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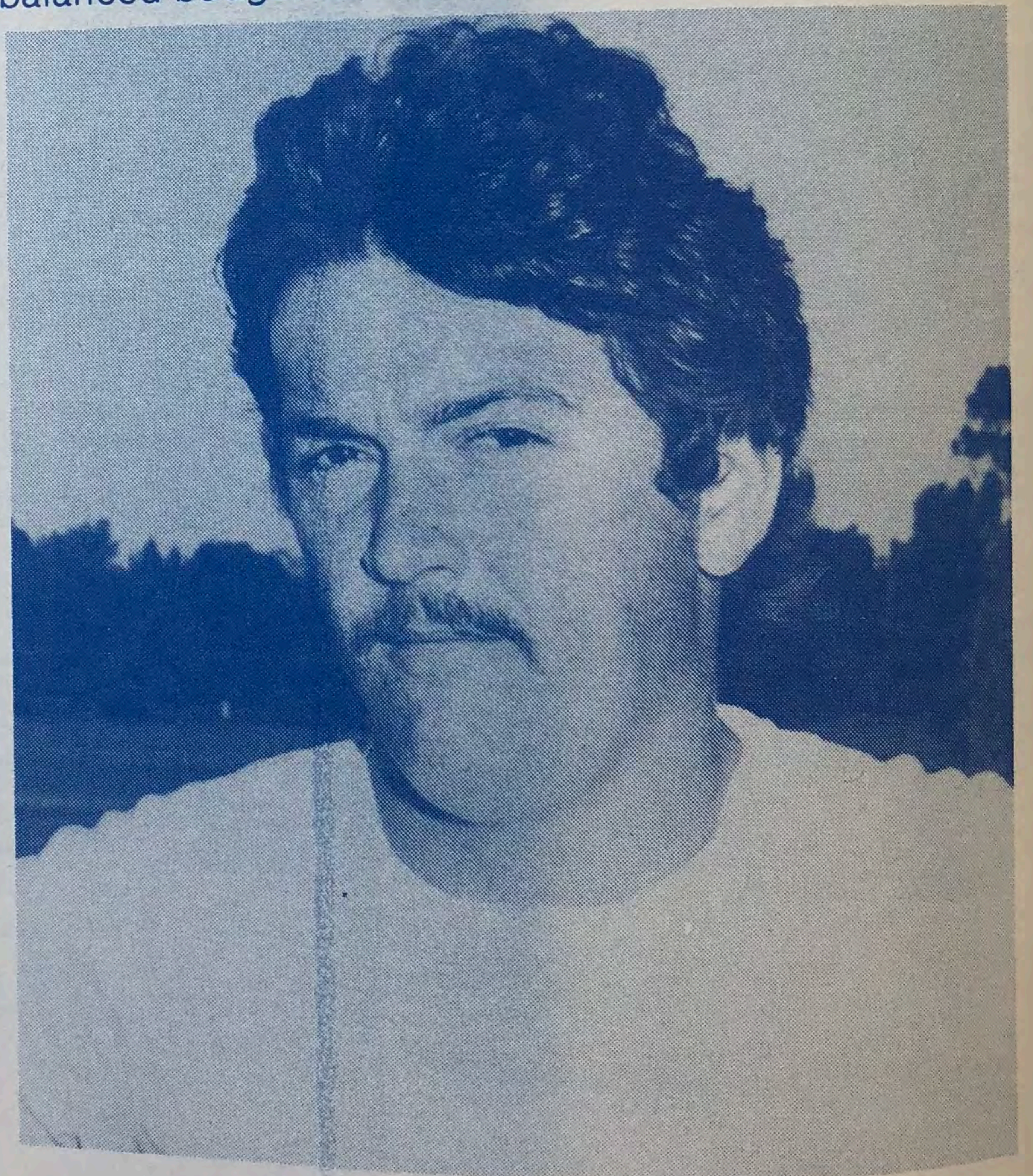
Season 80/81 and Applecross Cricket Club is moving ahead yet again. The most promising club in W.A. Cricket has taken another giant step forward.

This season the Club has "imported" a playing coach of no meagre reputation. Stuart Rankins arrival brings the experience, ability and maturity of A Grade cricket to our ranks. This marks the beginning of a new era of professionalism at "Applecross".

A competitive list of incentives has been offered to attract players and to encourage players to strive to attain a high level of excellence as individuals and greater success in their performances as teams of a premier club.

The Executive has endeavoured to make available to players the very best of equipment in both playing and practice kits. Further efforts are planned to improve equipment and ancillaries; First Aid Kits etc, so that these will mark time with the Club's progress and success.

About this time some members might shake their heads and ponder the planned price of success. I would like to assure you that the Executive of your Club is very mindful of the need for care required in maintaining the affairs and finances of the Club. Careful planning of income raising ventures has preceded all the proposed expenditure commitments so as to ensure that the Club has a balanced budget for 1980/81.



President, Peter Hewitt

Club Publisher

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About now some members of the Executive might start to shake their heads! — All the best laid plans of the Executive require the full support of ALL the members. Just as all members must strive to do their best on the field they must ALL strive to support the Clubs fund raising functions, and enjoy the benefits from those areas where the Clubs expends money — incentives, equipment, socials, Trophies etc.

Remember, Applecross Cricket Club is you, the members. On one hand the President, Executive, Coach and others set standards by which you the members must play the game, practice, support functions, are for gear and pay fees. On the other hand, however, those that control must answer to you. You are the club. You have a right to be proud of that fact. If you show that pride the Club will be a success and a proud tradition will be built.

If the Club were to have a motto it could be something like "Will, Ability, Desperation".

A will to try, a will to win and a willing hand to help your Club and each other: Ability to play, ability to win and ability to help: Desperation to weld "Will" and "Ability" into a successful on field force and a united off field club.

You the members have the "Will" and the "Ability" — now show the "Desperation".

**PETER HEWITT.**

## Coach Report

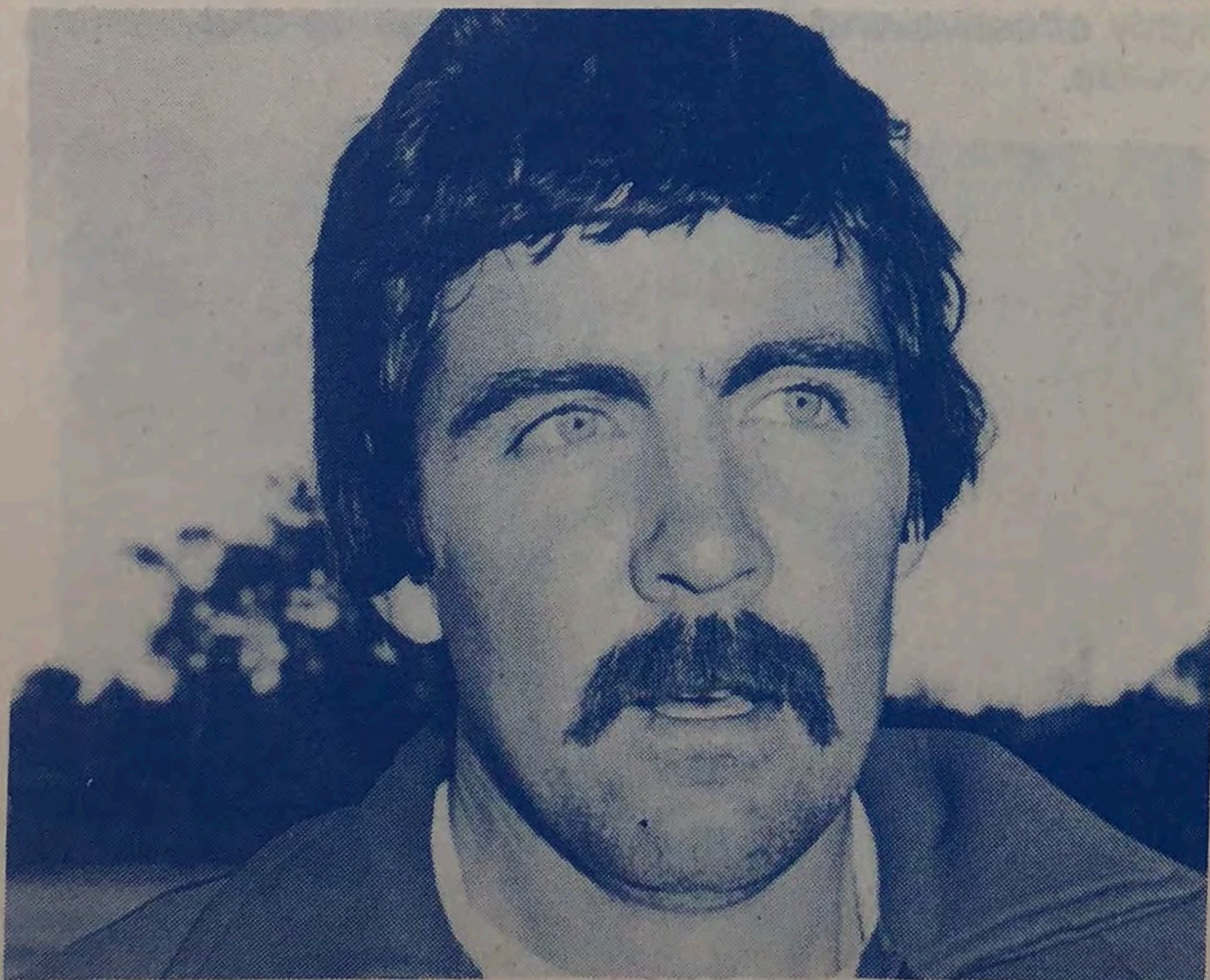
I'm really excited about the coming season. Applecross, a relatively new team in suburban turf — I see coaching them a real challenge, after coaching clubs in higher grades especially Bentley who seem to be marking time. Applecross who are trying very hard both on and off the field. Only needing a push in the right direction to become a top side in the Association.

Hopefully, I can help in the playing area, providing the players become more professional in their attitude. Also providing the committee continues to recruit and perhaps in the near future starts up some Junior teams for this is where the future of the club lies.

I'd just like to wish all players the best for the season and remember you only get out of the game what you put in to it.

So attend training regularly as this is the start on the road to professionalism.

**Stewart Rankin.**



Stewart Rankin, Coach.

Good Luck to all players of

the Applecross Cricket Club in the  
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And now a report from our special correspondent, a player so respected by players, captains, coaches and selectors alike he invariably plays not only for top teams but as well as in the lower grades (which tends to be more often than not). Which club he plays for, indeed even for which country (as he has played for national teams on more than one occasion) does not matter to him for he is the supreme all-rounder: a man of devilish cunning, skill and ability.

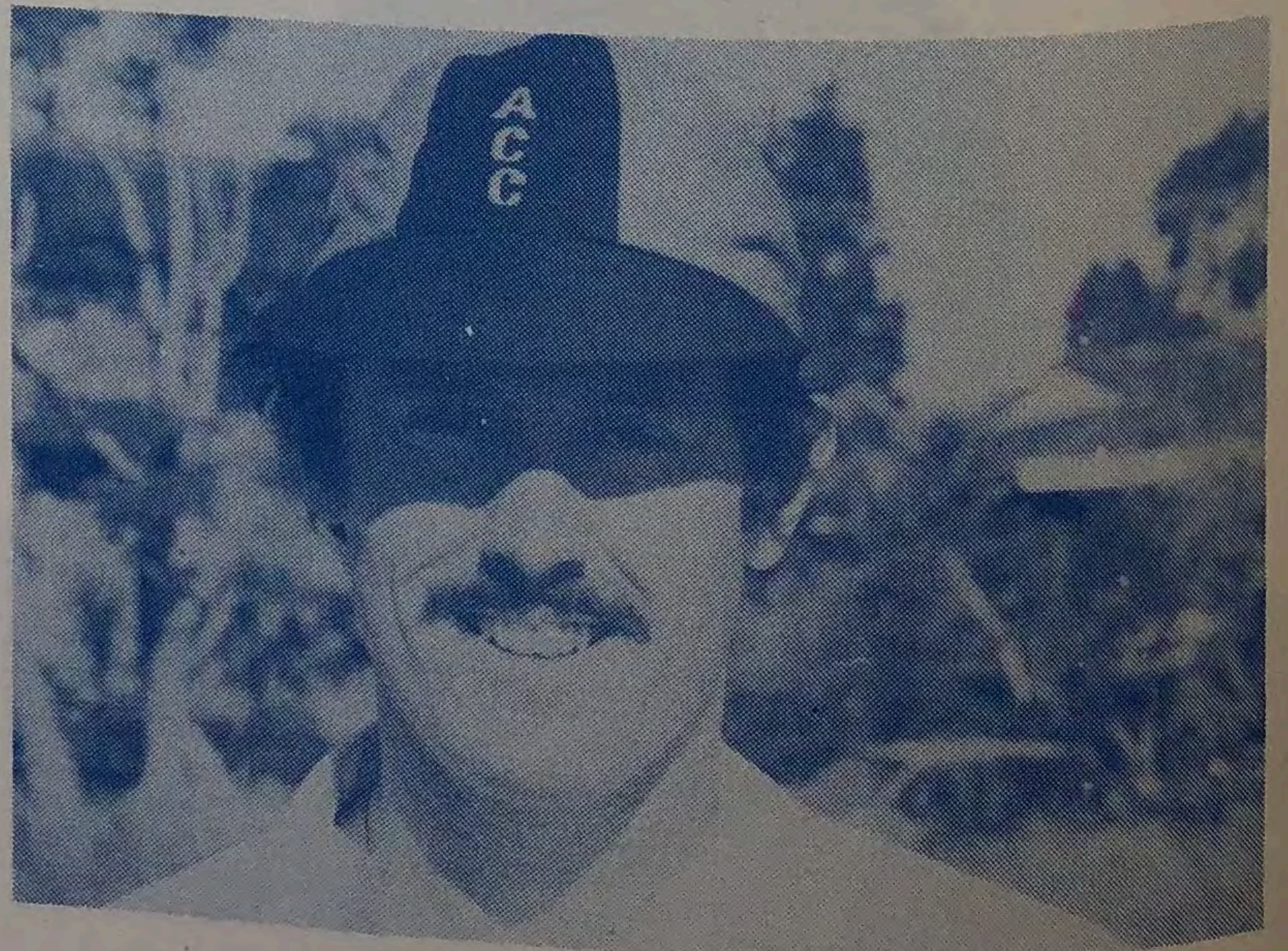
Gentlemen and others; I give you Mr A. N. Other.

"Thank you, thank you for the generous round of applause. It gives me great pleasure to be here tonight, almost as much as the time I was selected for the Tibetan Tai Tung monasteries Olympic Goldfish wrestling team, but that's another story.

"My first recollection of being selected for a cricket team was back in the 1780's when John Nyren, a man of infinite wisdom, chose me for his team to play against the touring Bhutan Schizophrenic Cricket Club. Unfortunately, owing to the fact we appeared to be playing against two teams we finished a rather poor second. But from that moment I never looked back and went on to first class and later international honours.

"Back in those days however, it was a totally different game played by gentlemen against gentlemen. Gad sirs, there was none of this unseemly behaviour exhibited by today's "professionals" (Professional what you may well ask). If a man was in dispute with an umpire's decision there was none of this glaring, swearing and screaming 'I wuz robbed'. A man simply walked calmly off the ground, accepting the decision completely, and then later, when the game had completed its course blew the umpire's head off with his 12-bore shotgun, thus ensuring such a decision did not occur again. Of course, after the first two or three games there was a chronic shortage of umpires.

"It is not generally conceded that I was the first man to invent and make full use of the leg-break. The idea suddenly struck me when I was watching the Welsh All-in Mud Wrestling Championship finals when the eventual winner lightly tossed his 24 stone opponent into the ground (which unfortunately I was occupying at the time) and broke his left incisor. I put the idea into immediate use and achieved great success when playing for the Whim Creek Janitor's XI with my two brothers A. N. Other and A.N. Other. When I found myself against a particularly obstinate batsman I simply broke his leg. I found this highly effective and recommend it to all up and coming bowlers.



Darryl Haley.



"I remember well the first test team I was selected for. It was back in the roaring '50's when men were men and pansies were flowers. it was the South Korean team I was playing for against the Communist China team. Our captain was May Den Ova and after the customary slaughtering of the chicken and burning of incense to appease the gods, we went out to bat on a hard, fast wicket against the deadly Chinese opening bowlers De Li Le and Te Om Sun. Against a backdrop of mushroom shaped clouds and no sight screens it was extremely difficult to 'pick' the ball and we were soon all out for a miserly 128 with only Kim Hus making any runs for us.

"Unfortunately we were forced to concede defeat before the game could proceed any further owing to a slight altercation between North and South Korea and our team being drafted.

"Well time is creeping past and i am forced to end the tales of my long and illustrious sporting career now. However if I should ever come back this way I hope you will all come to listen to me relate the story of my selection for the Ballet Dancers Discus Chewing Team.

"But that's ANother story."



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"... seems quiet enough ..."

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Dave Turner

The Team: Back (Left to Right), Bill Ellis, Steve Melville, Garry Gregan, Allan Burrough, Dave Higginson.

Front (Left to Right): Darryl Haley, Val Steenholdt, George Prince, Stewart Rankin (Capt/Coach), Alan Seubert.



Garry Gregan, bowling against Doubleview.



Stewart "Ace" Rankin, the Club Captain/Coach.



Val "Claude" Steenholdt.





John Spearing "hits out" — first ton for the season.



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## Fundraising & Social Report

To my knowledge this has never happened at a Committee meeting of any organisation, but anything is possible I suppose . . .

We're broke

Why?

Not enough bods at our last fund raising function. We only broke even. Those that did turn up didn't bring anyone.

What'll we do?

Dunno. I'm not busting my gut out again. For a club that's got ambitions it sure stymies me.

What do we need to pay for everything this year?

About \$3000.

Any subs in?

A few, but we'll only get a thousand from them. That leaves two thou.

How many players we got?

About 40, I think.

If we can't get them to help I move we impose a \$50 levy on each player, it's their club, let them pay for everything.

Hell, that's \$30 sub, \$66 match fees, \$50 levy. That's a lotta moola.

Well, if they attended the functions and brought outsiders with them they wouldn't have to give that much.

Mr President, I second that motion

Anyone disagree?

(Silence)

All in favour?

Aye

Carr — Hey what about that gentlemen's evening we decided to put on?

Hell, I was so disappointed in the last lot, I forgot about that.

Let's give 'em one more chance eh?

Righto. But it's against my better judgement, though.

40 players, eh. If they could bring two mates each, that's 120.



Dave Wells trying to win a magnum of summer wine at our champagne breakfast held on 12 October 1980.

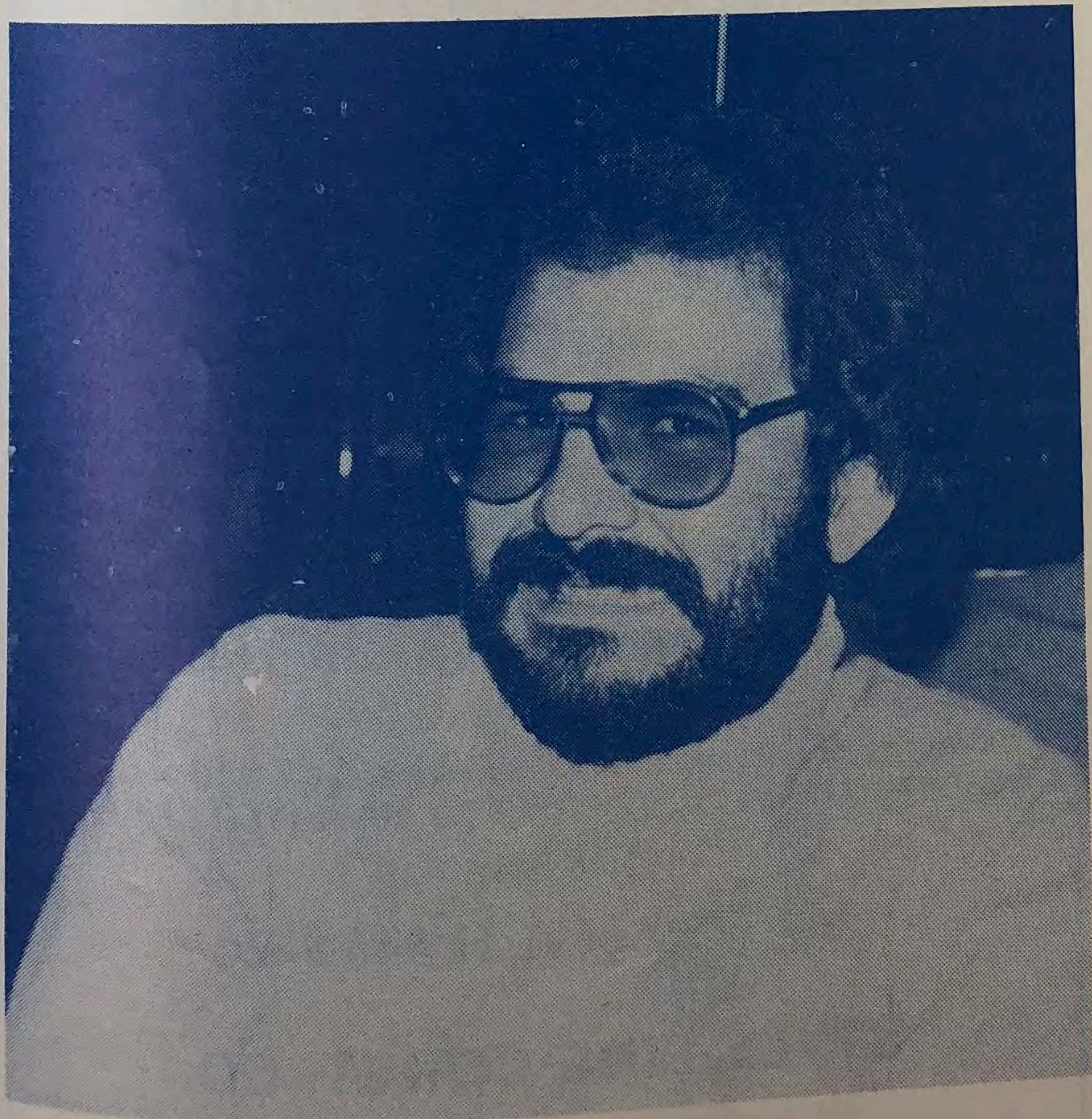


I heard that song. It's called dream, dream, dream.  
 I support the levy, we don't have to do anything that way.  
 Ya lazy sod. The members elected us to do the organising.  
 Hang on. We can organise things alright, but we can't  
 guarantee a financial success. **ONLY THE MEMBERS  
 CAN DO THAT.**  
 I gotta agree with that.  
 Order, order. We'll give 'em another chance. Let's get to it.  
 Meeting closed. Pass me a stubby.

**JACK GREGAN.**



John Oliver & Peter Hewitt (Left to Right)



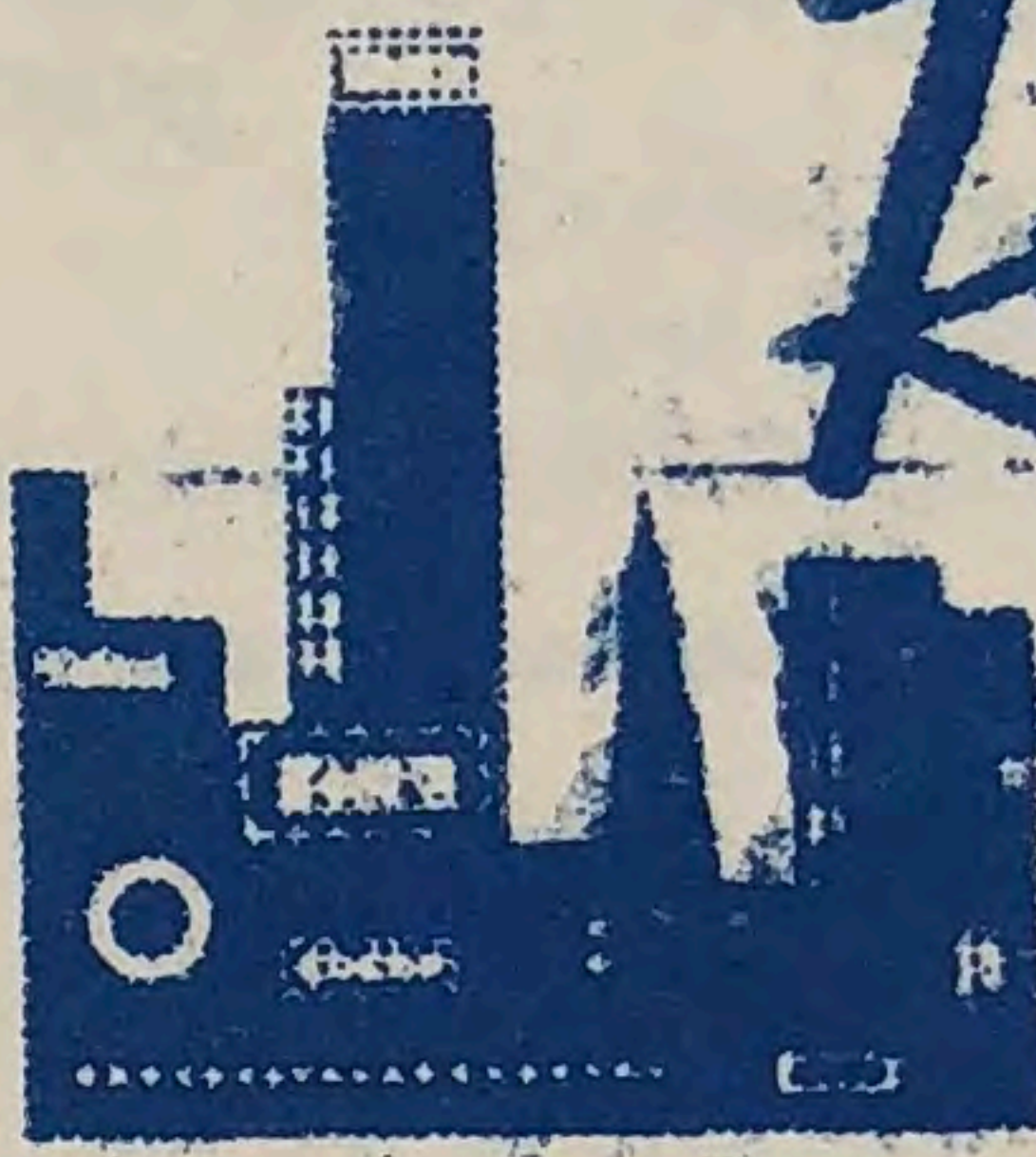
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# Player Profile

NAME: Stuart Andrew Rankin.

AGE: 30.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Perth (WACA) A and B grade  
Bentley (WASTCA) A grade  
Gosnells (SSTCA) A grade

LIKES: Films, going out to dinner, football.

DISLIKES: Guys who don't fully contribute to the club, i.e., practice.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer.

NICKNAME: Ace.

MAJOR HIGH: Coaching Bentley to the A Grade finals, playing for State Colts.

MAJOR LOW: Being beaten in the finals.

AIMS: To get Applecross into the finals and then the fourth grade.



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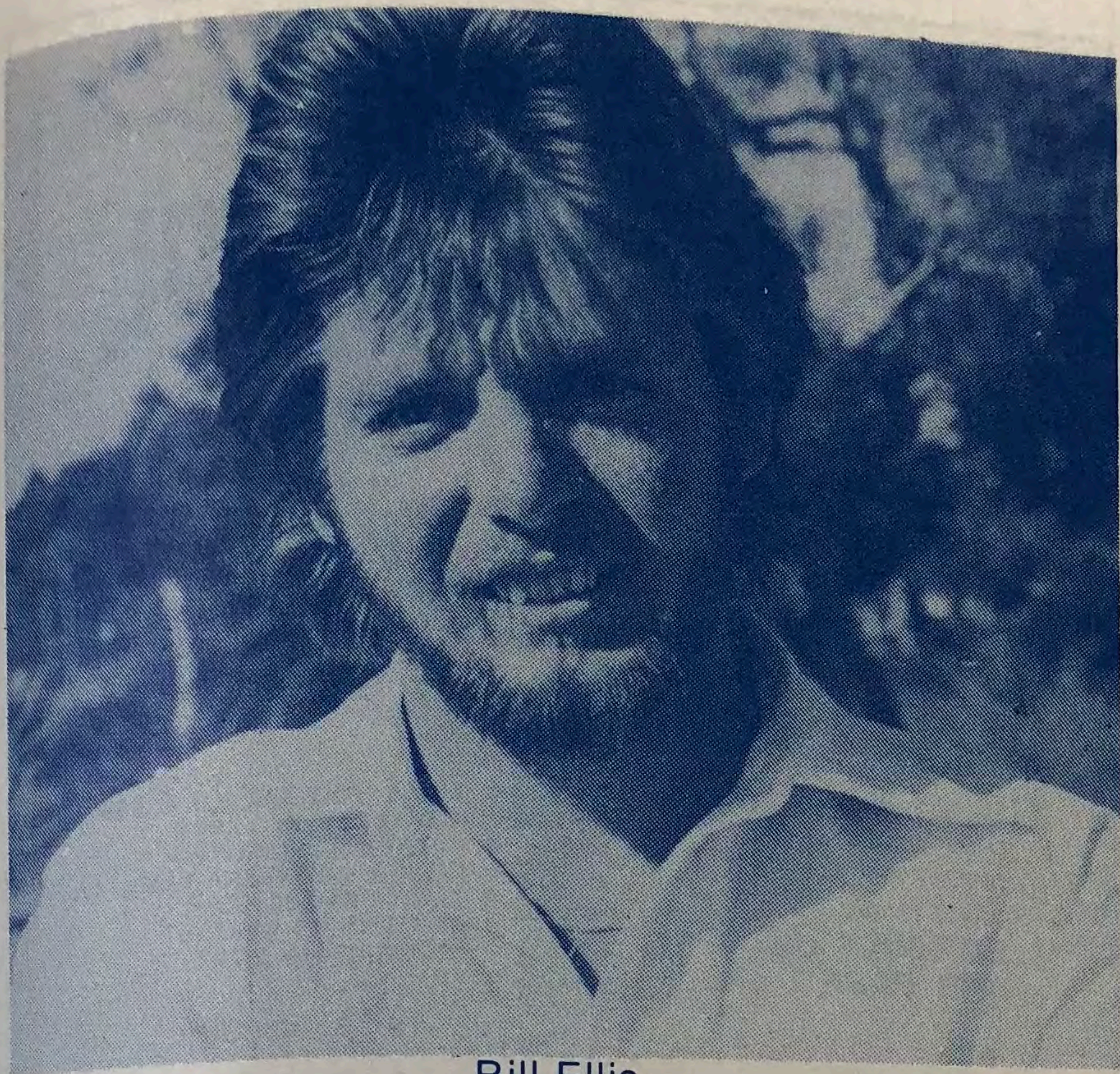
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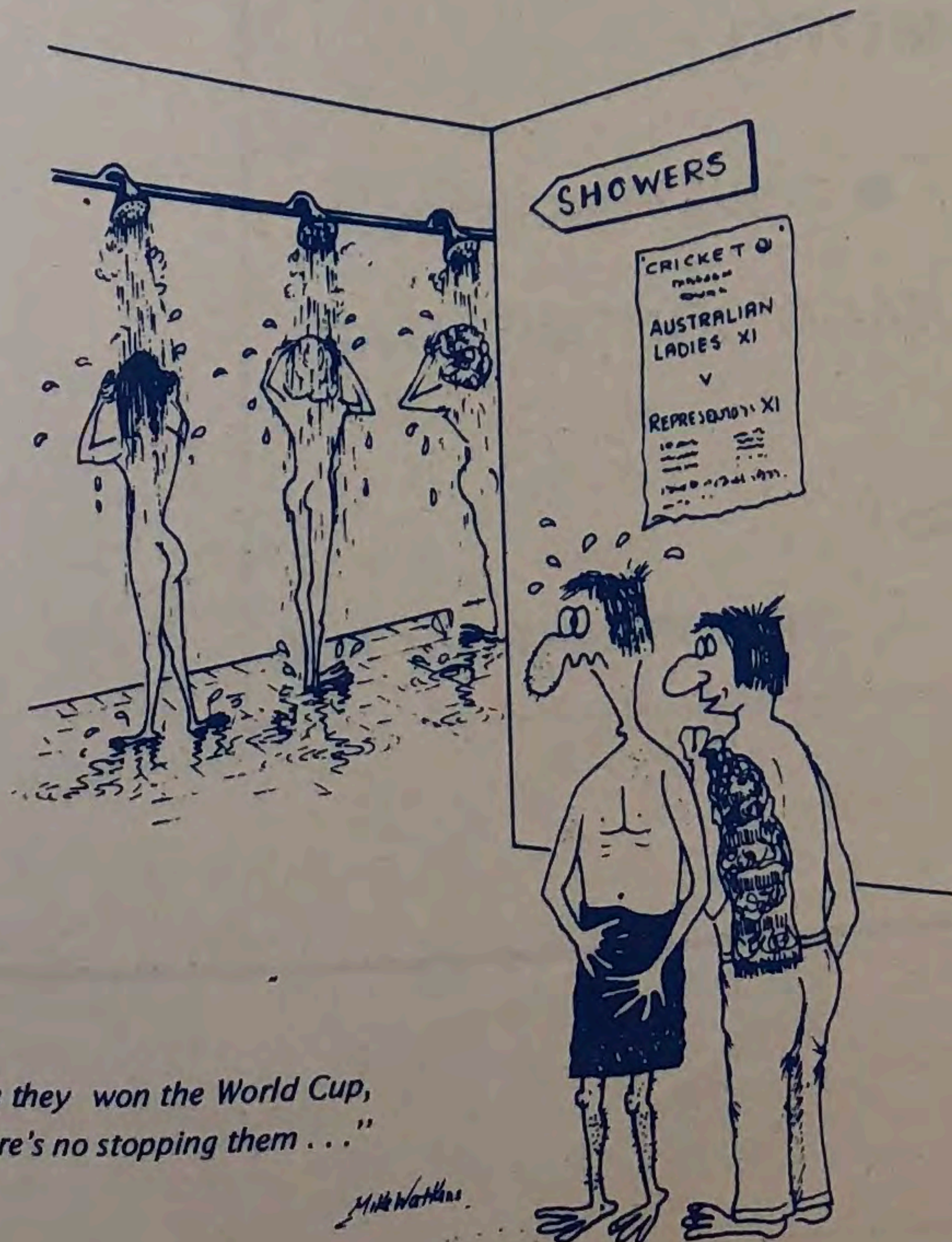




Bill Ellis.



John Oliver



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Mark Whelan

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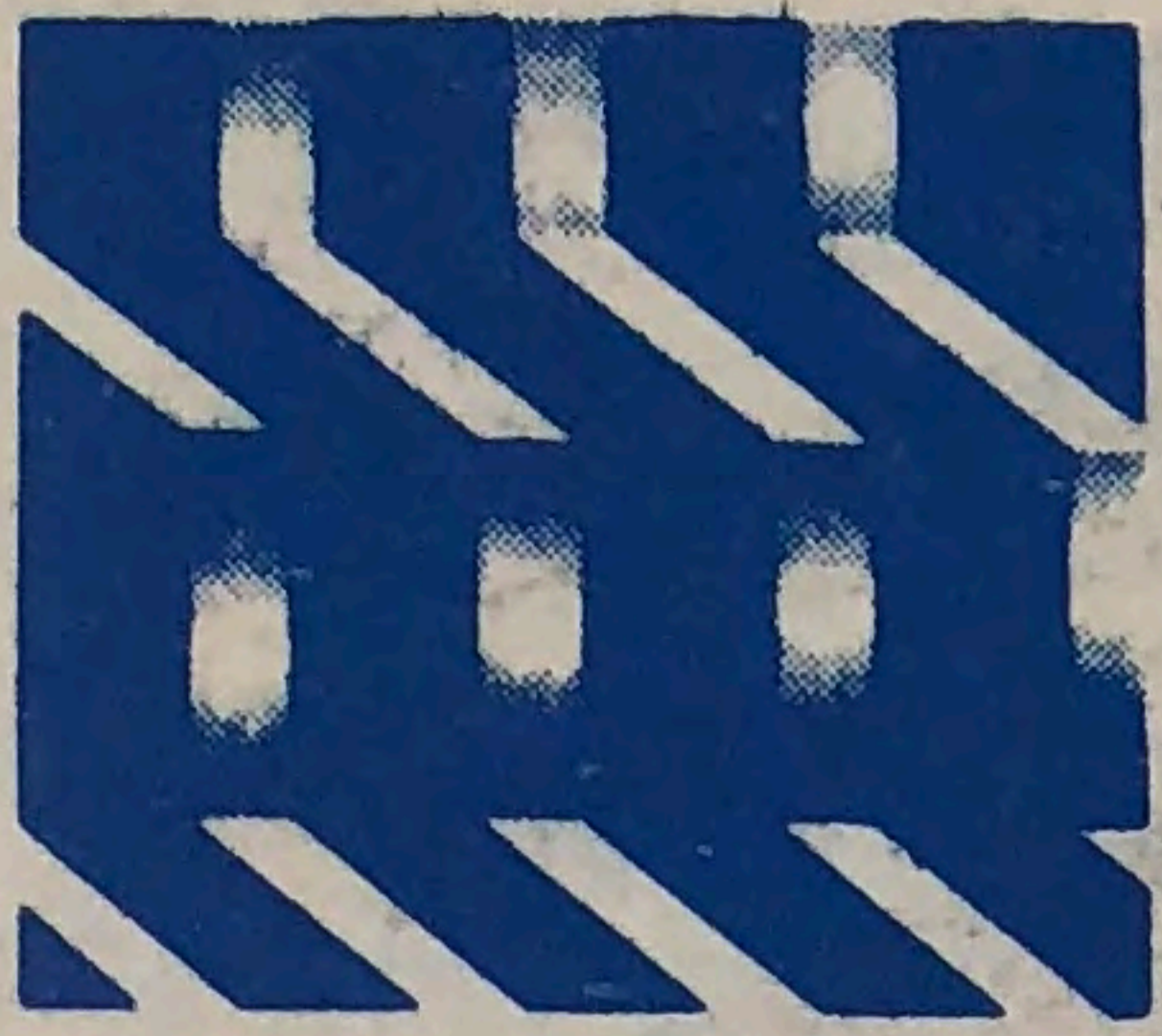
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