

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That an American swimmer won seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympic games in Munich, West Germany. He was Mark Andrew Spitz, known to us without the Andrew. A born Californian, Mark began swimming competitively after his family moved to Sacramento when he was eight years old. He excelled as a member of the Santa Clara Swim Club as a teenager, and at 17, he set world records in the 400-meter freestyle event and the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly events. Although he qualified for three individual events and three relays at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, he did not perform up to his potential, finishing second in the 100-meter butterfly race and third in the 100-meter freestyle race. He did, however, win gold medals as a member of the winning 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter butterfly relays teams.

In 1972 Spitz set a world record in the 200-meter butterfly event in the Olympic trials. At the 1972 games he won gold medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle races and the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly races, setting a world record in each race. He was also a member of the winning 4x100-meter freestyle, 4x200-meter freestyle, and 4x100-meter medley relay teams, each of which set a world record. He temporarily retired from swimming after the Olympics, then made an unsuccessful attempt to qualify for the 1992 Olympics. He was inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame in 1983, as a member of the first class of inductees.

Unfortunately, for him and swimming, he is still more famous for his walrus moustache.

SPORTS TALK



Natasha Zvereva
(Belarusian tennis player)
"I don't think about the past. I live my life in the present, maybe with just a peek into the future."

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Tragic!
KARACHI, Nov 23: A first-class cricketer died in the central Pakistan town of Hyderabad on Sunday when he was hit on the neck by a rising delivery in a club match, reports Reuters.

Ifkhar Ahmad, 32, who played two first-class matches for Karachi in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, was struck while attempting a hook shot.

Taylor sets stiff target

BRISBANE, Nov 23 (Reuters/AFAP) England's cricketers face the daunting prospect of battling through the final day to save the first Ashes Test after Glenn McGrath and Michael Slater put Australia in a commanding position on the fourth day.

Taylor was given the upper hand after Glenn McGrath took six wickets for 85 as England collapsed to 375 all out. Slater then hit 113 as Australia moved to 237 for three before Taylor declared the second innings 347 runs in front.

Mike Atherton and Mark Butcher took England to 26 for no wicket at the close of play, but the tourists still face a tense final day needing another 322 for victory.

England's record fourth innings total to win a Test against Australia was 332 and that was 70 years ago at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

England will be bitterly disappointed at the batting display after getting back into the match on Sunday.

McGrath tore through the England lower order — three of whom were out for ducks — as they lost six wickets for 76 runs in the morning session. The pace spearhead took 50 wickets for 19 runs off 10.2 overs in the session.

He has now taken five more wickets in a Test 11 times and has now claimed 184 wickets in 41 Tests.

Mark Ramprakash was left stranded on 69 as he watched a procession of batting partners come and go. The end came seven minutes before lunch.

A chill went through English supporters as Graham Thorpe, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally and Angus Fraser all fell cheaply.

At one stage McGrath was on a hat-trick but last man Fraser saw off the threat before he became the strike bowler's sixth victim.

Thorpe gave away his wicket with a poorly-executed pull shot of a McGrath ball after adding seven to his overnight total of 70.

Cork lasted 11 balls before he was sent back for a duck after another wretched attempted pull shot straight to Stuart MacGill at mid-on.

Off-spinner Croft put on 41 runs in 51 minutes with Ramprakash before he was bowled by Michael Kasprovicz for 23. Gough did not play a shot when he was lbw to McGrath for a duck and Mullally was out first ball when he hit McGrath's next ball to Kasprovicz at mid-on.

Australia put on a scintillating batting display.

Slater clubbed 13 fours and hoisted a six straight over Croft's head in his 190-minute barrage. His breakneck innings ended when least expected, last thing out and being caught and bowled by Fraser.

When he reached his ninth Test century and fifth against England with a cheeky single he kept on running towards the

pavillion with his helmet off and arms outstretched in jubilation and to a standing ovation.

He claimed his century off just 129 balls. Slater and Justin Langer set a new record for a second wicket partnership against England at the Gabba.

The pair scored 162 runs in 177 minutes after Taylor had played on from Cork to be out for a duck in the fourth over. Langer made 74 in 202 minutes.

England strained to keep Australia's scoring in check with captain Alec Stewart sending four men out to the boundary fence, one-day style, to counter Slater even before Croft bowled his first ball of the in-

Thorpe c Langer b McGrath	77
Ramprakash not out	69
Cork c MacGill b McGrath	69
Croft b Kasprovicz	23
Gough lbw b McGrath	16
Mullally c Kasprovicz b McGrath	16
Fraser c M Waugh b McGrath	1
Extras: (lb-9, nb-12, b-1)	22
Total: (all out in 128.2 overs)	375
Fall of wkts: 1-11; 2-104; 3-168; 4-240; 5-315; 6-319; 7-360; 8-373; 9-373.	
Bowler	O M R W
McGrath	34.2 11 85 6
Fleming	27 5 83 0
Kasprovicz	23 7 82 2
MacGill	24 4 70 1
S Waugh	3 0 17 0
Ponting	3 0 10 0
M Waugh	8 1 18 1
AUSTRALIA: Second in-	



IT MUST BE SWEET ... Australian opener Michael Slater kissing his helmet after hitting an electrifying century yesterday.

nings.

Yet some of the fielding was sloppy, particularly when Mullally made an awful attempt at governing a Slater shot, only for the ball to go through his hands to the boundary fence.

Twice England's strike bowler Gough was taken out of the attack after conceding 28 runs off his first three overs and another 22 off his next three overs.

Taylor b Cork	0
Slater c and b Fraser	113
Langer c Mullally b Croft	74
M Waugh not out	27
S Waugh not out	16
Extras: (lb-1, b-1, nb-5)	7
Total: (for 3 wkts dec in 62 overs)	237
Fall of wkts: 1-20; 2-182; 3-199	
Bowler	O M R W
Gough	6 0 50 0
Cork	5 0 18 1
Mullally	14 4 38 0
Fraser	15 1 52 1
Croft	20 2 71 1
Ramprakash	2 0 6 0
ENGLAND: Second innings	
Atherton not out	18
Butcher not out	7
Extras: (w-1)	1
Total: (for no loss in seven overs)	26
Bowler	O M R W
McGrath	4 1 7 0
Kasprovicz	3 0 19 0

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Ashes cricket Test between Australia and England at the Gabba on Monday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings
(299 for four overnight)
Butcher c and b M Waugh 116
Atherton c M Waugh b McGrath 0
Hussain c Stewart b Kasprovicz 59
Stewart c Kasprovicz b MacGill 8

Lean, mean McGrath

BRISBANE, Nov 23 (AP): Cricketer Glenn McGrath joined the ranks of Ashes bowling greats with a bat-numbing effort against England at the Gabba on Monday.

McGrath, 28, is just 16 short of becoming the 10th Australian to take 200 Test wickets after his 6-85 in the first Test at the Gabba.

His effort has injected new life into a Test that was destined for a draw and set up an enthralling last day after skipper Mark Taylor's bold declaration. England need another 322 runs in a minimum of 92 overs on the last day Tuesday.

McGrath is confident of knocking England over in the second innings.

"I can't see why we shouldn't do it," McGrath said after his bowling effort.

McGrath, who burst into international recognition against New Zealand in Perth in 1993, clearly relishes the responsibility of being Australia's No 1 fast bowler.

"It's something I've always wanted to do since I was young," he said. "I prefer to lead an attack rather than be first or second change."

McGrath, born in Dubbo and raised in Narramine in the New South Wales bush, watched cricket on television. His most vivid memories were of Terry Alderman "taking lbw after lbw" in the 1989 Ashes series.

An introvert, McGrath admits he still longs for the tranquility of outback although his cricket commitments have forced him to live in the bustling inner Sydney with his English girlfriend Jane.

He bought a 34,000-acre farm west of Bourke in New South Wales country as a retreat during the off-season.

McGrath, a product of the Australia Cricket Academy, has become one of the most-feared fast bowlers of his generation.

Despite a groin and hernia complication restricting his work load to three tests in 14 months, he returned with vengeance, spearheading Australia to a historic 1-0 win in Pakistan with 12 wickets.

"I did quite a bit of work with Dennis Lillee at the Academy, that was a great buzz in itself," McGrath recalls.

"It's always been there. I've always wanted to play cricket for Australia as a fast bowler."

McGrath set himself a standard goal of five wickets-per-game, and so far enjoys a strike rate of a wicket every 53 balls in his 41 Tests, the third best behind Lillee and Jeff Thomson.

His first taste of the Ashes was restricted to just two Tests in 1994-95 at home. He took 0-101 in the first Test here, and was 12th man for the next three, before returning with 3-88 and 3-40 in Perth in the final Test.

"I started off that series pretty poorly, but that was probably one of the biggest learning experiences I've been through in Test cricket," McGrath said.

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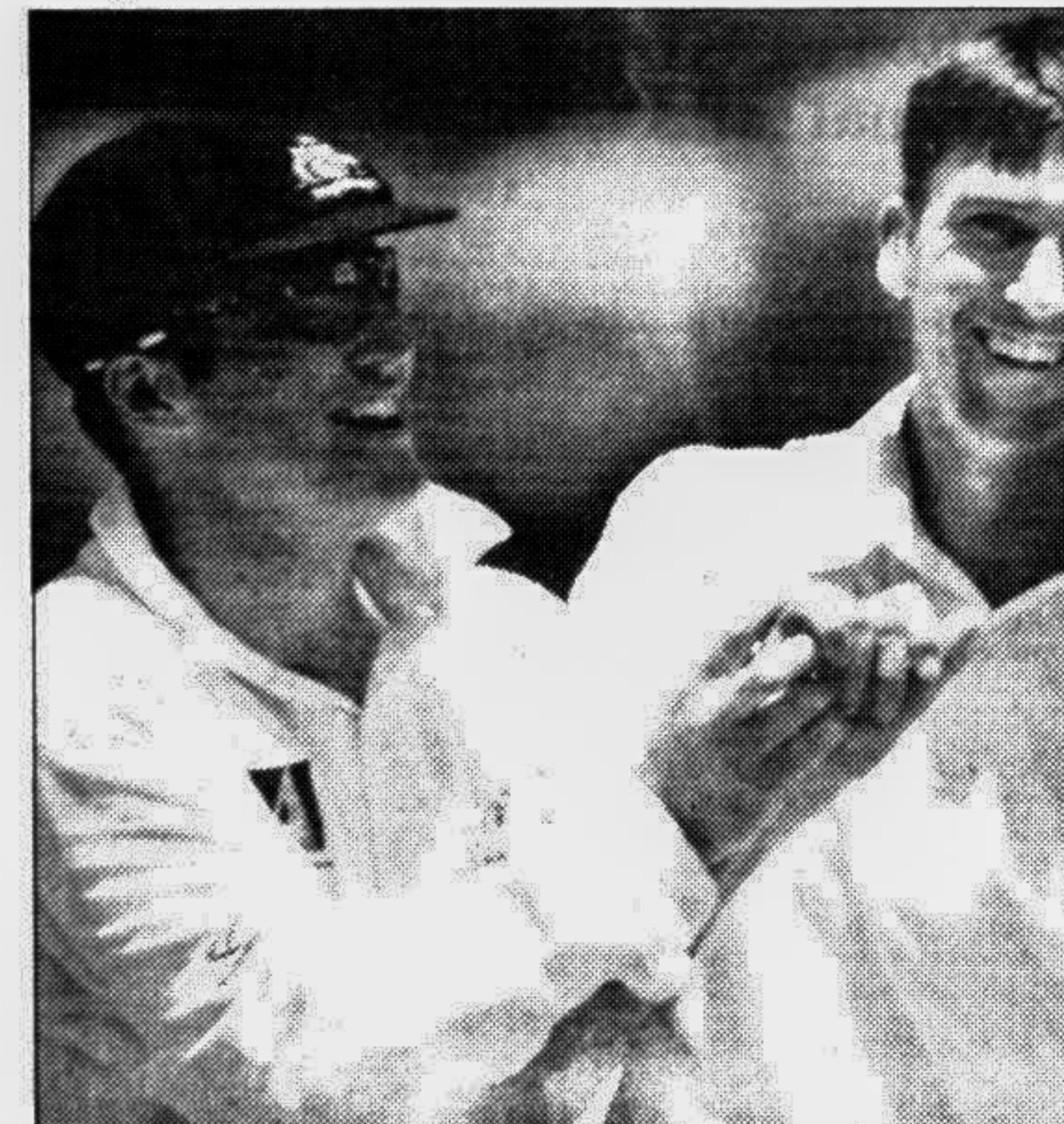
"To play the last Test in Perth and take six wickets kick-started the West Indian tour where things really started to pick up."

"I look at that as the big turning point in my career," McGrath said of the 17 wickets in Australia's historic 2-1 triumph without an injured Craig McDermott.

It gave Australia their first series win over the West Indies in 19 years.

He has now taken 48 Ashes wickets in nine tests with three five-wicket hauls — the best being 8-38 at Lord's — as part of a 36-wicket series bag that gave Australia their fifth Ashes series in a row.

Former England captain Mike Atherton is McGrath's "bunny," falling to him 10 times in eight Tests.



DEMOLITION MAN ... Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath (R) gets a congratulatory pat from captain Mark Taylor after getting rid of Angus Fraser during the fourth day's play of the first Test at the Gabba yesterday. McGrath finished with six for 85. — AFP photo

Dhaka Billiards invite entries

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Billiard Centre (DBC) pool tournament will be held at the DBC premises at Gulshan from December 7.

The tournament will be open to all including the DBC members. Interested participants have been asked to enter their names latest by November 30.

For the non-DBC members, Tk 600 have been fixed as entry fee while the amount will be half for the members of the centre.

The champion and runner-up of the tournament concluding on December 19, will receive a mobile phone with a Sim card and a VCD player respectively.

Rakib records third win

Abdullah-al-Rakib moved into the fourth position at the 37th World junior chess tournament when he recorded his third win in the southern Indian port city of Calicut on Sunday, reports APB.

In his sixth round engagement, IM Rakib outwitted Finland's IM Olli Salmensuu to raise his individual points tally to 4. He is sharing the fourth position with Vietnamese GM Dao Thien Hai.

Enamul Hossain Rajib, the other Bangladeshi taking part in the competition, lost to Tamir Sutkovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the round and was glued at his previous collection of 2.5 points.

Meanwhile, Kazakhstan's IM Sadva Kasov maintained his solo lead with full 6 points while Floria of Switzerland was in the second position with 5 points.

Seven are jointly sharing the crowded third position with 4.5 points each.

In the seventh round Rakib will face RR Laxman of India while Rajib meet another Indian, Nil Utpal Das.

Ronaldo thinks...

BERLIN, Nov 23: Brazilian striker Ronaldo thinks he deserves the title of the world's best footballer.

The 22-year-old, speaking to the German daily Die Welt, said: "Yes, really. I think I've done some important things for football during the last two or three years and I therefore deserved being crowned twice the best footballer-of-the-year," reports APB.

Ronaldo, however, said the would need to find that form again if he wanted to win that title, bestowed on him by world governing body FIFA, again.

The Brazilian has struggled recently, he failed to shine in Brazil's World Cup final defeat to France in July after reportedly suffering a fit before the game. His new season with Inter Milan in Italy has also begun badly after he injured his left knee in November.

Aussie natants top the table

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 23: Argentinian Jose Meolans beat Brazilian Gustavo Borges Sunday to win the 50 metres freestyle event at a short-course World Cup meet here, reports AP.

Meolans' victory, in a time of 22.32 seconds, meant he swapped places on the podium with Borges, who defeated him in the 100 metres freestyle race a day earlier.

Top Brazilian swimmer Fernando Scherer finished fifth and blamed his poor performance on fitness. "I have had a couple of weeks off and am not in top form," he said.

Brazilian Luiz Lima took first place in the men's 1500 freestyle, setting a new South American record with a time of 14 minutes, 57.87 seconds.

Britain's Susan Rolph, who won both the 100-metres freestyle and 100 metre individual medley Sunday, earned her second and third gold medals at the weekend meet.

Cronje crucifies Caribbeans

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 23 (Reuters/Intern et): South African captain Hansie Cronje with an unbeaten 157 led Free State to an astonishing two-wicket victory over the West Indies on the final day of their four-day match on Monday.

It took the home side just 35 minutes to clinch victory, advancing from their overnight 412-8 to the required 438 in 6.4 overs.

Free State looked dead and buried when they were bowled out for 67 in their first innings. But they fought back to dismiss the West Indies for 188 and then battled their way to victory.

The hard work was done on Sunday as Cronje lifted his men to 412-8 and he and pacesman Johan van der Wath duly completed the task on Monday.

The result was a terrific jolt for the West Indies and a huge boost for Cronje ahead of the first test in Johannesburg starting on Thursday.

Beaten captain Brian Lara, recognising the unhappy situation, said: "In our last two matches our opponents have scored more than 400 runs against us in their second innings and that is something we will have to look at."

The tourists' previous game, against Griqualand West, ended in a draw with the home side reaching 435-9.

Cronje paved the way for victory with a brilliant performance on Sunday when he finished on 147. At one stage his ally in victory, van der Wath, contributed just nine runs as the score moved on by 109.

During Cronje's explosive innings he sent substitute

fielder Floyd Reifer to hospital for X-rays after a full-blooded pull struck the Barbadian on the back of his helmet as he turned away at stog leg.

The West Indies helped dig their own grave by asking for the extra half-hour on Sunday evening. In fading light, they were unable to take the second new ball and Cronje milked the spinners for five overs when he would ordinarily have had to face well-armed pacemen.

In all, Cronje was at the crease for 196 minutes, faced 165 balls and hit 14 fours and six sixes in an emphatic display. He was dropped on 157 - with the total on 436-8 - by Curtly Ambrose at fine leg off

record of 135 runs for the ninth wicket, bettering the previous mark of 125. The Free State total was the highest successful fourth innings by a South African team against a touring side and the second highest in South African first-class history.

There was more bad news for the West Indies after the defeat. Leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine, who took 3-138 off 29 overs in the second innings, is struggling with a shoulder injury and the tourists may have to call for a replacement.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Monday at the end of the four-day match between the touring West Indies and Free State at Springbok Park:

WEST INDIES: First innings 316
Leg spinner Dinanath Ramnarine, who took 3-138 off 29 overs in the second innings, is struggling with a shoulder injury and the tourists may have to call for a replacement.

FREE STATE: Second innings 188

Venter b Hooper 53
Liebenberg c Jacobs b Ambrose 26
Dippenaar run out 82
Wilkinson lbw b Dillon 27
Cronje not out 157
Van Wyk c McLean b Rammarine 20
Boje c Williams b Rammarine 6
Beukes b Hooper 12
Bakkes c and b Rammarine 23
Van der Wath not out 23
Extras: (w-3, nb-4, b-2) 9
Total: (for 5 wickets in 90.4 overs) 438
Fall of wkts: 1-51; 2-106; 3-192; 4-195; 5-232; 6-251; 7-285; 8-303.

Bowler **O M R W**
Ambrose 15 4 1 42
McLean 14.4 0 1 62
Dillon 15 0 1 88
Lambert 2 0 0 13
Hooper 14 0 2 77
Rammarine 29 3 3 133
Chanderpaul 1 0 0 16

Result: Free State won by two wickets.



HANSIE CRONJE ... 157 no the bowling of Nixon McLean. Van der Wath, playing in his fourth first-class match, scored 14 of the 26 runs needed on Monday to finish on 157. The pair put on a Free State

Waqar recalled for Rawalpindi

KARACHI, Nov 23 (Reuters/Intern et): Pakistan have recalled injury-hit pace bowler Waqar Younis for Tuesday's decisive third and final one-day international against Zimbabwe at Rawalpindi.

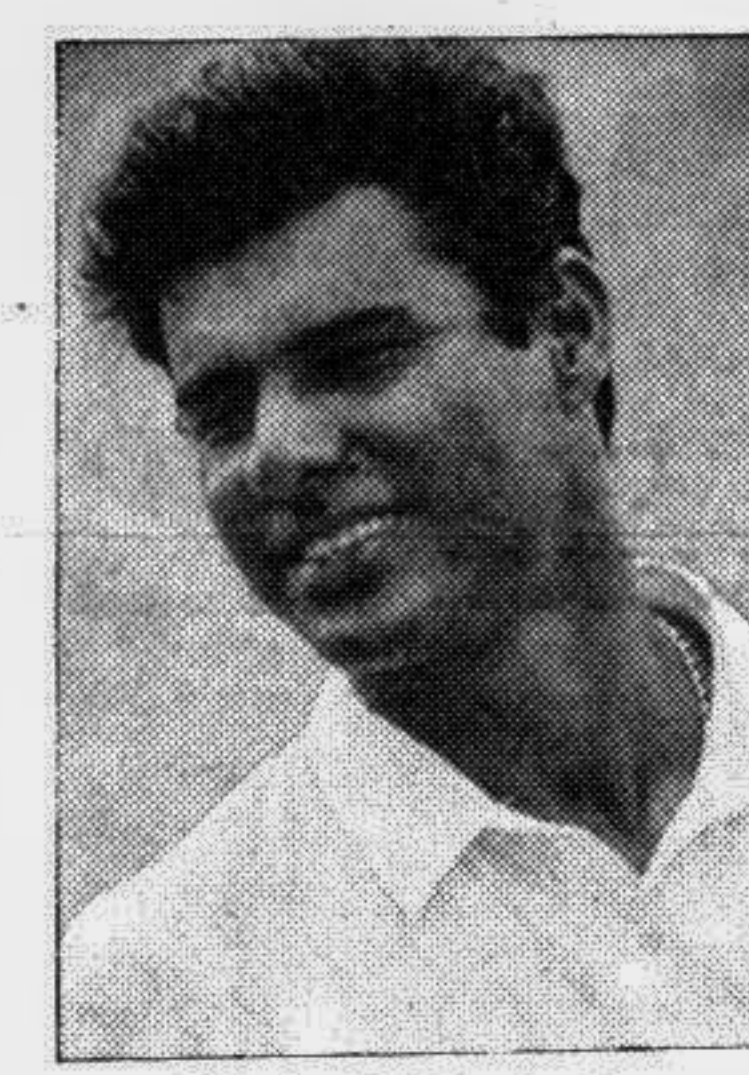
Younis has been out of international action for more than seven months with an elbow injury that also prevented him from competing last season with Glamorgan in the English county championships.

Younis, who has 281 one-day and 267 Test wickets, last played for Pakistan on the team's African tour earlier this year.

The bowler's absence was badly felt in the recent home Test series against Australia, which the tourists won 1-0, their first success on Pakistan soil in 39 years.

"I gave my availability for the one-day because I feel that I am now in a position to give my best to the team," Younis, 28, said from Lahore.

Chief selector Wasim Bari



WAQAR YUNIS said: "He confirmed his availability on Sunday and we immediately picked him for the last game. His inclusion should be a great boost to the Pakistan team." The selectors have also recalled veteran pacer Aaqib Javed after ignoring him for the

one-day series against Australia which the visitors won 3-0.

TEAM

Aamir Sohail (captain), Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Ijaz Ahmad, Imtiaz-ul-Haq, Hasan Raza, Yousef Youhana, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Mushtaq Ahmad.

Move to ban child boxing rejected

CANBERRA, Nov 23: Australian Sports Ministers today rejected a plan to ban children under-14 from competitive boxing, arguing such a ban would be impossible to enforce and was unnecessary, reports Reuters.

The move to ban child boxing followed heated debate in Australia this week after girls as young as 11 were allowed to compete at the national amateur boxing championships.

Gooch lambasts tail-enders

BRISBANE, Nov 23 (Reuters/Intern et): England manager Graham Gooch launched a stinging attack on England's lower-order batsmen after they came in on the fourth day of the first Ashes series Test on Monday.

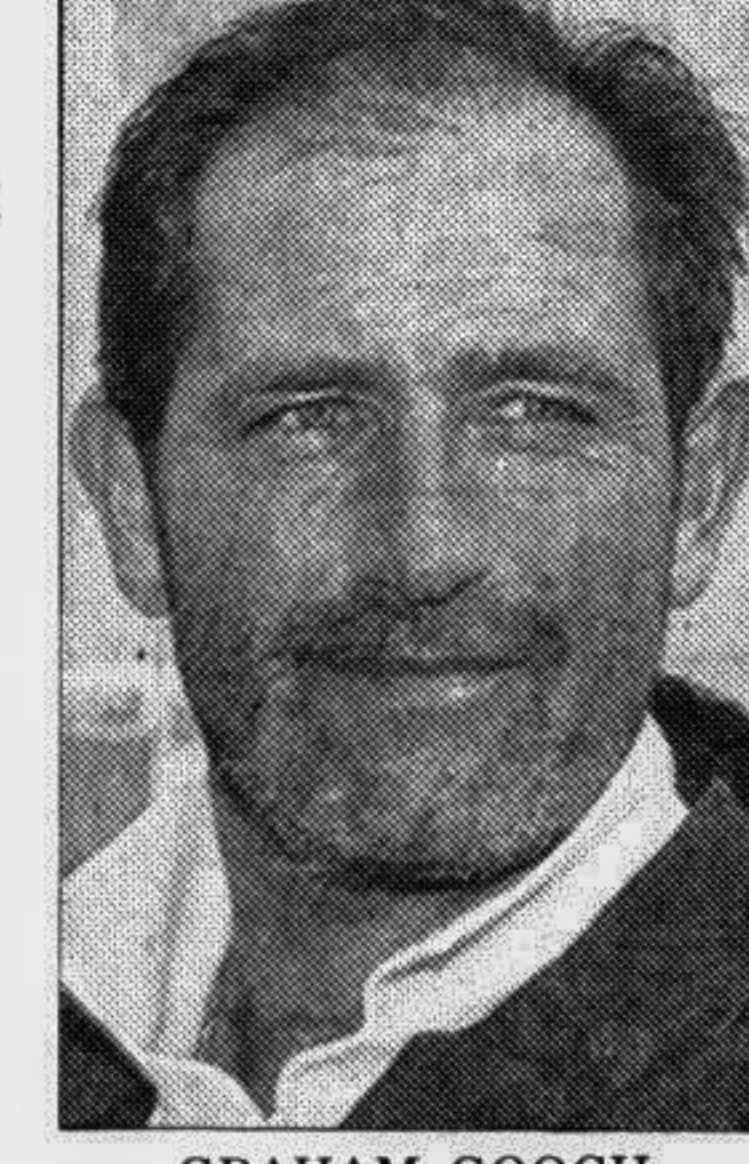
Gooch said England were in danger of losing the match after they collapsed to be all out for 375 in reply to Australia's 485 after starting the penultimate day in a strong position at 299 for four.

"It's been a bad day for us. The guys are disappointed but by and large we've got ourselves to blame," Gooch said.

"If we're going to compete with Australia we're going to have to do better than we did today."

England lost their last six wickets for just 76 runs on Monday to give Australia the chance to push for victory.

Three of England's bottom five batsmen were dismissed for ducks while Angus Fraser got just one run as Australian



GRAHAM GOOCH pacesman Glenn McGrath finished with six for 85. "You're not expecting them to provide the major source of your runs in a Test match but

what I'm expecting them to do is support the batsmen and spend time at the crease and be difficult to get out," Gooch said.

"It's been well documented and they know how I feel. Australia have now created a situation where they can go for victory and now we've got an awkward day tomorrow."

Australia made the most of England's collapse, piling on 237 for three in their second innings before Mark Taylor declared half an hour before stumps.

Dashing opener Michael Slater led the onslaught, smashing 113 in less than three hours as Australia opened up an overall lead of 347.

England reduced the target by 26 without loss when play ended but still face the daunting prospect of surviving a full day to save the Test.

"At the start of the day, I don't think anyone thought we'd declare and get seven overs at close," Slater said.

"It was only the fact that the latter half of the England side allowed us to dismiss them and have that 110 run lead."

"But the wicket is still very good and we'll still have to bowl particularly well tomorrow."

Gooch did not rule out the possibility that England may attempt to push for a victory of their own but admitted it would be a tough task.

"It was a very challenging declaration from Mark Taylor and he obviously fancies his chances to win," Gooch said.

Oops! What's going on

PORT ELIZABETH, Nov 23 (Reuters/Intern et): It has been a testing season this year for Griqualand West middle order batsman Pieter Barnard.

First, he was the cause of the unseemly fight three weeks ago that led to the dismissal of recently appointed coach Eddie Barlow.

Then he was subjected to an altogether different kind of embarrassment just a few minutes before his team won their four-day match against Eastern Province at St. George's Park on Monday.

Barnard, who is a practising Dutch Reformed Church minister, asked the often irascible Barlow whether he could be excused early from net practise because he had to conduct a fu-

neral. Barlow refused. The ambitious club's president, Mike Doherty, sided with Barnard and Barlow was sacked.

Anxious not to draw any further attention to himself for fear of distracting his congregation, Barnard was busy steering his side to victory when a well-proportioned female stalker danced onto the field.

The minister's cheeky grin, caught on national television, turned to one of horror as the naked fan, topless and waving her panties in the air, headed directly for the man of cloth.

He fled to the other end of the pitch taking refuge behind stone-faced batting partner, and former national captain, Kepler Wessels.

Unperturbed, Barnard finished 42 not out in Griquas six wicket win.

ROK to bid to stage 2010 Games

SEOUL, Nov 23: South Korea's central government will endorse a provincial government's bid to play host to the 2010 Winter Olympics, a Cabinet minister said Monday, reports AP.

Culture and Tourism Minister Shin Nak-Kyun told a Cabinet meeting that the Seoul government hopes to stage the 2010 Games in Muju, 200 kilometres (120 miles) southeast of Seoul.