

## Powell to try it in England

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Ricardo Powell, left out of West Indies' training squad for their tour to Zimbabwe, is to play in England this summer.

The all-rounder was not named in a provisional squad and will now play semi-professional cricket in England.

"After not being invited for the (training) camp I realised that I was not going to make the tour to Zimbabwe so that allowed me to activate a standby arrangement to play league cricket in England," Powell was quoted in The Observer on Sunday.

After missing out on the squad Powell turned down an opportunity to attend the Caribbean's newly opened cricket academy in Grenada.

He has offers from several English league teams, but has not chosen one yet, the newspaper said.

He could join Kent club side Lashings, who already boast a number of West Indian stars in their ranks including Brian Lara, Reon King, Jimmy Adams and Junior Murray.

## Gough points finger at ICC

AFP, London

England fast bowler Darren Gough said Sunday that proposals in Lord Condon's report into cricket corruption will not stop match-fixing and only result in innocent players being treated like criminals.

"Once again cricket has over-reacted and got it wrong by trying to build high-security fences around international players," Gough told the News of the World.

"But I can assure you that no amount of external policing is going to stop match-fixing."

"The one per cent who are rotten will still find a way to cheat cricket."

"According to Lord Condon our lives should be made a misery by being under constant surveillance during Test matches and tours."

## India not going

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The Australian Cricket Board had invited India for the indoor series following a remarkable Test series between the two countries in February-March, when India came from behind to win 2-1 and end Australia's 16-Test winning streak.

South Africa were Australia's opponents in the inaugural indoor series at the Colonial Stadium last year.

The BCCI had earlier this month accepted the invitation to play three one-day games, two in Melbourne's indoor Colonial Stadium and one in Brisbane.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced the draw for the regional Test Championship in Lahore on Friday and the BCCI has said India would travel to Karachi, the likely venue, to play a Test in Pakistan for the first time in 12 years.

The match will be a major breakthrough in cricketing relations between the two South Asian rivals after India repeatedly declined to play Pakistan in the past two years.

The Indian government has allowed the national side to play against Pakistan in multi-nation events like the World Cup and Asian championship, but refuses to sanction bilateral series between the two.

Sporting relations between India and Pakistan are at a low because of a political dispute over the disputed Himalayan state of Kashmir.

Indian government denied permission to the country's cricket team to play a Test series in Pakistan late last year and in a one-day series in Sharjah last month involving Pakistan.

But prospects of India playing in Pakistan have brightened after New Delhi last week invited Islamabad to hold peace talks.

## Pybus

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into the game with four front-line bowlers and the two all-rounders at the expense of a fifth specialist batsman.

That would mean moving Razzaq from number three in the batting order to opener, a position he was used in against Leicestershire, while relying on Azhar, Wasim and wicketkeeper Rashid Latif to grind out some useful runs lower down the order.

Pybus said: "It's going to be interesting. I would rather the selection was too hard than too easy."

Shoaib Akhtar's getting better and better. The guys are finding their form, admittedly a week-and-a-half late. But rather than us still trying to get the combinations right."

The Old Trafford pitch, however, may still change both teams' plans. Rain has only allowed one day's play there all season and was continuing to fall on Monday.

## Venus, Amelie ambushed

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Defending champion Gustavo Kuerten eased into the second round of the French Open on Monday, ousting Argentine Guillermo Coria 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 in just over 100 minutes.

But if the man they call 'Guga' marched on as expected two earthquakes hit the women's event, where two of the favourites - second seed Venus Williams and French fifth-seed Amelie Mauresmo - both packed their bags.

Olympic champion Williams of the United States came up short as she ran into an inspired Barbara Schett of Austria, who beat her 6-4, 6-4 in the 31st minute after first spurning a trio of match points.

Mauresmo likewise failed to perform on the day as Jana Kandarr of Germany knocked her out 7-5, 7-5 in the 18th minute.

Kandarr, ranked 56 in the world, trailed 1-5 in the second set but Mauresmo, who came here having won the Berlin title and reached the Rome final, inexplicably fell to pieces thereafter to bow out as she dropped serve to love.

Kandarr now plays Italy's Rita Grande.

"I just couldn't find my rhythm out there," said a disbelieving Mauresmo as the enormity of her loss sank in.

Schett, who made the fourth round here 12 months ago, wore a huge smile as she came off court - and said she had been sure she could win.

"Of course I thought I could win. I beat top players in the past and it was a good opportunity to play her in the first round when she was more vulnerable."

"I was nervous but I tried not to show it and stay calm. I knew other chances would come. But I think Venus definitely didn't play her best tennis. I didn't play that aggressive I think. I just kept trying to get it back," said the 25-year-old from Innsbruck.

Williams thus still to get past the last eight here in five visits to the tournament, which is celebrating its 100th year.

Earlier, Yugoslav Jelena Dokic got off to a scorching start as she opened the event by crushing Adriana Gersic of the Czech Republic 6-0, 6-0.

The 15th-seeded Dokic, who snapped up her first WTA Tour title in Rome eight days ago - at Mauresmo's expense - was in no mood to give her opponent any quarter as she sped through in just 39 minutes against a hopelessly out-classed rival.

"It wasn't too much of a difficult match. I tried out everything and it worked fine," said Dokic.

Back among the men, top-seeded Brazilian Kuerten, who says he is fit enough to win a third title here in five years despite nag-

ging back and thigh ailments which wrecked his challenge at the Hamburg Masters, sped through the first set in just 27 minutes as Coria seemed awestruck by the occasion.

But the Argentine, nicknamed Mini Moya for his resemblance to Spanish 1998 titlist Carlos Moya, fought back gamely and made a match of it in the second before finally fading as the 24-year-old Kuerten stepped up his game and won as a Coria forehand return plopped into the net.

Kuerten, nicknamed Guga, will now face another Argentine in the shape of Agustín Calleri, who destroyed Dutchman John Van Lotum 6-3, 6-0, 6-4.

"It's a very good start for me - but I wish today was the final," joked crowd favourite Kuerten, given an ovation at the end by the crowd on the Philippe Chatrier Centre Court.

Kuerten said just being in Paris

squash Italian lucky loser Federico Luzzi 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in the 47th minute.

"If I can get going it's going to be very difficult to stop me," the Russian insisted.

Australian Lleyton Hewitt showed he is worth his sixth seeding - his highest ranking ever at a Grand Slam event - by marching into the second round of the French Open on Monday with a four-set win over French wildcard Paul-Henri Mathieu.

Hewitt, buoyed by his run to the Hamburg Masters Series semi-final, took a while to find his bearings on the slow red clay - which was nonetheless quicker in the warm Parisian sun than its German equivalent - but moved through the gears to win 7-6 (7/2), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Spanish fourth seed and Rome Masters Series champion Juan Carlos Ferrero progressed by ousting Austrian Stefan Koubek in straight sets.



Austrian Barbara Schett celebrates after beating American Venus Williams in the first round of the French Open on Monday.

was a wonderful feeling.

"Here's where I started my career, here's where everything began - where I started to beat the big players. Every time I come here it's something special."

Joining Kuerten in round two was 1996 champion and seventh seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who shrugged off poor recent form to

The 21-year-old Ferrero, who had been uncertain to play the tournament because of an abdominal strain which forced him out of the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf, won 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

British 11th seed Tim Henman also found his form to beat German qualifier Tomas Behrend 6-1, 6-4, 5-7, 6-0.

## Law lesson for Surrey

Cricket

AFP, London

Australia batsman Stuart Law completed a magnificent 154 against county champions Surrey here Sunday but Essex were still in trouble after the third day's play at The Oval.

Law, 132 not out overnight, was last man out when he was caught and bowled by England leg-spinner Ian Salisbury, Essex making 300.

Half-centuries from England batsmen Mark Butcher (72) and Mark Ramprakash (52) enabled Surrey to declare their second innings at 206 for five. Essex, left with a day and a quarter to make 404 to win or bat out to save the game, were 73 for nought at the close.

Meanwhile at Hedingley fast bowler Matthew Hoggard celebrated his recall to the England Test squad by taking five for 52 as Yorkshire beat Northamptonshire by four wickets to move to the top of the First Division.

There was no play Sunday in the day's other top-flight match between Kent and Glamorgan.

In the Second Division Nottinghamshire's Kevin Pietersen continued to hammer the Middlesex attack. His 65 not out in the second innings, followed the South African's 165 not out first time around.

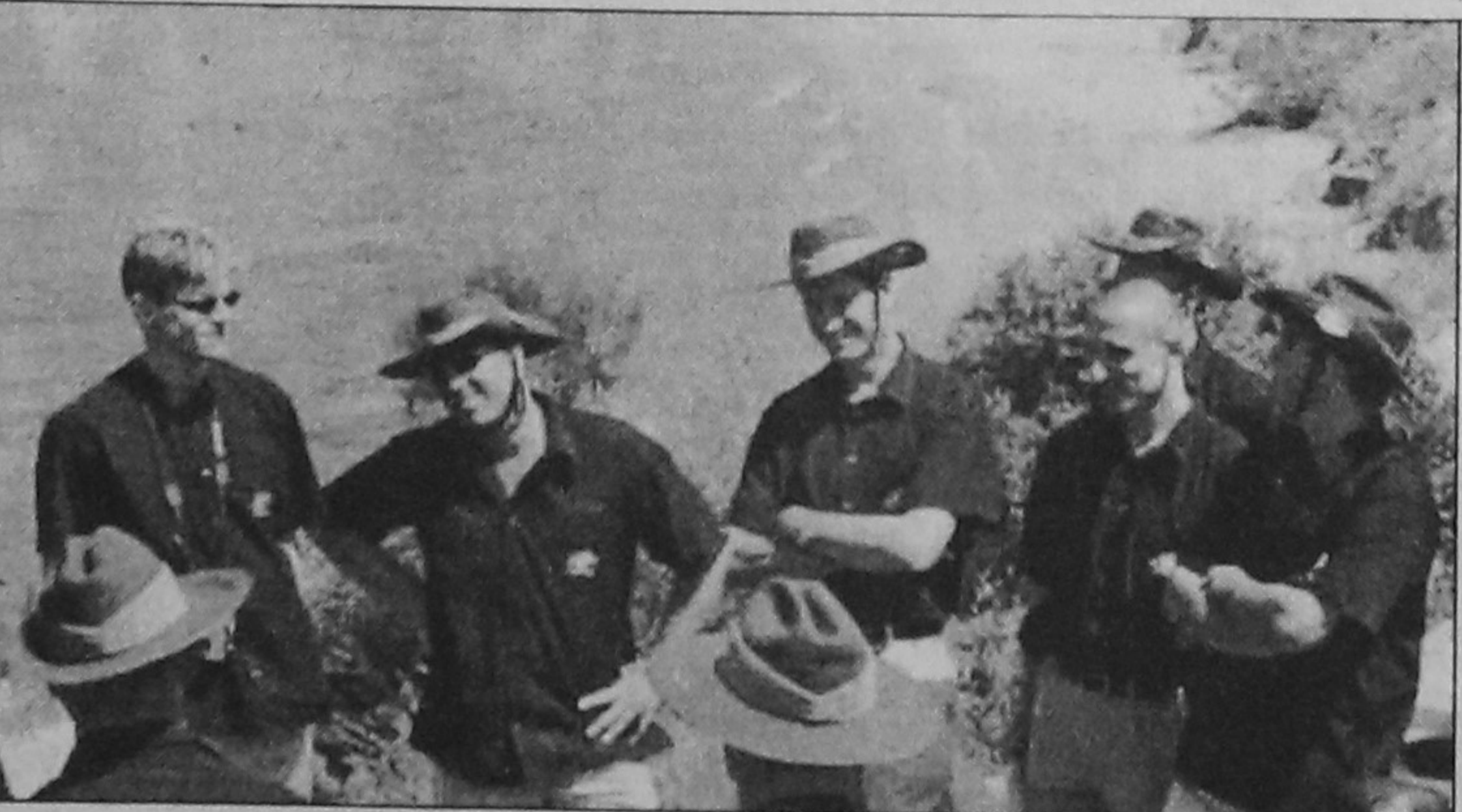
## Plea to Perec

AFP, Paris

French sports minister Marie-George Buffet on Sunday issued an impassioned plea to troubled French athletics star Marie-Jose Perec to return home.

Buffet said that she had not had news from the triple Olympic champion since the Guadeloupe-born Perec's sensational flight prior to the Sydney Olympics last September.

"Marie-Jose has to tell us simply if she wants to continue or if she wants to stop," Buffet told French television.



Members of the Australian cricket team are seen at ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli, western Turkey, on Monday. The Australians visited ANZAC Cove which is named after the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps whose soldiers came ashore on April 25, 1915, during the World War One, in Gallipoli peninsula.

## India declare at 336/9

REUTERS, Mutare

Zimbabwe A were 33 for one, in reply to India's first innings total of 336 for nine declared, at the close on the first day of the three-day tour match in Mutare on Monday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of a three-day tour match between India and Zimbabwe A on Monday:

INDIA					
Das c Taibu b Strang	4				
Ramesh b Friend	13				
Laxman b Mutendera	24				
Tendulkar c b Mutendera	11				
Ganguly c Friend b Mutendera	12				
Dravid not out	107				
Dighe not out	67				
Extras (lb-4, w-3, nb-4)	11				
Total (For 5 wks in 65 overs)	249				
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-23, 3-45, 4-62, 5-71					
To bat: Z Khan, H Singh, D Mohanty, A Nehra					

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Strang	10	3	22	1
Friend	21	6	66	1
Mutendera	16	2	69	3
Evans	2	0	9	0
Murphy	8	0	38	0
Viljoen	8	0	42	0

ZIMBABWE A: G Rennie, 11 Masakadza, D Ebrahim, C Wishart, C Evans, D Viljoen, T Taibu, T Friend, B Murphy, D Mutendera, B Strang.

## Catch Prabhakar by any means

AFP, New Delhi

Indian police said Monday they would go all out to track down former India cricket star Manoj Prabhakar, who is apparently on the run after being linked to a financial scam.

An Indian court had issued a non-bailable warrant against Prabhakar in the funds scam in the northern Indian hill state of Uttarakhand.

The state police had alerted counterparts in the Indian capital New Delhi, where Prabhakar lives, to arrest the former all-rounder.

"We are still waiting for a formal reply from Delhi Police regarding the warrant against Manoj Prabhakar," Uttarakhand's director general of police, Ashok Kant Sharan, told PTL.

"In case he is not arrested, then we would declare him a proclaimed offender."

## Waugh for stop-over forever

AFP, Sydney

Steve Waugh wants the Australian cricket team to visit the Gallipoli battlefields while on their way to England for every future Ashes tour.

The Australian captain, emotional by the team's trip to the Turkish battlefields Monday, suggested that the Ashes squad do the same every four years as a stop-over to London.

"I'd like to think this could be a traditional start to every tour by an Australian side to the UK," Waugh told Australian Associated Press from the Gallipoli peninsula Monday.

"It's so peaceful and beautiful now the hardest part is to realise what it was like in 1915."

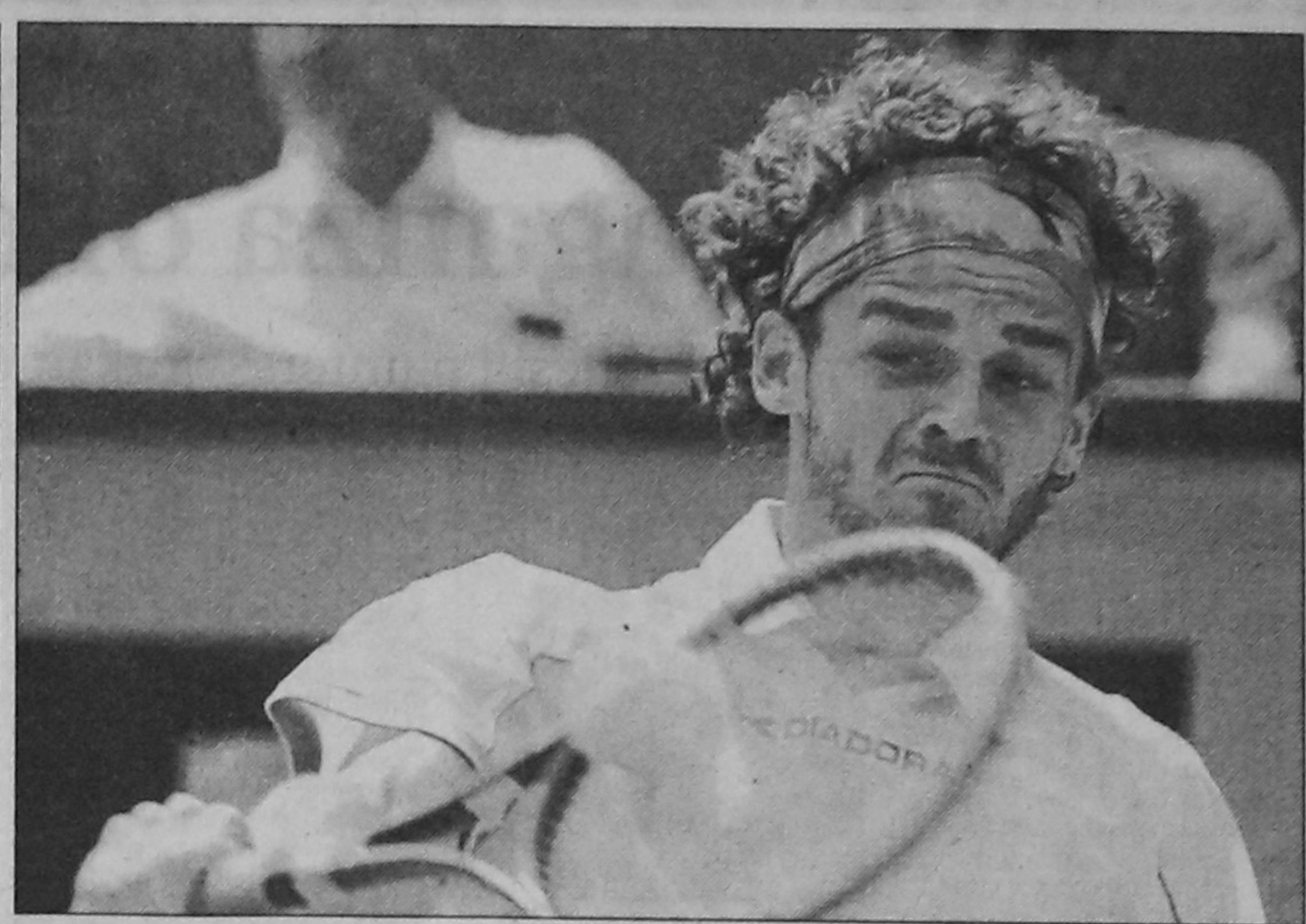
In that year more than 8,000 ANZACS were killed and a further 12,000 wounded during the ill-fated eight-month World War I campaign.

The Australian cricketers visited memorial sites such as Lone Pine, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly and Chunuk Bair.

Waugh, who described the visit as a once in a lifetime experience, praised the courage and determination of the ANZACS.

"It puts things into perspective for us because people call us heroes but we just play sport and we're good at it," the 36-year-old skipper said.

"But realistically those who fought are far more deserving of the accolade of heroes than any of us."



Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil plays a backhand return against Argentine Guillermo Coria during their French Open first round encounter in Roland Garros yesterday.

## FRENCH OPEN DIARY

Tennis

AFP, Paris

French Open diary on the opening day of the tournament at the Roland Garros stadium here Monday:

### CENTRE COURT GETS A NEW NAME

The legendary Roland Garros Centre Court has been christened the Philippe Chatrier Court, in memory of former French Tennis Federation president who died a few days after last year's tournament at the age of 72 after a long illness.

Chatrier headed the French federation from 1973-1993.

The entire stadium has received a facelift in preparations for the 100th year of the competition this year, these included the enlargement of court 3 and work to form the basement of the Tennis Museum, the future French Tennis

Museum.

### SCULLY CREATES POSTER

For 22 years the creation of the French Open poster has been commissioned to some of the best-known and talented artists in the world. The 2001 Roland Garros poster was designed by Irish-born American painter Sean Scully.

Minimalist Scully, 55, has worked in New York, London and Barcelona, with his work being exhibited in the New York Metropolitan Museum last year. He used the stadium's colours and tackled the theme of competition opposing wide crayon stripes.

"Crayon is very similar to clay," says Scully. "When I was asked to create this poster I knew I would use crayon immediately, for it is nothing but dust really."

On the right side of his work is a representation of the Roland Garros clay whereas the yellow and black left hand side resembles

"a tiger's coat. The animal in me! My intention was to draw the shape of a court divided in the middle by a net. I see tennis as an extremely geometric activity."

### OVER 50 TONS OF RED CLAY SHIPPED

Where does the famous red clay of the Roland Garros stadium come from one may ask?

Well the answer lies near Ermenoville, 50km from Paris, where the chalk based substance is fabricated from crushed bricks.

In fact the substance only makes up a tiny proportion of the court surface with a film of 1mm of the dust covering the court. Nevertheless, over three tons are needed for each court during the two-week competition.

Beneath the clay the court surface is made up of a thick layer of chalk - in the case of Roland Garros eight centimetres in depth.

## Primera Liga

## Deportivo, Barca stumble

Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid may have been crowned champions for the 28th time but little else was decided on a bizarre weekend in the Spanish First Division.

Mallorca won 4-0 at home to Rayo Vallecano, to move up to third place on Sunday, and keep up the pressure on last year's title holders Deportivo La Coruna, who went down 2-1 at home to struggling Valladolid.

The Balearic island side took the lead against their visitors Rayo thanks to a goal from Cameroon international striker Samuel Eto'o just 60 seconds into the game after an error by the Madrid side's American goalkeeper Kasey Keller.

Eto'o and Nigerian international Finidi George then made the lives of the Rayo defenders a misery, combining for two goals, one each, within the space of three minutes shortly before half time.

Albert Riera got Mallorca's fourth in injury time to give club 60th victory after 36 games.

They lie two points behind Deportivo, whose loss at home was their first of the season.

Unable to continue their bid to retain their title, Real Madrid

having notched up 76 points after their stunning 5-0 win over Alaves on Saturday, Deportivo looked like a shadow of the team that has challenged in the Spanish league and Champions League this season.

Valladolid were 2-0 ahead due to goals from Ivan Kaviedes, on the stroke of half time, and Fernando Salas, midway through the second half, before Deportivo's Dutch striker Roy Makaay got his 14th goal of the season with quarter of an hour to go.

The next round of matches in two weeks time sees Mallorca travel to humbled Alaves, while Deportivo go to European Champions League finalists Valencia.

Valencia are still in line for another campaign in the top flight of European soccer, and lie fourth with 63 points, after drawing 1-1 away at relegation-threatened Racing Santander.

Despite only getting an injury time equaliser from captain Gazizka Mendietta, Valencia still had the majority of the play but couldn't break down Racing's resilient defence after the home side had gone ahead after 50 minutes from a Javier Mazzoni header.

Catalan giants Barcelona continue to stutter towards a place in Europe after they lost 1-0 in the

Nou Camp to Oviedo after the visitor's counterattacking tactics produced the only goal of the game, after 50 minutes, from Jaime Fernandez.

Barcelona's nervousness was apparent from the outset, with a taught back four and a defensive midfield, but interim coach Charley Rexach threw everything into attack after the goal and substituted Michael Reiziger for fellow Dutchman Boudewijn Zenden.

However, it was all to no avail and Barcelona look set for the UEFA Cup rather than a Champions League slot next year.

At the foot of the table, Numancia kept alive their slim hopes of avoiding relegation with a 2-1 win at home to Espanyol.

Numancia scored through Txomin Nagore and Laurentiu Rosu in the second half after Espanyol had opened through Spanish international Raul Tamudo after just four minutes.

All three teams at the bottom of the Spanish First Division have 36 points.

Numancia lie 20th, Racing 19th and Osasuna 18th but with Real Sociedad, who drew 1-1 at Zaragoza, lying just one place above the relegation zone on 40 points, the desperate trio still have hopes of escaping the drop.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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