

Sheffield Shield roundup

ADELAIDE, Oct 24: New South Wales batsman Corey Richards clubbed an unbeaten century but it was not enough to ensure a Sheffield Shield cricket victory against South Australia here Friday, reports AFP.

When skipper Greg Blewett declared SA's second innings at 236 for six midway through Friday's first session, NSW were left with a victory target of 334 runs at just under four runs an over.

The blues, missing seven of their Test players in Pakistan, came up 72 runs short at 262 for six, with Richards finishing unbeaten on 110 from 160 balls including 10 fours and two sixes.

Richards was supported by a breezy 54 from opener Rodney Division and Michael Bevan's 41.

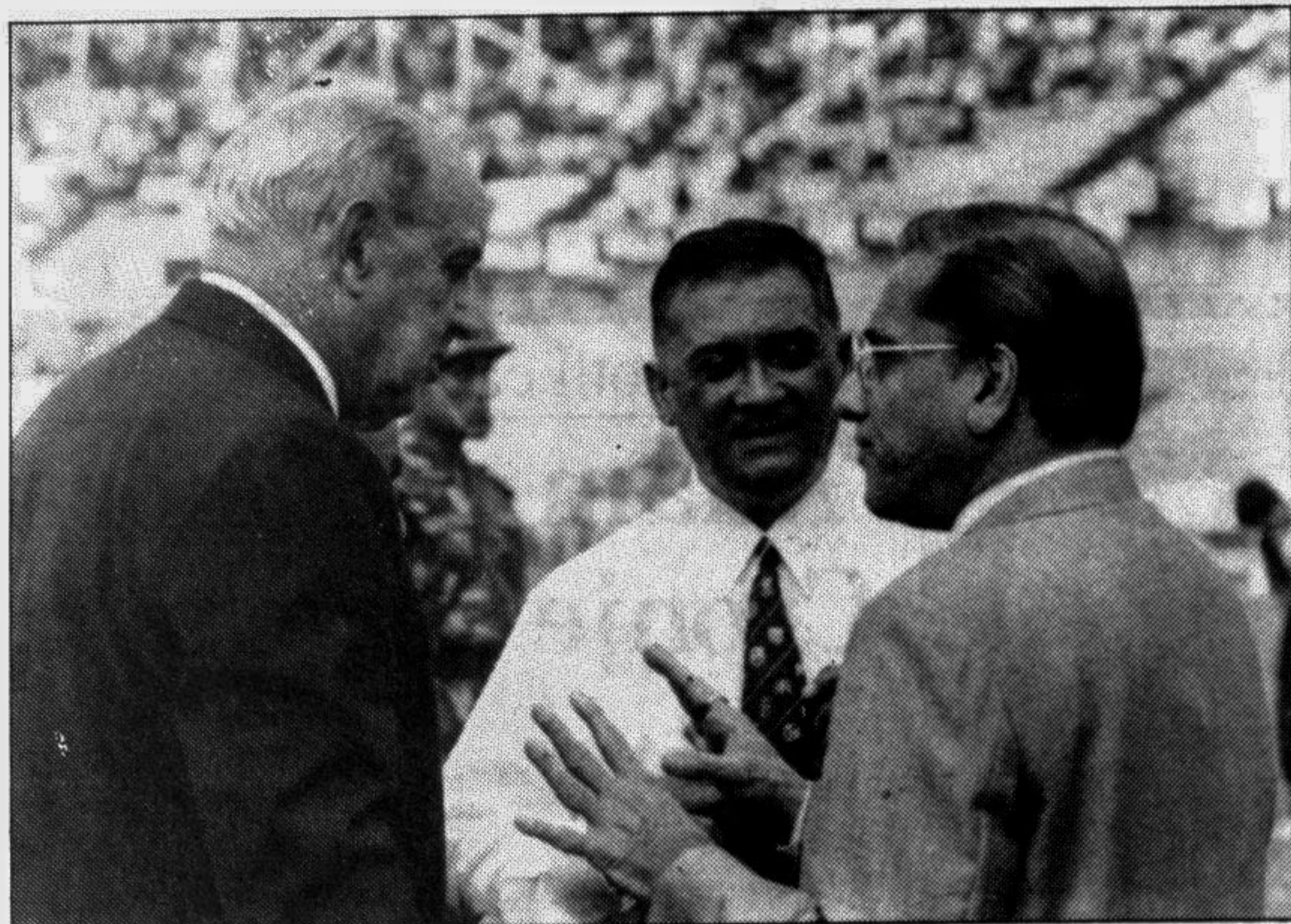
South Australia came out of the draw with innings points. In Brisbane, National Cricket Academy graduate Simon Katich hit a maiden first-class century as champions Western Australia moved into a powerful position against Queensland.

Katich was unbeaten on 104 and Damien Mariny 26 not out at the close on the third day with was 261 for two in their second innings.

Western Australia led by 227 after Queensland took the first innings points earlier Friday by declaring at 343 for nine in response to the champions' first innings of 309.

In Melbourne, Tasmania turned a near-certain loss into a bold bid for outright victory on day three of their match against Victoria.

Opener Jamie Cox (27 not out) and Michael Divenuto (37 not out) posted the biggest partnership of a low-scoring match to leave Tasmania well-placed at 71 for one at stumps, chasing 331 runs for victory.



International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya (R) having a chat with match referees Rama Subba Row (L) and Ebrahim Isaacs before yesterday's match. — Star photo

Lillee sends down a fireball

PERTH, Australia, Oct 24: England captain Alec Stewart hit out early after arriving in Australia on Friday, declaring that his side's mission was to win the Ashes and take them back home, reports AFP.

And the dismissed a suggestion by Australian bowling great Dennis Lillee that England was already "running scared" before the five-Test series for the sport's oldest prize has begun.

Stewart, who spent eight seasons playing in Perth, put on a confident display at the first media-conference of the four-month tour.

"We haven't just turned up to have a game," the 35-year-old captain and batsman said less than 12 hours after his 17-member squad got off their 30-hour flight from London.

"We have come to win the Ashes and take them back home, and we'll be giving it our best shot."

Stewart assured, we are not just turning up just to make up the numbers and have a holiday. We are here to do a job and do it well."

A number of England players had competed against Australia before and come off second best, he said.

"But we have just had a good summer against South Africa, coming back from 0-1 down to win 2-1. If we can show that type of form, and improve on that, then we'll be competitive against Australia, and even go one better than that and beat them."

"However, I accept we are the underdog going into the series." England have been beaten in the past five Ashes series, winning a mere four Tests to Australia's 17 victories.

Stewart was asked about Lillee's comments in an Australian paper Friday under the heading England make opening blunder — that the tourists were "running scared" because they

Peter Philpott to help them work out how to combat Warner, if he is fit to play after shoulder surgery.

"No, we are not running scared," Stewart insisted. "Lillee was a magnificent bowler, a cricket legend, and he is entitled to his opinion."

"We lost the last series against Australia 2-3, we were one up, then played poorly, before coming back to win the last one. So we did okay, but not enough to win a series."

"So if we can improve on that... hopefully by the end of the series, we may reverse those headlines."

Team manager Graham Gooch, a former England captain who has known the bitterness of being a losing skipper in Australia, shares Stewart's optimism about the tour.

"We know that we can beat any cricket side in the world," he said. "But we have to play at our best to do that. There are four weeks to the first Test, we have to build up and peak at the right time."

Stewart and Gooch emphasised they hoped Warner would recover from his shoulder problem in time to play in the Tests.

Warne is probably the best spin bowler the game has ever seen," Stewart said. "I very much hope he is fit to play."

Gooch said: "Shane is a top performer. As a Test cricketer, you want to test yourself against the best, there's no way we want him to be injured and not play."

In a fascinating turn of events, Lillee, 49, will make a brief comeback to play for the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI against England in the opening match of the tour next Thursday.

There is even a distinct possibility the old warhorse will send down the first ball of the game — and perhaps to Stewart.

NEW YORK, Oct 24: The US national soccer teams will make 64 appearances on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2 in the next four years, reports AP.

The agreement, announced Thursday, calls for ABC to air four games a year, with ESPN and ESPN2 doing at least 12 a year. That includes coverage of both the men's and women's team.

The games will include World Cup qualifiers played in the United States, US Cup tournament games, and international exhibitions.

Kaiser new DFB VP

WIESBADEN, Germany, Oct 24: Franz Beckenbauer was elected vice-president of the German soccer federation (DFB) today, reports Reuters.

The legendary libero, 53, was appointed by 185 votes to 16 with two abstentions at the DFB's annual congress.

The 203 delegates had earlier agreed unanimously to give president Egidius Braun another three-year term.

The 73-year-old Braun, who has been in charge since 1992, said his third term would be his last.

Beckenbauer is currently the Bayern Munich president. His last job with the DFB was as national coach when he steered Germany to victory in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

As well as helping to develop German soccer, the 1974 World Cup star is expected to promote the country's bid to host the 2006 finals, the venue will be decided in March 2000.

Lucic vents her anger

ZAGREB, Oct 24: Croatian teenager Mirjana Lucic, who fled to the United States after a fierce clash with her father, accused him today of trying to end her tennis career, reports Reuters.

"He wants to stop me playing tennis. As early as (this year's) Wimbledon he told me he would make sure I never play tennis again," the 16-year-old Lucic told Jutarnji List in an interview.

Lucic, accompanied by her mother, two sisters and two younger brothers, left her father Marinko and moved to Florida in August.

In subsequent interviews Lucic has said that her father, who held a tight rein on her career, was a tyrant who beat her severely every time she lost a match.

Her father, a former Olympic decathlete, has denied the charges.

Lucic, asked if she had heard that Marinko planned to go to the United States for an attempt at reconciliation, said: "Forget it. We have been through too much, we don't want to see him."

"The way things are now, I am not going to go back to Croatia soon, until I feel safe," she said.

Lucic, who won the Australian Open women's doubles title with Martina Hingis in January, is currently the 20th top money winner on the women's tour, with career earnings listed at 274,905 dollars.

Only if fans want ...

WASHINGTON, Oct 24: Evander Holyfield said Friday that he won't fight Mike Tyson in near future, but if boxing fans want a rematch, he could change his plan, reports Xinhua.

Tyson got back his licence after biting Holyfield's ears in a title bout 15 months ago.

Holyfield, WBA and IBF champion, said: "I can't say I learned his lesson, time tells that."

The 36-year-old heavyweight champion said he expected to unify the title when he fights WBC titleholder Lennox Lewis in late February or early March.

"I would be the undisputed champion of the world, I guess after that I would see how bad the people want me to fight Mike Tyson," Holyfield said.

"I've already beat him twice, so, it's not how bad I want to beat him, but how bad the people want me to fight him," he added.

Holyfield wants to fight Lewis. "We're both on contract to fight. The people will get an opportunity to see who is really the best," Holyfield said.

'can't be compared with Sanath'

Syed Ashfaqul Haque and Al-Amin

Marvan Atapattu by all accounts, is best described as a modest and mild-mannered islander. One doesn't need any time to decide where the elegant right-hander really belongs. His stroke-play and style make him stand out from the rest. Sri Lanka has unearthed a world class batsman in the 28-year-old from Kalutara.

Although tipped as the most talented, promising player to come out from the 'emerald islands', he made an inauspicious start to his Test career against India in 1990-91 that almost threw him into oblivion. But after scoring heavily in domestic cricket he won the selectors' nod again. And since then there has been no looking back.

He plays club cricket for SSC (Singhalese Sports Club), which is led by Aravinda de Silva.

Besides cricket, Atapattu, whose off-drive is a treat to watch, works as a marketing officer in a private bank named Sampath Bank.

The introvert Lankan has scored two hundreds and 11 fifties in his 50 appearances so far in one-day internationals at a respectable 39.75. The Daily Star Sport had a heart-to-heart with Atapattu at the Sonargaon Hotel Friday.

The Daily Star: You were overlooked for the World Cup in 1996. Are you looking forward to the Wills International Cup?

Marvan Atapattu: I was in the side but didn't get a chance to play. But through my performances I'm guaranteed a place in the side today. So things have gone well in recent past.

DS: You had a horrible start to international cricket.

MA: Yes, it's against India. Out of six innings I got five ducks at the start of my Test career. It's very frustrating.

DS: Tell us about your struggle to get into the national side.

MA: Personally I play cricket for the love of the game. I just love it and if I get dropped tomorrow from the national side, even then I'll keep on playing for my club.

DS: How much time do you devote to practice everyday?

MA: In the morning we undergo a physical training session and then its another 3 1/2 hours in the afternoon.

DS: When there's no tournament do you still practice? Give us an idea about the schedule.

MA: While are off we continue the practice. The physio normally gives us a schedule. But its comparatively easier.

DS: What do you prefer doing when taking a time-out from cricket?

MA: You see I have been married for one and half years now. And my wife is expecting a child, so the answer is simple.

DS: Congratulations in advance. You have long been rated as one of the most talented young batsman. But things just didn't click. How did you really feel after scoring your first one-day hundred?

MA: Oh! It's pleasing... because of the amount I put in. Just being talented does not mean that you don't need to practice and can stay away from hard work. So many talented players are trying to stake a claim in the national side that's why you can't take things for granted.

DS: Who is your source of inspiration?

MA: Obviously my parents. They kept encouraging me. They love cricket. Besides them, I want to mention the names of Dave Whatmore (former Sri Lanka coach) and my local coach (who is also the mentor of Aravinda de Silva) who gave me

and Allan Donald are very difficult to deal with. (Javagal) Srinath however gave me lot of trouble at Mohali last year.

DS: Your most thrilling experience in cricket?

MA: Although I was not a playing member... But the joy we had with the World Cup victory was amazing.

DS: Which one is your best innings so far?

MA: The century (132 not out) at Lord's against England (in the final of the tri-nation Emirates Cup).

DS: Jayasuriya and you make a contrasting opening duo. How do you manage to keep your cool while your partner goes on a rampage?

MA: I'm not at the top of the order anymore. I will only open at Test level and Kaluwitharana in limited-overs games.

DS: But you opened with Jayasuriya in a few matches. He prefers to go after the ball from the very first delivery. Does it tempt you to hit shots like the aggressive left-hander?

MA: I can't be compared with Sanath. I know my limitations and have got my own style. The plan is always to keep the scoreboard ticking and give him the strike as much as possible during the first 15 overs.

DS: Could we talk about your wife. Who's her favourite cricketer, off-course, besides you?

MA: She's not very fond of cricket though she's married to a cricketer. She watches the game but not that much. About her favourite cricketer... u-u-h-h, well, believe it or not, I heard her mentioning, Shaun Pollock's name quite often.

DS: Despite being in fantastic form in England you haven't played any competitive game since then. Tell us about your preparations for Dhaka.

MA: We'd about three weeks' practice session back home. But rain had disrupted a lot. Usually we play three or four practice matches before any tour. But this time we could play only one practice match.

DS: Sri Lanka cricket is very popular in Bangladesh. Would you like to pass on any tips to our young cricketers?

MA: I'm not the right person to talk about this thing. I think a senior member can tell you. But, still with the little knowledge I have, I will always say...it's the dedication, determination and the love for the game which will make you a good cricketer.

DS: Which version of cricket do you prefer most?

MA: Certainly, Test cricket. It is the real test for a cricketer.

DS: Thanks for your time and wish you all the best in the tournament.

MA: Thank you also.

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ODI debut: Sri Lanka v India at Nagpur, 1st ODI 1990/91.
Latest ODI: Sri Lanka v England at Lord's, Emirate Triangular Tournament, 1998.
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Thorpe aware of his task

PERTH, Australia, Oct 24: Accomplished left-handed batsman Graham Thorpe, the only member of the England Ashes squad to have hit a century in his first Test against Australia, believes he is no automatic choice for the five-Test series starting next month, reports AFP.

Recently recovered from surgery for a severe back injury, Thorpe, 29, admitted here today he was faced with the challenge of re-starting a 52-Test career which has produced 3366 runs at an average of 40.07, including six centuries — three of them against Australia.

"There is no definite place for me in the side," the Surrey player said after England's opening practice session in unbroken sunshine at the WACA ground nets.

"I have to work bloody hard to get back on form and merit...that's the way I am looking at it. I will do everything I can to regain my place."

"I hope to play a big role in the series, but I have to get in the side first."

"If I can force my way into the team for the first Test, then I can perhaps set more definite goals for the series. If I do play, I want to do as well as I have done against Australia in the past."

"I have the enthusiasm and the confidence I can do the business out here," he said.

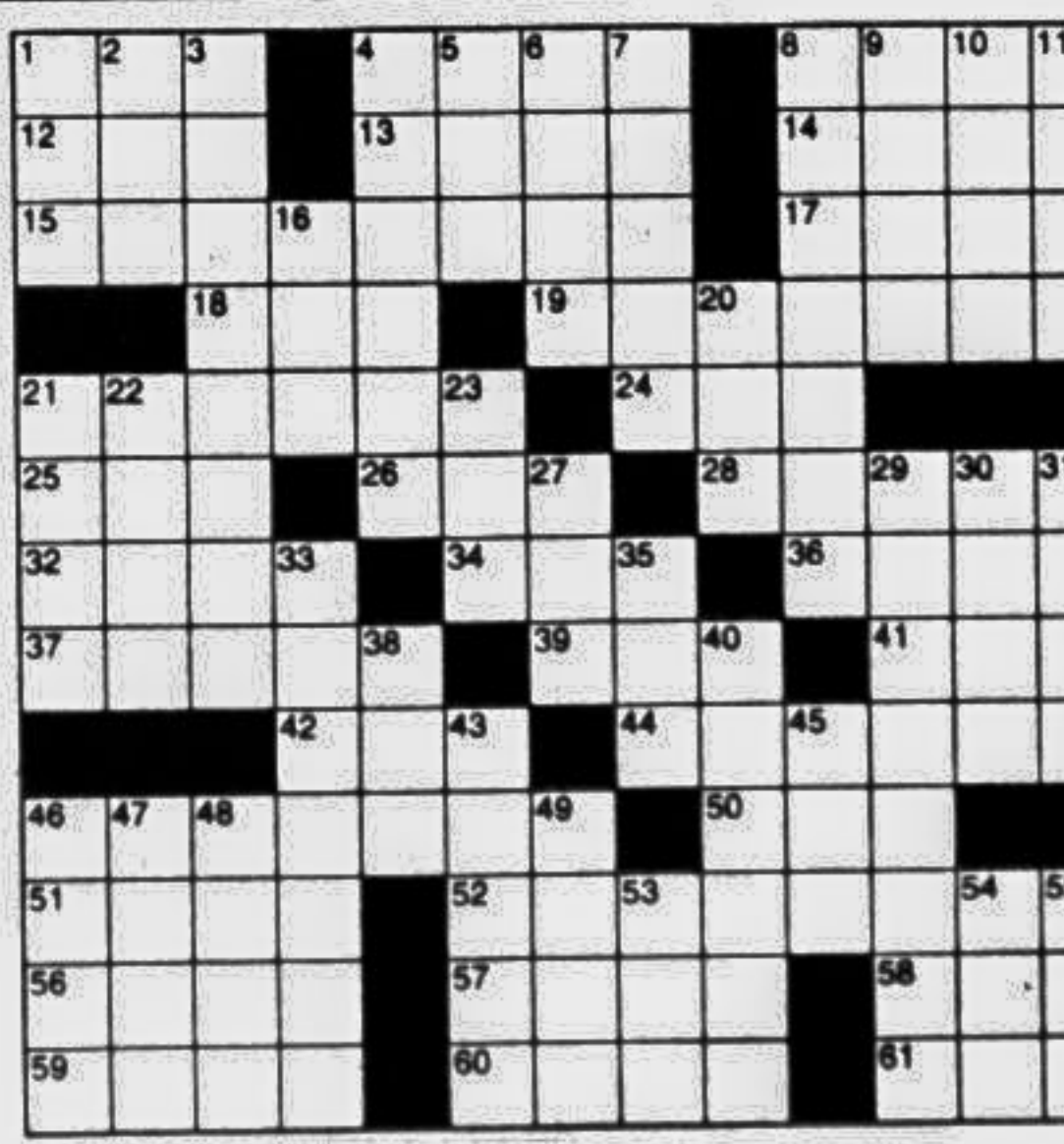
Thorpe said his back was in good shape after an operation earlier this year which disrupted his most recent northern summer.

"I still have to manage it well," he said. "Nowadays I look only one day ahead at a time. I have to manage it better than when I was 21 or 22. On the days off, I have to make sure I still do training to keep it strong — things like stretching, strengthening and mobility exercises."

Thorpe was an instant success on the Test stage, cracking a second innings 114 not out against Australia in his first Test at Nottingham in July, 1993.

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Yesterday's Cryptoque: TO CREATE SOME AMUSEMENT, EINSTEIN DOUBTLESS WOULD BEGIN MAKING WISECRACKS.

Today's Cryptoque clue: D equals C
The Cryptoque is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words or words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Round Two

Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. Brian Lara hails from	Trinidad & Tobago	Barbados	Jamaica
2. Bangladesh played their last ODI against	Kenya	Sri Lanka	India
3. Overs per side in the 1975 World Cups was	50	55	60
4. Pakistan beat England in 1992 WC final by	22 runs	2 wickets	14 runs
5. In which year did S Africa attain Test status?	1926	1928	1954

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WHICH HAND TO RUFF ?

(Hand # 124)

North	♠ S 982	♥ H 95	♦ D KJ	♣ C QJ9832
West	♠ S J65	♥ H A3	♦ D A109765	♣ C 4
South (D)	♠ S Q10	♥ H K1043	♦ D 83	♣ C AK1075
East	♠ S AK743	♥ H Q762	♦ D Q42	♣ C 6

Bidding: Neither side was vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond*	Pass	1 Spade**	2 Spades
3 Clubs	3 Diamonds	4 Clubs	4 Diamonds
Pass	4 Spades	5 Clubs	5 Spades
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Artificial opening
** Artificial, showing 7-9 HCP.

South opened a bare — minimum hand but ultimately found a Club fit with the partner. The opponents also got agreement in both Spade and Diamond suits. In a vigorously competitive bidding a contract of 5 Spades was reached although 5 Diamonds would be slightly better. However, no serious complaint could be made against the contract reached.

THE PLAY

South led the King of Clubs and partner played the Queen indicating that he had held the Jack. Although, dummy did not have any more Club, he continued with the Ace. In the absence of any other suitable return. The declarer ruffed in the dummy, as most declarers, except the most experienced ones, would have done so. He then led a trump toward the King in the closed hand and when South dropped 10, he woke up. He did not realise that one opponent could have two cards Q 10 of Spades. The Ace of Spades captured the Queen from the South hand but it also killed the Jack in the dummy. Ultimately, he had to lose a Spade, and a Diamond along with the Club trick already lost for down one. He could make the hand by ruffing in the closed hand. Alternatively, he should have bid 5 Diamonds instead of 5 Spades for the game contract.