coming up it will be a difficult task to confront a formidable opponent like South Africa but we will do our best," Latif said.

He refused to comment on Akram's ouster and said that the selected combination "is a balanced one."

The team included one uncapped player in Younis, who is considered to be the "talent to watch," the team has four fast bowlers, two spinners, two wicketkeepers and seven specialist batsmen.

Pakistan will open the South Africa tour with a limited-over fixture against Nicky Openheimer at Renjiesfontein on January 29.

SQUAD Rashid Latif (capt), Aamir Sohail (vice-capt), Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Wasim, Azhar Mahmood, Yousuf Youhana, Moin Khan, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Akram, Mushaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq and Ali Naqvi. Officials: Asad Aziz (manager), Haroon Rashid (coach).

Soweto, building bridges

SOWETO, South Africa, Jan 21 (AFP): South African cricket, once the sole preserve of the "white man," is acquiring a different hue: fired by the success of the first black cricketer to play for the country, the Soweto Cricket Club is rapidly becoming the cradle of a sporting revolution.

The club's ground, the Soweto Cricket Oval, is an oasis of green surrounded by the sprawling black township's trademark mesh of matchbox housing and downtrodden humanity.

Beyond the small car park ringed by barbed wire, a man forages in a purified rubbish tip on the side of the dingy street. The grim surroundings are a reminder of the post-apartheid challenges ahead for the sports developers.

Incongruously, the sounds emanating from inside the ground — the slap of willow on leather as another ball heads for the boundary, the accompanying patter of polite applause — is reminiscent of an English village.

What once seemed just as incongruous is the idea that the sport of the privileged could flourish in the townships.

The opposing team is white and middle-class. The fact that they come to play in Soweto, cradle of a different kind of black uprising when students rioted against the apartheid education system in 1976, is progress in itself.

The environs may be grim, but the picture for multiracial sport in South Africa is gradually becoming brighter.

The Soweto club is at the forefront of a revolution, given impetus by 20-year-old Makhaya Ntini's historic appearance for the South African

team in a tournament in Australia on Friday.

Newly promoted to the First Division of the provincial league, the club is currently lying second and aiming to put township youngsters on the world's sporting map.

That day is fast approaching according to Khaya Majola, the United Cricket Board of South Africa director of development.

"I have these dreams of six or seven black players in the South African team playing before crowds 60 per cent black," says Majola.

"It's bit like Mandela when he was in Robben Island thinking about liberation. He was convinced it would happen, but he could not say when. I feel the same about those dreams."

Majola's dream has partly come true already: Five blacks and coloureds are starring in South Africa's under-19 team which is favourite to win the World Cup tournament underway here.

And there are signs that more are on their way. Across the country, a billboard advertisement showing a black child holding a cricket bat loudly proclaims, "Meet the Hansie of tomorrow" — a reference to Hansie Cronje, the Afrikaner captain of the national team.

Aggressive marketing coupled with a vast development programme in schools and townships has quadrupled the number of black cricketers.

South Africa now boasts 146,000 players between 13 and 18, as against 123,000 whites.

A huge success when compared to rugby — "slower out of the starting blocks" according to a cricket board spokesman — for which figures show 48,000

black players to 109,000 white.

Perhaps significantly, the national rugby team, the current world champions, has refused to abandon the Springbok symbol, strongly associated with white-minority Afrikaners, the nation's cricket team has instead adopted the protea, a South African flower, as its emblem.

"Development was something cricket wanted to do, it was something rugby had to do," says a cricket board source.

But Majola is accused of selling out whites by imposing a 50 per cent quota of non-whites in under-12 teams.

"Some white people see a young kid and say that if it was not for the development programme, my kid would be playing there. At the same time we are accused of not doing enough for blacks," he says.

"There is still strong but subtle resistance within the cricketing establishment," according to Soweto coach Reuben Tseladimitwa.

"Talented black players have difficulty coming through in the provincial teams. For instance, our best player, Walter Masemola has been picked several times in the Gauteng team, but always as a substitute."

Masemola is from Alexandra township, which has replaced Soweto as Johannesburg's most dangerous and deprived ghetto. For Masemola and countless others like him, Soweto Cricket Club with its slogan emblazoned on a wall: "Building teams, building dreams," is a beacon of hope.

Says Tseladimitwa: "Everybody wants to get out of the ghetto, be it through cricket, football, or rugby."

Tour of Nagano Village

NAGANO, Japan, Jan 21: Japan unveiled its Nagano Olympic Village to the media today with a pledge of tight security to guard against any attacks during next month's world-class Winter Games, reports AFP.

"Security is our top priority," Village Mayor Shozo Sasahara told a news conference here during a press preview of the newly-built facility four days before its official opening ceremony.

"We have to be on alert, putting the worst scenario in mind at any time," the mayor said.

The mayor referred to the "black September" murder of 11 Israelis at the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics Village and the Centennial Olympic Park at the Atlanta Games.

"Nagano is called a safe place, but we are determined to avoid any trouble at any cost," Sasahara said. "And then we want to welcome athletes and

officials warmly."

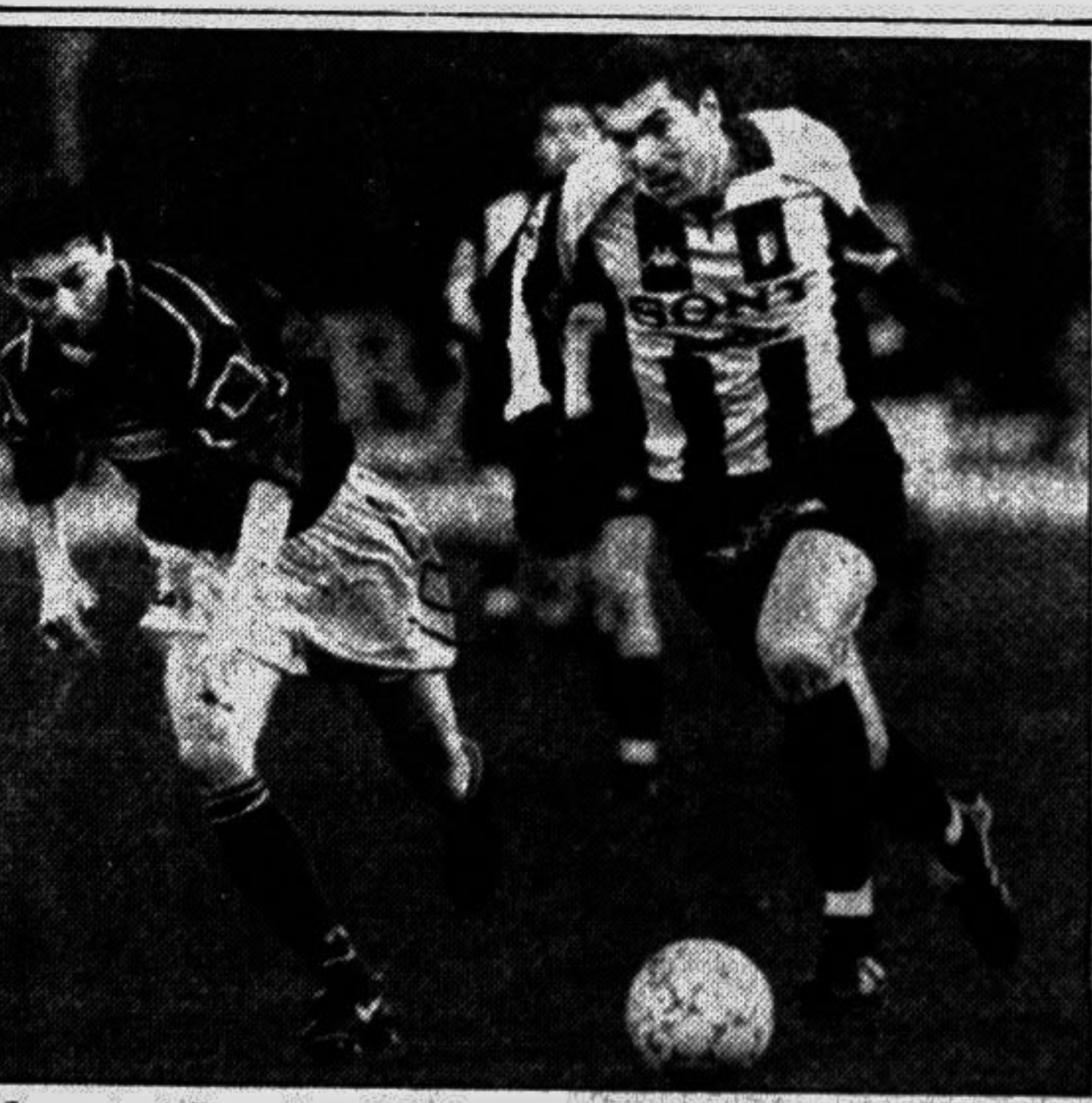
The village is seven kilometres (four miles) south of central Nagano, home to some 3,000 competitors and officials during the 16-day Winter Games opening on February 7.

All those entering the Village, including the mayor, are required to pass through metal detectors at two security gates.

Village officials declined to clarify further details of the security system. Authorities plan to mobilise a total of 6,000 police in the city during the Games.

The 1,030 units in the complex, mostly housed in five- or six-storey towers, overlook elevated railways of a new bullet train, which started operation last October.

The Nagano Olympics will be the biggest Winter Games yet with more than 70 countries expected to participate, officials said.



Juventus' French midfielder Zinedine Zidane (R) rushing towards the Fiorentina goal during their Italian Cup quarterfinal second leg match in Turin on Jan 20. The two teams drew 0-0, but Juventus entered semifinals on aggregate.

Rain delays resumption of cricket

Sports Reporter

The resumption of domestic cricket before the Eid vacation seemed highly unlikely as an unseasonal rain lashed the capital yesterday.

Although the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) had a meeting last evening, it failed to announce a fresh date to resume all the major cricketing activities suspended last week of December for smooth holding of the Independence Cup cricket tournament involving India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Weather permitting, the two quarterfinal matches of the Bijoy Dibosh Cricket tournament -- Abahani versus Biman and Brothers versus Surjo Tarun -- will be held in between January 25-27. While the semifinal of the eight-team knock-out tournament is slated to begin from February 7.

The Janakantha Premier Division cricket league will restart after the Bijoy Dibosh tournament.

Besides, the CCDM has also decided to start the relegation league of the First Division cricket from January 25. But the Super league will commence from February 8.

Faridpur grill Gazipur

Sports Reporter

Musa Miah scored seven goals including a hat-trick to steer Faridpur to a huge 14-0 victory over Gazipur in one of the three matches of the 20th National championship, held at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The national centre-half, who struck the second goal after Rubel opened up the flood-gate for the star-studded Faridpur in the very first minute, went on a rampage in the second session to complete the Gazipur rout.

The winners led the first half 8-0.

But that had hardly satiated a marauding Musa, who struck three goals within the space of only three minutes to complete the second hat-trick of the meet shortly after the breather.

Musa apart, Ashiq, an upstart from BKSP, scored three goals while former national captain Mahabub Haroon and Rubel even shared the other four in a goal-fest second encounter of the day.

In the first match of the day, BKSP got off to an unimpressive start, eliminated a lowly-rated Jessore District by 3-0.

Shahidullah and Rubel Kabir scored one goal apiece to give BKSP a 2-0 lead at the breather before Ehsan sealed the fate of the match scoring the third four minutes into the second half.

BKSP will now take on Faridpur in the quarterfinal tomorrow.

Meanwhile, in the other engagement of the day, Bangladesh Army rolled up a hapless Sylhet (9-0) with Serajul and Hasan slotting three goals each.

Abdus Salam, who opened the account in the third minute of a lop-sided affair, struck his second goal in the 26th minute to give Army an unassailable 4-0 lead in the first half. While, Tarique scored the sixth goal in 53rd minute.

India A go to Pakistan on Feb 1

MUMBAI, Jan 21: The India A squad is scheduled to play three four-day "Tests" and as many one-dayers against their Pakistani counterparts on their forthcoming tour to the neighbouring country in February-March, reports PTI.

The team, which is to leave for Karachi on February 1, would play the "Tests" at Rawalpindi (Feb 13-16), Peshawar (Feb 24-27) and Sialkot (Mar 7-10) before taking on their rivals in the three one-day matches at Lahore (Mar 13 and 15) and Karachi (Mar 17), as per the tour itinerary released here by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The Indian squad is also scheduled to play four three-day tour games at Karachi (Feb 3-5), Peshawar (Feb 8-10), Rawalpindi (Feb 19-21) and Lahore (Mar 2-4) during their 45-day visit.

The side matches would be against the Karachi City Cricket Association, Peshawar Division Cricket Association, Rawalpindi Division Cricket Association and Lahore City Cricket Association.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Jan 21: Chantika Krita Chakra clinched the championship of the 10th Ishpani Pioneer football competition beating Chandgaon Ekadosh 2-1 in the final match at Dampara Police Lines ground here today, reports BSS.

The first half ended in goal-less.

Mujib scored twice for Chantika in the 3rd and 17th minute of the second half.

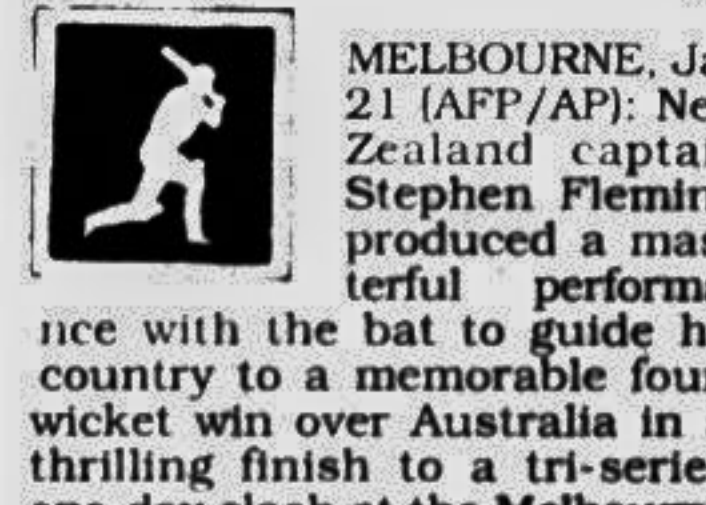
Hasan scored one for Chandgaon just before the long whistle.

Shahiduzzaman Taher of Chantika was adjudged the best player-of-the-final.

Abis of Mahanagari Club won the prize as the highest scorer netting 10 goals in the competition.

Mirza Mehedi Ispahani, director of the Ishpani Group of Companies, distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Kiwis fly on Fleming wings



MELBOURNE, Jan 21 (AFP/AP): New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming produced a masterful performance with the bat to guide his country to a memorable four-wicket win over Australia in a thrilling finish to a tri-series one-day clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today.

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But the success will give them a great fillip for the four one-day games against Australia in New Zealand before the end of the summer.

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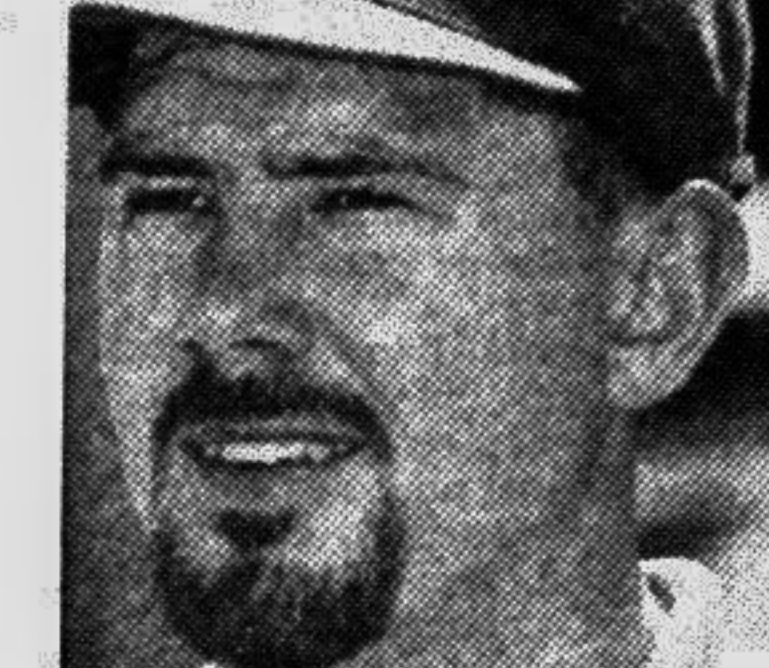
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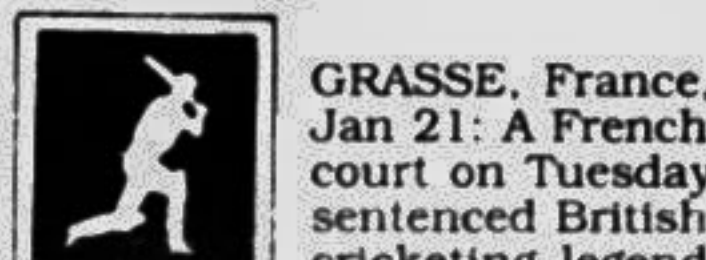
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Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-26; 3-42; 4-178; 5-219; 6-226. Did not bat: D Nash, D Vettori, S O'Connor.

Bowling: Wilson 10 1 30 3 Reiffel 8 1 31 0 Moody 10 1 52 2 Harvey 8 0 42 0 Warne 8 1 0 50 1 Bevan 5 0 33 0

Result: New Zealand won by four wickets. Player-of-the-match: Stephen Fleming.

Boycott gets into hot water



GRASSE, France, Jan 21: A French court on Tuesday sentenced British cricketing legend Geoffrey Boycott to a suspended three-month prison term for an attack on his ex-lover 15 months ago, reports Reuters.

The 57-year-old former Yorkshire and England cricketer-turned-commentator was found guilty in his absence of assaulting Margaret Moore who said he beat her in a French riverside hotel.

Boycott's lawyer said he would launch an immediate appeal.

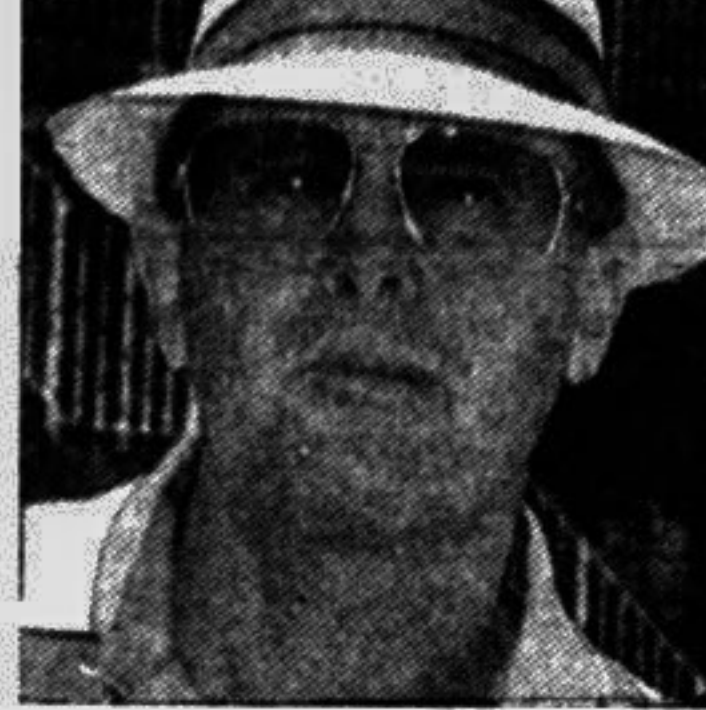
Moore told the court Boycott threatened to kill her if she ever told the press of the incident. Boycott has denied beating her and has said she fell during an argument.

Moore recounted the row, which occurred at a hotel in the exclusive Cap D'Antibes resort near Nice on October 2, 1996, as she was on a trip for the computer company she heads.

She said Boycott accused her of poorly negotiating his television contracts, she threw his

toiletries out of the window and he hit her.

Moore has said she suffered black eyes and bruising to her



GEOFFREY BOYCOTT

nose, cheeks, lips and jaw — injuries that kept her off work for five days.

In a statement to Britain's Press Association (PA) news agency, Boycott denied Moore's allegations on Tuesday evening.

"She's obviously continuing to tell lies and is a bitter and vindictive woman who is clearly out to destroy me," Boycott told PA through his solicitor.

Boycott, now a millionaire author and broadcaster, said he could not attend the trial, in the southern town of Grasse, citing professional commitments and had asked the court to postpone the hearing.

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McManaman not moving

LONDON, Jan 21: Liverpool's England international Steve McManaman on Tuesday denied reports he's agreed to a 12-million pound (19.3 million dollars) transfer to Spanish giants Barcelona, reports AP.

The Spanish daily El Mundo, quoting Barcelona vice president Joan Gaspart, said McManaman would join the club after this summer's World Cup in France — provided coach Louis Van Gaal wanted him.

Liatti leads in Monte Carlo

1997 Monte Carlo Rally winner, Piero Liatti, currently leads the 555 Subaru World Rally Team's assault on one of the world's most unpredictable and difficult events. The Italian, and co-driver, Fabrizio Pons are lying third overnight after Sunday's opening six special stages and 120 competitive

kilometres. Teammate and 1995 World Champion, Colin McRae, is placed 5th overnight after a frustrating day, says a press release.

Held on French mountain roads northwest of Monte Carlo, the stages are notoriously difficult to judge. Snow and ice are a major character-

istic but, interspersed with sections of dry and wet tarmac, create dilemmas with tyre choice and the threat of a miscalculation around each corner.

Despite a cautious start, Piero Liatti stormed into the lead after special stage 2, five seconds ahead of Carlos Sainz, but the whole field struggled to match the times of Tommi Makinen who won four of today's special stages.

Teammate Colin McRae and co-driver, Nicky Grist, finished the day in fifth position, climbing back up through the field after setting a fast time on the penultimate stage — the longest of the day at 31 kilometres. The Scot excelled on the wet but drying tarmac in conditions well suited to his driving style, but finished the day frustrated by the ever-changing conditions.

Leg 2 of the Monte Carlo Rally started January 20 from the overnight halt in Gap.



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