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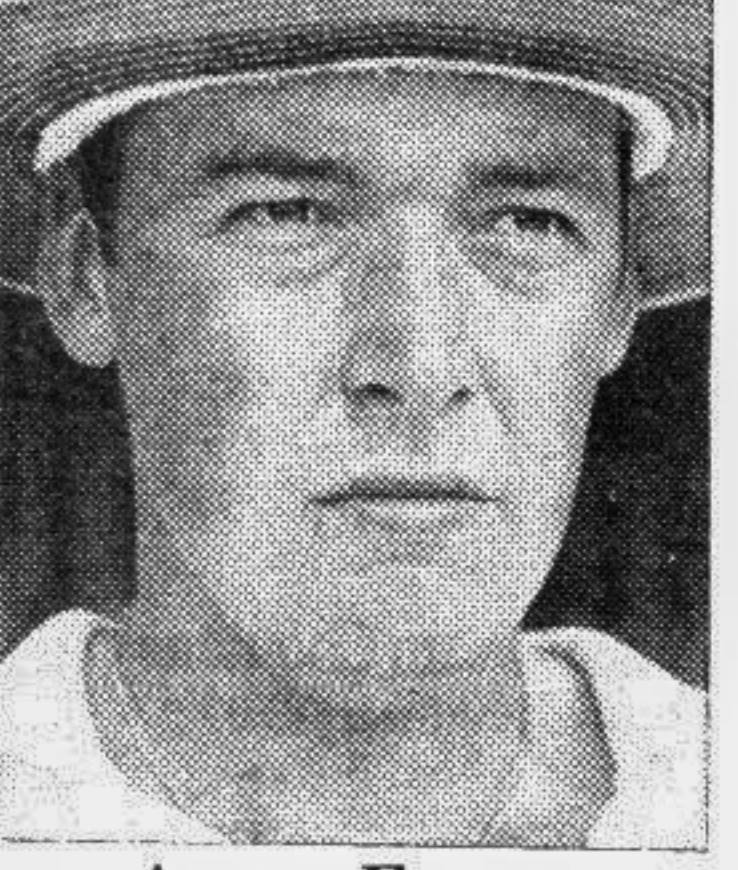


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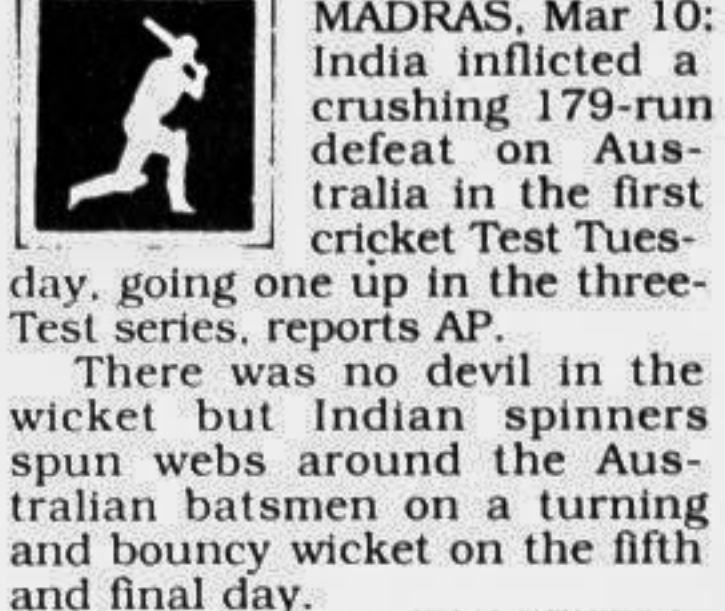
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India dent Aussie ego



MADRAS, Mar 10: India inflicted a crushing 179-run defeat on Australia in the first cricket Test Tuesday...

Mark Waugh's twin brother, Steve put up some resistance but he too got out to a bat and pad catch decision off Raju after scoring 27 runs.



TENDULKAR ... p-o-m

Warne scored a brisk 35. India owned their victory to an awesome batting display by former captain Tendulkar on Monday.

The Australians will play a three-day side game beginning Friday. The second Test match begins in Calcutta on March 18.

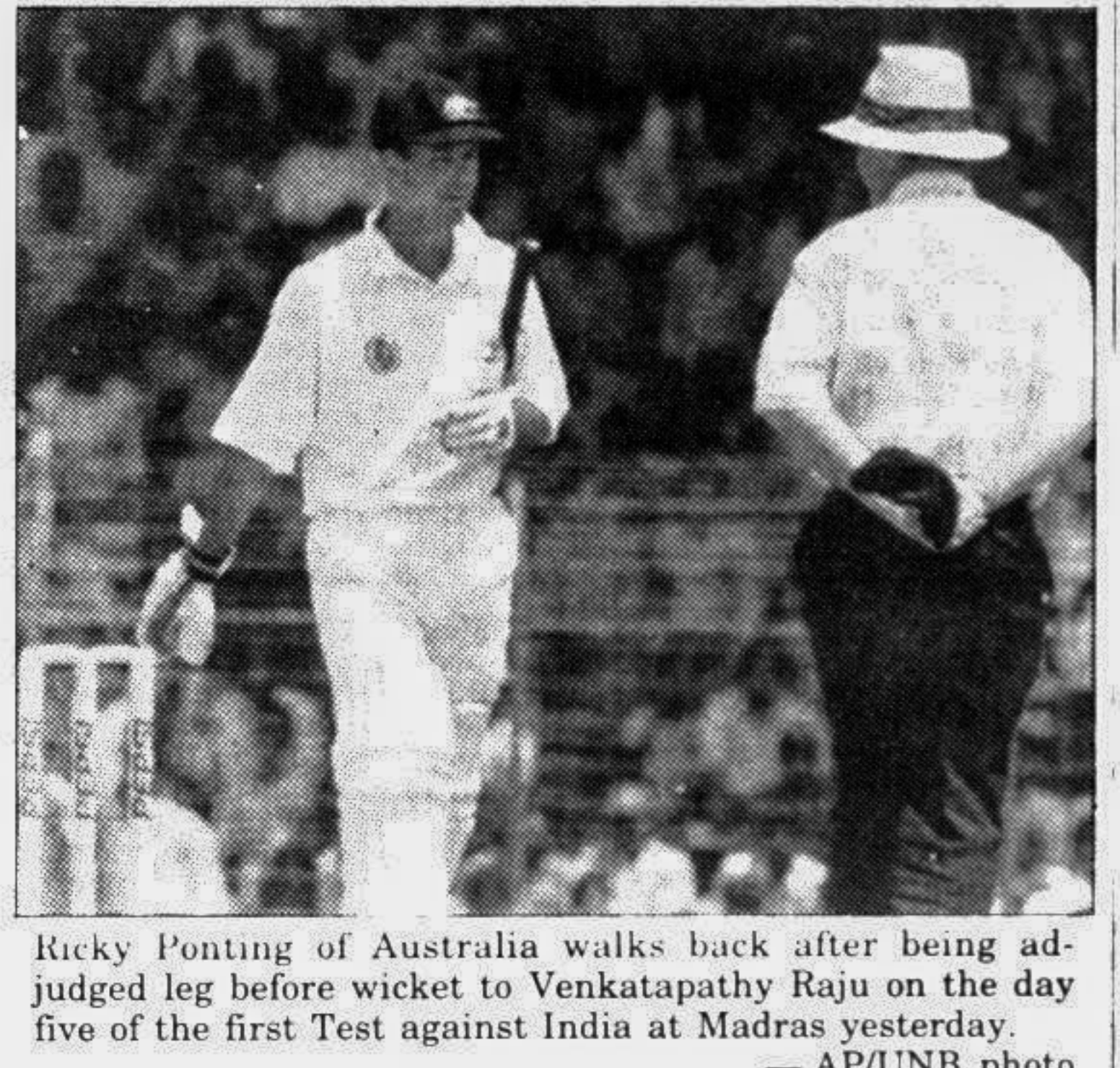
SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the final day of the first Test between India and Australia on Tuesday:

Scoreboard table with columns for team (INDIA/AUSTRALIA), innings, and player names.

Bowling: O M R W Srinath 6 4 9 1 Harvinder 2 0 9 0 Chauhan 22 7 66 2 Kumble 25 7 46 4 Raju 15 4 31 3 Result: India won by 179 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar (India) Second Test at Calcutta (March 18-22).

Third Test at Bangalore (March 25-29).



Ricky Ponting of Australia walks back after being adjudged leg before wicket to Venkatapathy Raju on the day five of the first Test against India at Madras yesterday.

WC woes for Japan, ROK

TOKYO, Mar 10 (AFP): Japan and South Korea are both looking to boost their World Cup squads after struggling in the Dynasty Cup tournament.

It over then watch the video replays. Okada, who had never managed a team, took over as head coach from Shu Kamo last October and successfully turned around Japan's fortunes in their World Cup qualifying campaign.

China's coach Bobby Houghton said Japan and South Korea had "some very talented players who show good movement and skill."

South Korea are looking to win a match for the first time in what will be their fifth World Cup finals. The prospect of arch-rivals Japan getting ahead worries them even more.

Japan is physically inferior even in Asia. But there's nothing we can do about it, said Japanese head coach Takeshi Okada of the defeat.

Ken Naganuma, head of the Japanese Football Association, said the team had been "too defensive." The JFA also plans special World Cup planning meetings this week.

Afridi to join Pak squad

PORT ELIZABETH, Mar 10: Pakistan said today Akhtar Sarfraz and Shahid Afridi would join the squad for the Zimbabwe leg of their Southern Africa tour and two other players would be sent home, reports Reuters.

Speaking after the first Test against South Africa, captain Rashid Latif said the two new players would join the tour in Zimbabwe where the first Test starts in Bulawayo on March 14.

Mongia punished

MADRAS, India, Mar 10: Indian wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia was today fined 50 per cent of his match fees for showing dissent during the first Test against Australia here, reports AFP.

Match referee Peter Van Den Merwe of South Africa said Mongia was booked for showing his bat to the umpire after being given leg-before-off Greg Blewett on Sunday.

There will also be a one-match suspended sentence for the player, Merwe said. Mongia will be banned for one match in case he shows dissent in future.

Merwe, however, did not take any action against Australian batsman Ricky Ponting, who stood his ground and left the wicket cursing after being declared caught by Mongia off Venkatapathy Raju on Saturday.

"We have taken everything into consideration," Merwe said. "There is a difference between dissent and disappointment."

The Indian team management refused to comment on the match referee's action.

Graf, Hingis sail

INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 10 (AP/Reuters): Steffi Graf is back. Playing in just her second tournament and fourth match since undergoing knee surgery eight months ago, the 28-year-old Graf was in top form Monday as she demolished Japan's Ai Sugiyama 6-0, 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals of the 1.25 million dollars State Farm Evert Cup.

Earlier, top-seeded Martina Hingis also won, defeating Meike Babel of Germany 6-2, 6-0, first-round match in the Newsweek Champions Cup which is running concurrently at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort.

Graf looked like her champion self against Sugiyama, taking only 43 minutes to wrap up the third-round victory. The big forehand that made her No 1 in the world for a record 374 weeks was once again finding the far lines and corners. And she moved on the court as she did before the surgery.

"I didn't really think I would go out and play like that tonight. I felt great. I was going for my shots. Played very deep, pretty hard. I felt pretty good. I needed to find out if I'm capable and the knee is capable to take it."

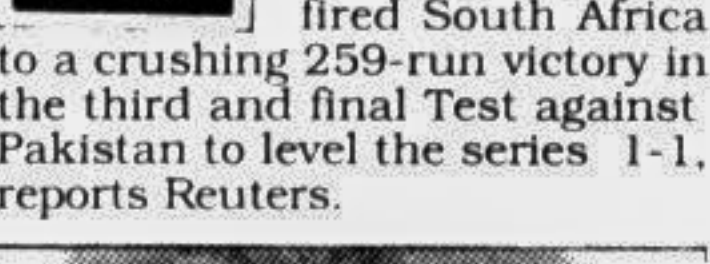
Graf earned a quarterfinal meeting with 15th seed Natasha Zvereva of Belarus, who upset sixth-seeded Romanian Irina Spirlea 6-3, 7-5.

Unseeded American Sandra Candic also reached the quarterfinals by topping ninth seed Sandrine Testud of France 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, taking both tie breaks 7-3.

Hingis will next face the winner of Tuesday's match between Russian teenager Anna Kournikova and fifth-seeded Spaniard Conchita Martinez.

SA square the series in style

Fanie's fitting farewell



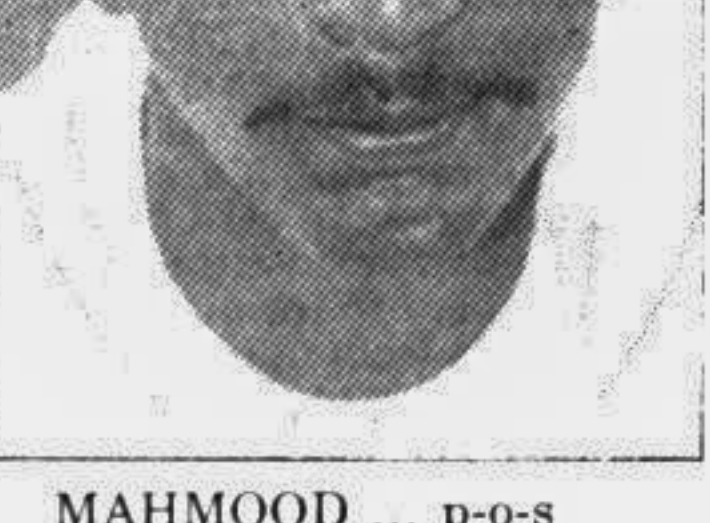
PORT ELIZABETH, Mar 10: Fanie de Villiers, with his last ball in Test cricket, fired South Africa to a crushing 259-run victory in the third and final Test against Pakistan to level the series 1-1, reports Reuters.

The 33-year-old yorkeed Shoab Akhtar to finish with figures of two for 25 and eight for 48 in the match. Donald claimed four for 27 for a match haul of eight for 74.

The first Test was drawn in Johannesburg and Pakistan won the second Test by 29 runs in Durban.

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MAHMOOD ... p-o-s



DE VILLIERS

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif pointed to the devastating fast bowling of Donald as the key factor.

"When he reduced us to 20 for four in the first innings we never recovered. He was the difference. He is a very fine bowler," Latif said.

"When the second day was washed out I think we relaxed because we thought the game would be a draw. Then Donald hit us on the third morning and we never recovered," Latif admitted.

"It was very important for us to come back after Durban," Cronje said.

"The United Cricket Board Executive president Krish Mackerdhui, managing director Ali Bacher and selection convenor Peter Pollock spoke to us after that match and emphasized the importance of winning here," Cronje told a news conference.

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FIFA discloses innovations

PARIS, Mar 10: FIFA announced Monday that, for the first time, World Cup nations can keep a third goalkeeper on standby at home to make more room for field players on the 22-strong squad. Some said such a move could be suicidal for the team, reports AP.

self exposed with no goalkeeper on the bench in case of a suspension.

"It would be idiotic to do so. It would be the work of a suicide pilot," said Belgian coach Georges Leekens at a two-day World Cup workshop for the 32 participating nations.

The issue of adding more players to the 22-strong roster was highlighted during the 1996 European Championships, when Germany was hit with so many injuries that they feared they would not be able to field a balanced team for the final against the Czech Republic.

In an exceptional concession, the UEFA European soccer federation allowed Germany to bring in an extra midfielder. The move was much criticised but Germany did need the fresh recruit during the final, which they won 2-1.

Any request to bring in the third goalkeeper during the June 10-July 12 tournament will have to be submitted to the medical and organising committee of the World Cup, which will make a final ruling.

Other issues addressed at

the World Cup workshop: The full team rosters of 22 players will have to be submitted to FIFA by June 2, with possibilities for injury-related changes lasting up to June 10, the day of the opening game.

French security officials warned hooligans that creating problems at the World Cup will come at a heavy cost. If convicted, prison sentences can last as long as three years, and fines can go as high as 100,000 francs.

FIFA is working on additional criteria to make the flip of a coin in the case of a first-round tie a near-impossibility.

The top two teams of the eight four-nation groups advance to the second round, which has direct elimination.

The first round is decided along the following criteria — points, goal difference, number of goals and the result of the direct confrontation. FIFA is working on a system to add more criteria and will report to the qualifying nations within the coming weeks, officials said.

For the first time, the World Cup will use the Golden Goal rule, the system which was first introduced during the 1996 European Championships.

The first team to score during extra time, automatically wins the game. Germany won Euro '96 final against the Czech Republic on the golden goal principle when Oliver Bierhoff scored in extra time.

Biman athletics

The annual athletics competition of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will be held at the Army Stadium at Banani today, reports UNB.

Some 608 athletes from 17 units of Bangladesh Biman are expected to participate in 38 events of the meet.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the day-long meet at 9:00 am.

The Daily Star TV Guide

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