

Sport

StanChart chess

Syed Ejaz Hossain of Maple Leaf took the solo lead in the Standard Chartered Bank School chess tournament with full five points on completion of the fifth round at the NSC Chess Room yesterday.



At the winners podium: (L-R) Nadeem Kamran, Shahriar Haider, Disha Islam and Sathi Sarker pose for photographers on the concluding day of the Joy Bangla National Tennis competition at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Cute h'ball Victory for Victoria

Victoria Sporting Club got off to a flying start in the Cute First Division Handball League with a 2-11 win over Monsur Sporting Club yesterday.

Masood plays

Table with 11 columns: Player Name, Runs, Wickets, etc. Includes names like Mushfiqur c Raju b Jamaluddin, MK Masood c Raju b Salahuddin.

Hamilton Test

Treated totally, that's the main thing. McMillan said, though adding he may not take up his usual fielding position in the gully as a precaution.

TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND (From): Stephen Fleming (captain), Matthew Horne, Gary Stead, Craig Spearman, Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Adam Parore, Chris Cairns, Dion Nash, Daniel Vettori, Andrew Penn, Paul Wiseman, Shayne O'Connor.

Target to tame Klusener

EAST LONDON, Dec 15 (Internet report): England emerged from the second cricket Test against South Africa a lot better than from the first Test.



LANCE KLUSENER

After a rather busy fortnight, Fletcher has given his squad a couple of days off and then, as he says, it starts all over again with the Boxing Day Test in Durban as the next major objective.

UEFA Cup round 4 Arsenal, Leeds get tough draw

GENEVA, Dec 15: Spanish table-toppers Deportivo La Coruna go up against Arsenal, while English Premiership leaders Leeds United will take on AS Roma of Italy in the UEFA Cup fourth round, reports AFP.

Deportivo are five points clear in the Spanish First Division and were comfortable 5-3 aggregate winners over Panathinaikos of Greece in last week's third round.

Monaco coach Claude Puel said of Mallorca: "they are a very good team and it should be an open game."

UEFA Cup fourth round draw: Parma (Ita) v Werder Bremen (Ger), Juventus (Ita) v Celta Vigo (Spa), AS Roma (Ita) v Leeds Utd (Eng), Mallorca (Spa) v Monaco (Fra), Slavia Prague (Cze) v Udinese (Ita), Borussia Dortmund (Ger) v Galatasaray (Tur), Atletico Madrid (Spa) v Lens (Fra), Arsenal (Eng) v Deportivo La Coruna (Spa).

Acme Div II cricket

Azad Sporting Club, Anirban Sangha and Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) began their Acme Second Division cricket league campaign on winning note at different city venues yesterday.

Ntini stays on the right track

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 15 (Reuters): South Africa's first black Test cricketer Makhaya Ntini, cleared of rape on appeal in October, has boosted his chances of a Test return by being named to play England in two tour matches.

Rudi gets vote of confidence

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 15: Umpire Rudi Koertzen will not be withdrawn from the England versus South Africa Test series despite admitting he made mistakes in the drawn second test.

Transfer

ISTANBUL, Dec 15 (AP): Galatasaray striker Tugay Kerimoglu said Tuesday he had reached agreement to sign with Glasgow Rangers next season.



Students of different schools, including some from Calcutta, engage in cerebral warfare at the Chess Room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Mark needs a bit of luck

UNDATED, Dec 15 (AP/APP): Australia's Mark Waugh blamed bad luck and low confidence for his dreadful batting form but said he hoped to avoid the selection axe.

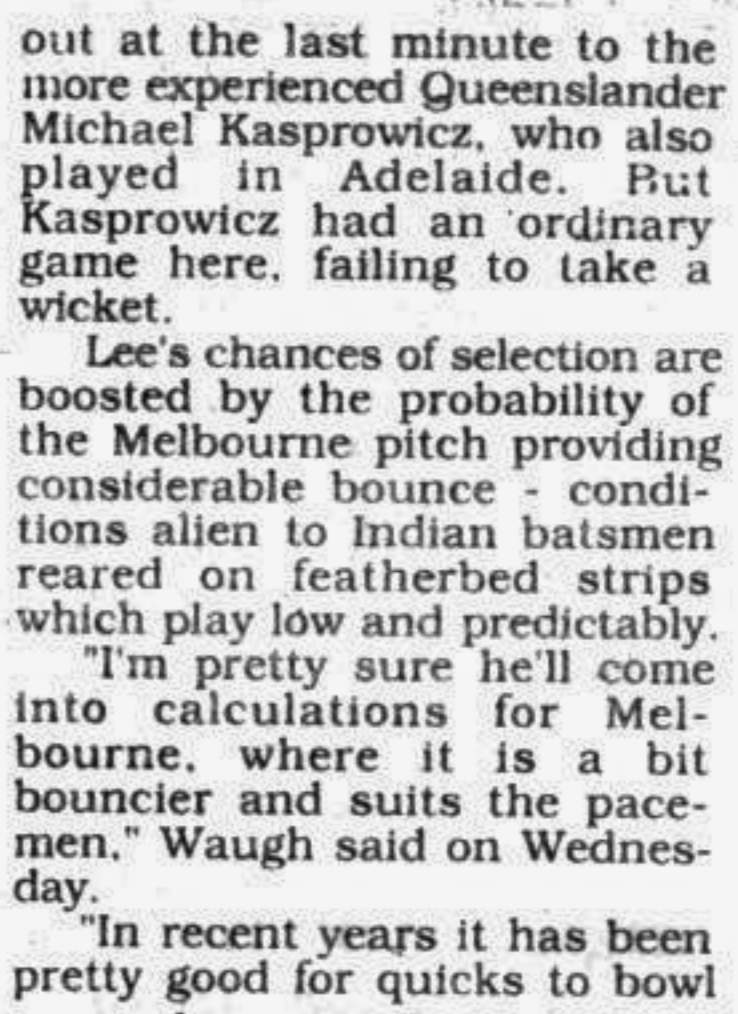


MARK WAUGH

He has a Test career average of 41.30, with 17 centuries, but has scored only 439 runs at 23.10 in his last 12 Tests.

Aussies to face 'own' music

ADELAIDE, Dec 15 (AFP): The chucking controversy bedevilling international cricket seems set to continue, with Australia's fastest bowler Brett Lee considered almost certain to line up against India in the second Test.

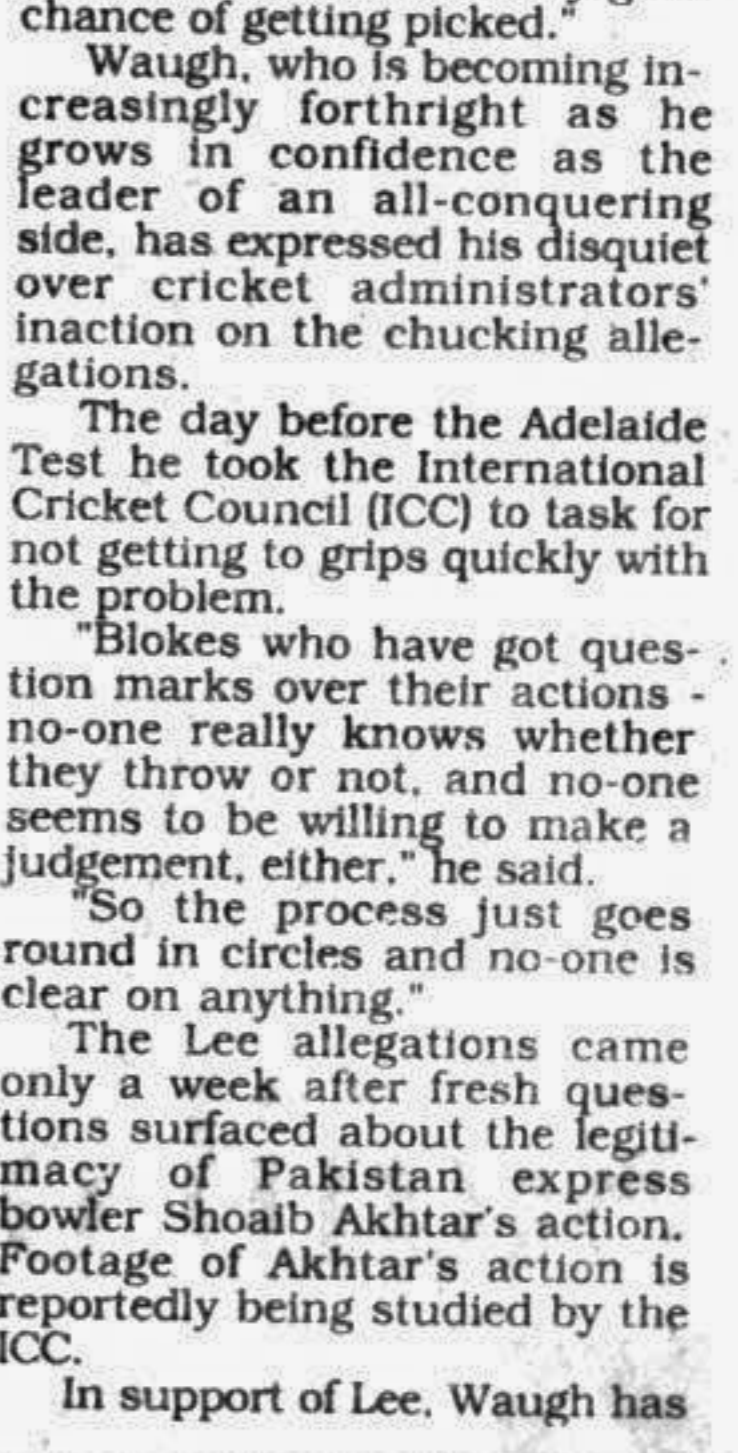


BRETT LEE

out at the last minute to the more experienced Queenslander Michael Kasprovic, who also played in Adelaide.

Psychologist's gift for India cricketers

HOBBART, Australia, Dec 15: Indian officials threw the book at the beaten cricket team Wednesday, reports AP.



Indian cricketers after their defeat in Hobart.

After a 285-run thrashing by Australia in the first Test of a three-match series, the Indian players were each given a book called The Psychology of Cricket, by Australian sports psychologist Graham Winter.

French 1st Div Caveglia seals Nantes win

PARIS, France, Dec 15: Alain Caveglia marked his debut for his new club by scoring the winning goal in the final minute as Nantes scored a 2-1 victory away to Lens in a French league relegation battle on Tuesday night, reports AFP.

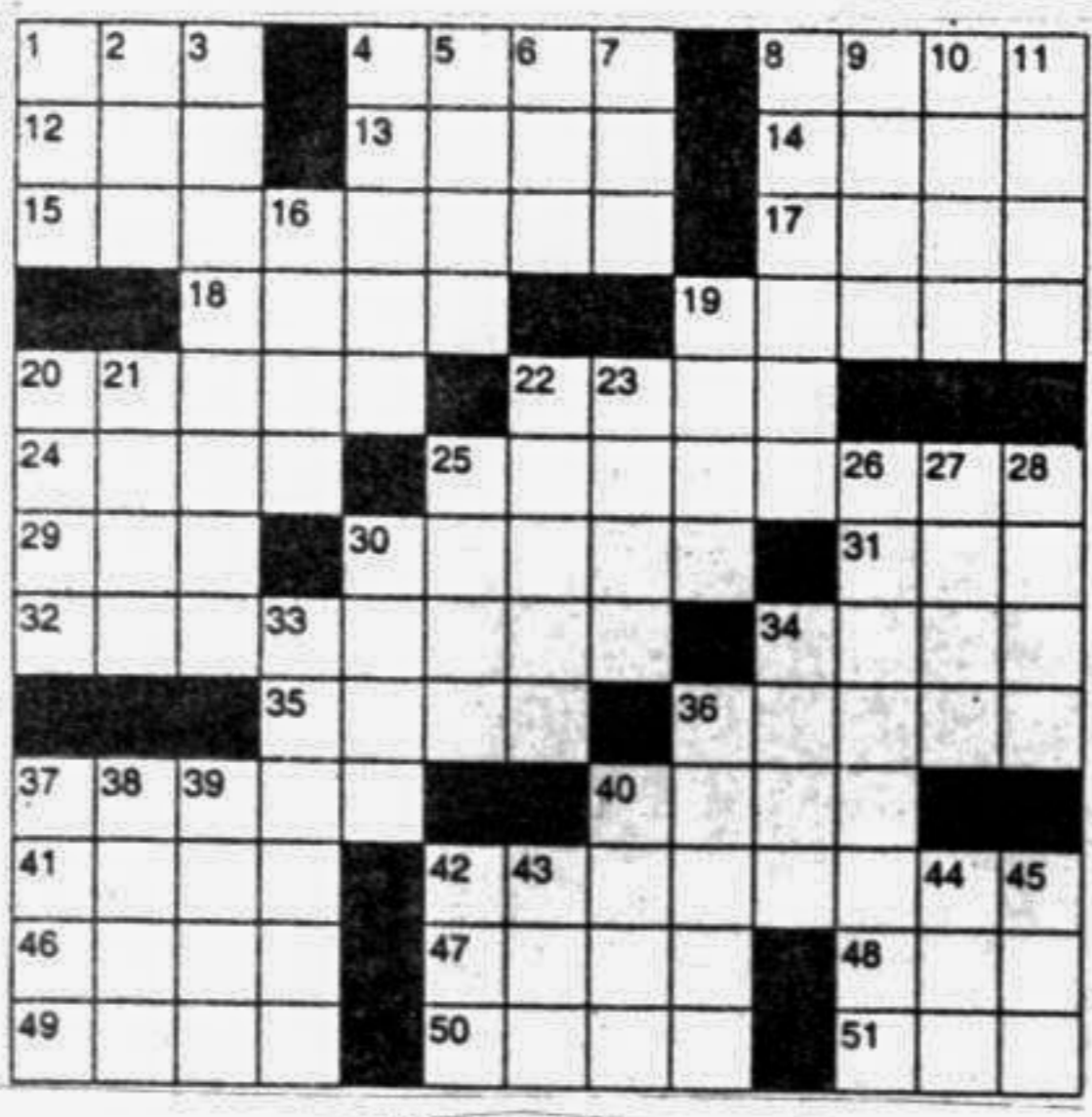


Alain Caveglia celebrating a goal for Nantes.

The veteran former Lyon star, who was reluctant to leave the big spending titlechaser, set up Nantes' first goal after just three minutes when his fine cross from the left was swept home by Frederic Da Rocha.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1. Capital, 4. Help a hood, 8. Author, 12. Cousin, 13. Heart, 14. Lest's creator, 15. South, 17. Sicilian spouter, 18. Type of sch., 19. Stared, 20. McGwire and Sosa broke his record, 22. Coagulate, 24. Bombard, 25. Force into limited space, 29. Khan title, 30. Utter, 31. Mauna, 32. Texan, 34. Spill the beans, 35. Jerry Lewis imitators yell this.



DOWN: 2. Roman leaders, 3. Chain role targets, 4. Liniment, 5. Time of prosperity, 6. Screw part, 7. Hamilton's bill, 8. Respiration, 9. Cracker, 10. Dermatology, 11. Coming of Age in Samoa, 12. Electrical phone, 13. Mega, 14. Traditional tales, 15. Dies, 16. Cattle call, 17. Praise to the skies, 18. Infinitesimal, 19. Moreover, 20. Calendar, 21. Jason's craft, 22. Cautious, 23. Minnesota state bird, 24. Green, 25. Not barefoot, 26. Grow the Liliacs, musicalized, 27. Patimize the library, 28. Apprehends, 29. Sluggish, 30. Radiated, 31. This and that, 32. Hoosier Poet, 33. Announce a billiards shot, 34. Lama territory, 35. Blueprint, 36. The ball, 37. Spoon-bender, 38. Jockey, 39. Turcoite, 40. Affirmative action.

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