

Hunte laid to rest

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Dec 14: Conrad Hunte, a cricket batsman for the West Indies during the 1960s who spent seven years coaching in the black townships of South Africa, was buried Monday amid praise for his contributions to the game, reports AP.

Early signs good for Windies

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Dec 14: West Indies captain Brian Lara said on Tuesday he was happy selectors had plenty of form players to choose from ahead of the first cricket Test against New Zealand starting on Thursday, reports Reuters.

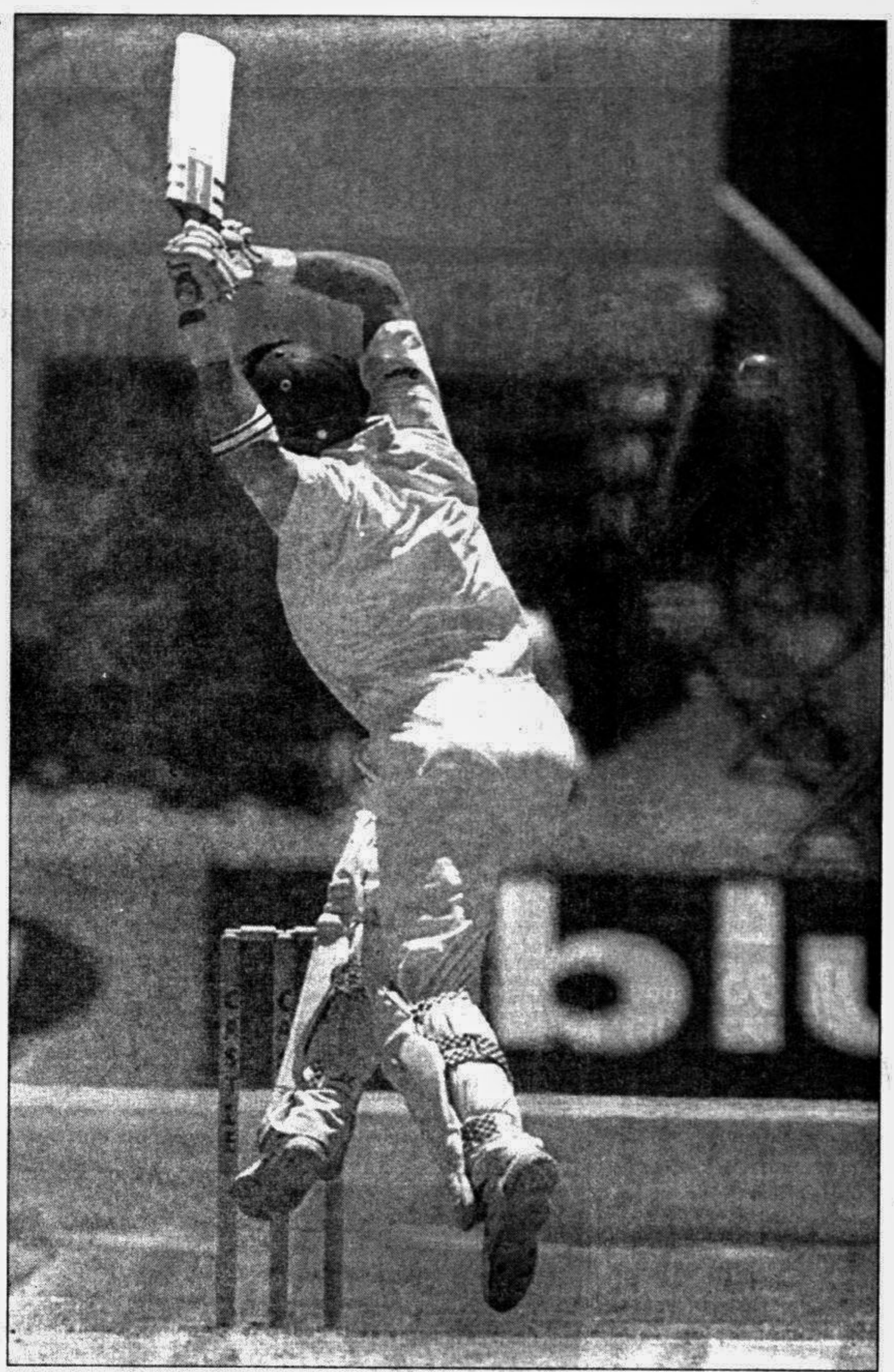
land on Monday. Campbell scored centuries in both innings of that drawn match and West Indies management are confident he will play.



BRIAN LARA Lara's joy at having a full squad to choose from was even greater after in-form opener Sherwin Campbell's apparent recovery from a slight leg injury.

Honours even, say skippers

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 14 (Internet report): South Africa and England walked away from a drawn second cricket Test at St George's Park on Monday with the honours pretty evenly divided.



THE SKIPPER'S BALLET! England captain Nasser Hussain gets himself into an awkward position while trying to leave a ball on the last day of the second Test against South Africa at Port Elizabeth on December 13.

Steve stands by Mark

ADELAIDE, Dec 14 (Reuters): Australian captain Steve Waugh has defended his twin brother Mark against calls for him to be sacked from the test side.

the national Test and one-day sides to have played virtually non-stop for the past 18 months. But he has been able to retain his place on account of his brilliant record over the past decade in both forms of the game.



M WAUGH As one of the most stylish batsmen ever to play the game, Mark has scored more than 6,000 Test runs for Australia, including 17 centuries, at an average of 41, plus 13 limited-overs hundreds.

African Nations Cup SA to do without McCarthy, Masinga

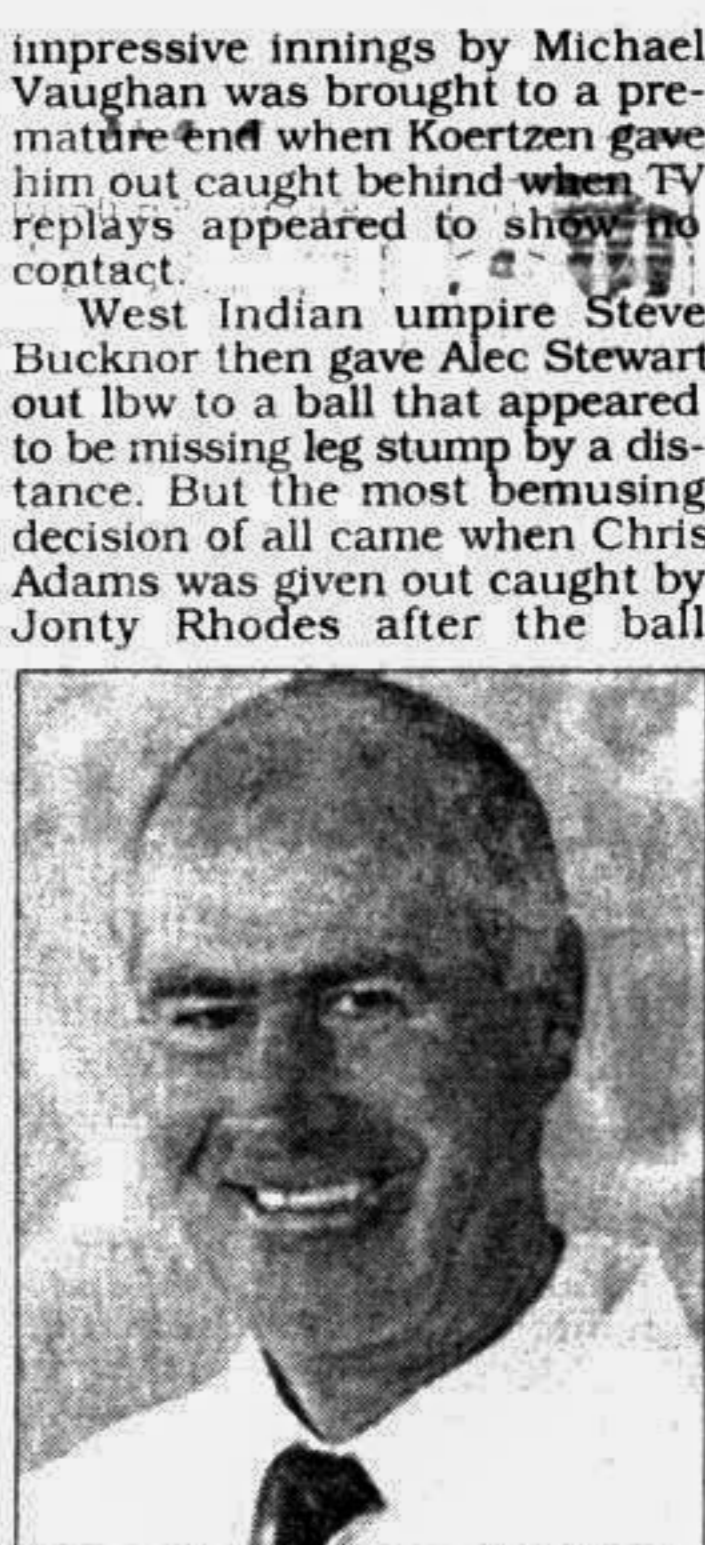
JOHANNESBURG, Dec 14: Strikers Benni McCarthy and Philemon Masinga were notable absentees when South Africa named their 2000 African Nations Cup squad here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Big 'century' for Boucher

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 14 (Internet report): South African wicketkeeper Mark Boucher had most to gain when his captain Hansie Cronje chose to prolong the second Test against England on Monday despite a positive result looking almost impossible.

Koertzen comes under fire

LONDON, Dec 14: The English press savaged South African umpire Rudi Koertzen following his controversial decisions in the drawn second cricket Test at Port Elizabeth, reports Reuters.



RUDI KOERTZEN popped up from his pad. Few South Africans appealed and Rhodes appeared uninterested but Koertzen put his finger up much to the disbelief of Adams who spread his arms and shouted 'no way' before reluctantly returning to the pavilion.

Later Koertzen, standing at square leg, was involved in a bizarre situation when Lance Klusener bowled at England captain Nasser Hussain from 15 metres behind the stumps.

Life inside Japan's soccer kingdom

IWATA, Japan, Dec 14: (Reuters): They call it the 'Kingdom of Soccer' in Japan and judging by the passion of the fans and the dedication of the Shizuoka local government in the build-up to the 2002 World Cup finals, it is easy to see why.

built in a valley in the Ogasayama Hills above the city. The 50,000-capacity all-seater stadium is one of 10 venues in Japan for the tournament co-hosted with South Korea and offers a fascinating glimpse into the future of stadium design.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Andre Arendse (Oxford/Eng), John Tale (Sunderland), Hans Vonk (Heerenveen/Ned). Defenders: Mark Fish (Bolton/Eng), Pierre Issa (Marseille/Fra), Papi Kpomane (Orlando Pirates), Lucas Radebe (Leeds/Eng), Frank Schoeman (Sunderland).

African Nations Cup Nigeria at full strength

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 14: Co-hosts Nigeria have included 12 players who competed at the 1998 World Cup in a provisional squad of 29 for the African Nations Cup next month, reports AFP.

Defenders Celestine Babayaro, Godwin Okpara, Taribo West, midfielders Mutiu Adepoju, Finidi George, Garba Lawal, Sunday Olish, Augustine Okocha and strikers Daniel Amokachi, Tijani Babangida, Victor Ikpeba and Nwankwo Kanu are the survivors from France.

New address for West MILAN, Dec 14: Nigerian international defender Taribo West is staying in Milan but changing allegiances after securing a free transfer from Inter for Alberto Zaccaroni's AC Milan, reports AFP.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 14: Sepay Para Sporting Club (Red) defeated Planna Moon Sporting Club by 55 runs in the Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup Cricket Tournament today at Railway ground.

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From page 13 Nayeem c Saifuddin b S Mehmud 11. Rain run out 6. Nayeem b Mehmud 14. Saifullah c Akram b S Mehmud 1. Alok c Saifuddin b Enamul 1. Nayeem run out 15. Rafique c Saifuddin b S Mehmud 17. Mortuza c Akram b S Mehmud 8. Iqbal c Akram b Enamul 15. Imran run out 0. Extras: (b-3, lb-1, nb-9) 3. Total: (All out in 44.4 overs) 105. Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-16; 3-38; 4-11; 5-46; 6-46; 7-63; 8-73; 9-105.



The Standard Chartered schools' chess competition in progress yesterday.