

Miandad mauls England

Sports Reporter

Skipper Javed Miandad reached a sparkling unbeaten 99 as Pakistan scored 290 for the loss

of three wickets at close of play on the third day of the rain-ravaged first Test match against England at Edgbaston yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.

Making good use of the favourable batting conditions on the first full day of the ill-fated match, Miandad and his vice captain Salim Malik had put on 180 runs for the unfinished fourth wicket when stumps were drawn. Salim Malik, who lifted off-spinner Graeme Hick for a huge six, was not out on 80.

Miandad, in a somewhat uncharacteristic manner, had as many as 15 hits to the fence in his dashing knock so far, one short of what should be his 23rd Test century.

Earlier, DeFreitas became the only English bowling success, claiming all three wickets that fell during the day. He had Test debutante opener Amir Sohail caught at square-leg by Alec Stewart for 18 before lunch. Then Rameez Raja and Asif Mujtaba left in quick succession, the former falling leg before for 47 and the latter ending one behind to wicket-keeper Jack Russel for 29, both wickets falling in the second session of play.

Then Miandad and Salim Malik, the two most experienced Pakistani batsmen, went about exposing the weaknesses of the limited English attack with an entertaining display of strokeplay.

An earlier Reuter report said: Furious fans took out their frustration on officials at Edgbaston after paying up to 26 pounds sterling (47 dollar) each to watch just two balls in the England Pakistan cricket Test on Friday.

While some supporters threw cushions on to the outfield, a group of around 100



MIANDAD...99 not out

people gathered behind the pavilion to hurl insults as the second day of the first Test ended in ugly scenes after more rain.

A number of officials were verbally abused but police and stewards prevented the situation from worsening, advising everyone inside the pavilion, including players, to leave the building by a side door.

The fans were angry because, unlike the opening day on Thursday when rain prevented any play, the Test and County Cricket Board (CCB) refund scheme did not come into operation because of the three minutes' action.

An announcement that anyone with a ticket for Friday would be admitted free of charge on the fifth and final day on Monday failed to temper the fans' mood.

TCCB media relations manager Ken Lawrence said: The refund scheme is set out on the back of the ticket. You won't find a member of the board who doesn't have great sympathy with the fans. That's why we are giving them a complimentary ticket for Monday.

Once early morning drizzle

cleared, umpires Barrie Meyer and Mervyn Kitchen ruled the first Test of the five-match series would get under way in mid-afternoon.

But by the time the game started, with England having chosen to bowl first after Graham Gooch won the toss, the light was already fading again.

Phillip DeFreitas bowled only two deliveries — Amir Sohail drove the first through extra cover for three and Rameez Raja blocked the next — before the umpires decided the light was bad enough to offer Pakistan's openers the chance to go off — an invitation they accepted.

The light never improved and, after drizzle returned, play was eventually abandoned for the day.

England left the uncapped pair, leg spinner Ian Salisbury and pace bowler Tim Munton, out of their 13 while Pakistan included Ataur Rahman after fellow pace man Wasim Akram was ruled unfit with a shin stress fracture.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the rain-hit first cricket Test between England and Pakistan at Edgbaston on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First Innings				
Amir Sohail not out	3	0	0	0
Rameez Raja not out	0	0	0	0
Extras	0	0	0	0
Total: (no wicket)	3	0	0	0

To bat: Asif Mujtaba, Javed Miandad (captain), Salim Malik, Inzamamul Haq, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Ataur Rahman.

Bowling: (to date): DeFreitas				
	O	M	R	W
	0	2	3	0

ENGLAND: Graham Gooch (captain), Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Robin Smith, Allan Lamb, Mark Ramprakash, Ian Botham, Chris Lewis, Jack Russell, Derek Pringle, Phillip DeFreitas.

Fletcher may convince Gooch to tour again

BIRMINGHAM, June 6: Captain Graham Gooch hinted on Friday that he may make another England cricket tour after all, reports Reuter.

Gooch, speaking on a radio interview ahead of the delayed start to the first Test against Pakistan at Edgbaston, said Keith Fletcher's appointment as team manager to succeed Micky Stewart in September could be the deciding factor.

Gooch, 39 next month, said: "I really had in my mind that last winter's trip (to New Zealand and Australia) would be my last tour.

"I've had a very good relationship with Micky but Keith has been my mentor at Essex and taught me more about the game than anyone else and continues to do so."

"It's very tempting to go on and do a trip with Keith and, hopefully, be around next summer if they think I can still do a job. It's something I must consider."

Gooch, who played under Fletcher at Essex during the 1970s and 1980s, was appointed England Captain when David Gower was sacked at the end of the 1989 season.

England are scheduled to tour India early next year and then return for a home Ashes series against Australia.

Pakistan to tour New Zealand

WELLINGTON, June 6: World Cup cricket champions Pakistan will make a brief tour of New Zealand at the end of this year, the Board of New Zealand Cricket said today, reports Reuter.

It said that subject to financial arrangements, Pakistan would play three one-day internationals on December 27, 29 and 31 and one Test match from January 2 to 7, 1993. The tour is in addition to Australia's scheduled tour of New Zealand from February 17 to March 27, 1993, the Board said in a statement.

Vogts bans sex

KAMEN, Germany, June 6: German soccer coach Berti Vogts has banned sex for his players bidding to add the European Championship to their World Cup.

"There will be no nights of love in Sweden," Vogts said on Friday, a week before Germany face the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in Norrkoping in their first match.

Asked whether the players would be able to spend time with their wives and girlfriends in Sweden, Vogts said: "The ladies will be invited to evening meals after the matches, then taken back to their quarters afterwards."

Vogts' ruling contrasted with the German policy during their victorious 1990 World Cup run under Franz Beckenbauer.

"You cannot compare the World Cup with the European Championship," Vogts told the SID sports news agency at the team's training camp in Kamen, near Dortmund.

"In Italy, we had five or even seven days between matches," he said. In Sweden they have a match every three days.

Vogts' attitude showed he was in deadly earnest as he approaches his first international tournament in charge of the German squad, who are bidding to make soccer history by becoming the first reigning world champions to win the European title.

After two recent disappointing warmup games — a laboured 1-0 win over Turkey and a 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland — Vogts said he was happy with his players.

"I have no stress, I know I have a good team." But asked about the absence of midfield general Lothar Matthaus, who is out of the championships with a knee injury, Vogts acknowledged: "Perhaps we have not played so well as with Matthaus, but these are avowed professionals, good footballers who must dig deep inside themselves."

Jugovic may join Sampdoria but...

ZURICH, June 6: Red Star Belgrade midfielder Vladimir Jugovic can go ahead with a planned transfer to Italy's Sampdoria but the fee must be frozen until United Nations' sanctions on Yugoslavia are lifted, reports Reuter.

Guido Tongoni, a spokesman for world soccer's governing body FIFA, said on Friday the money must be deposited with the Italian football authorities while sanctions exist.

The UN Security Council last Saturday slapped a total embargo on links with the rump Yugoslav state — now reduced to Serbia and Montenegro — because of its involvement in ethnic fighting in one of its former republics, newly-independent Bosnia

Fine French hattrick by Seles



PARIS, June 6: World number-one Monica Seles became the first player in 55 years to win three consecutive women's singles titles at the French Open tennis championships here on Saturday when she defeated Steffi Graf 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 in one of the most exciting finals ever, reports AFP.

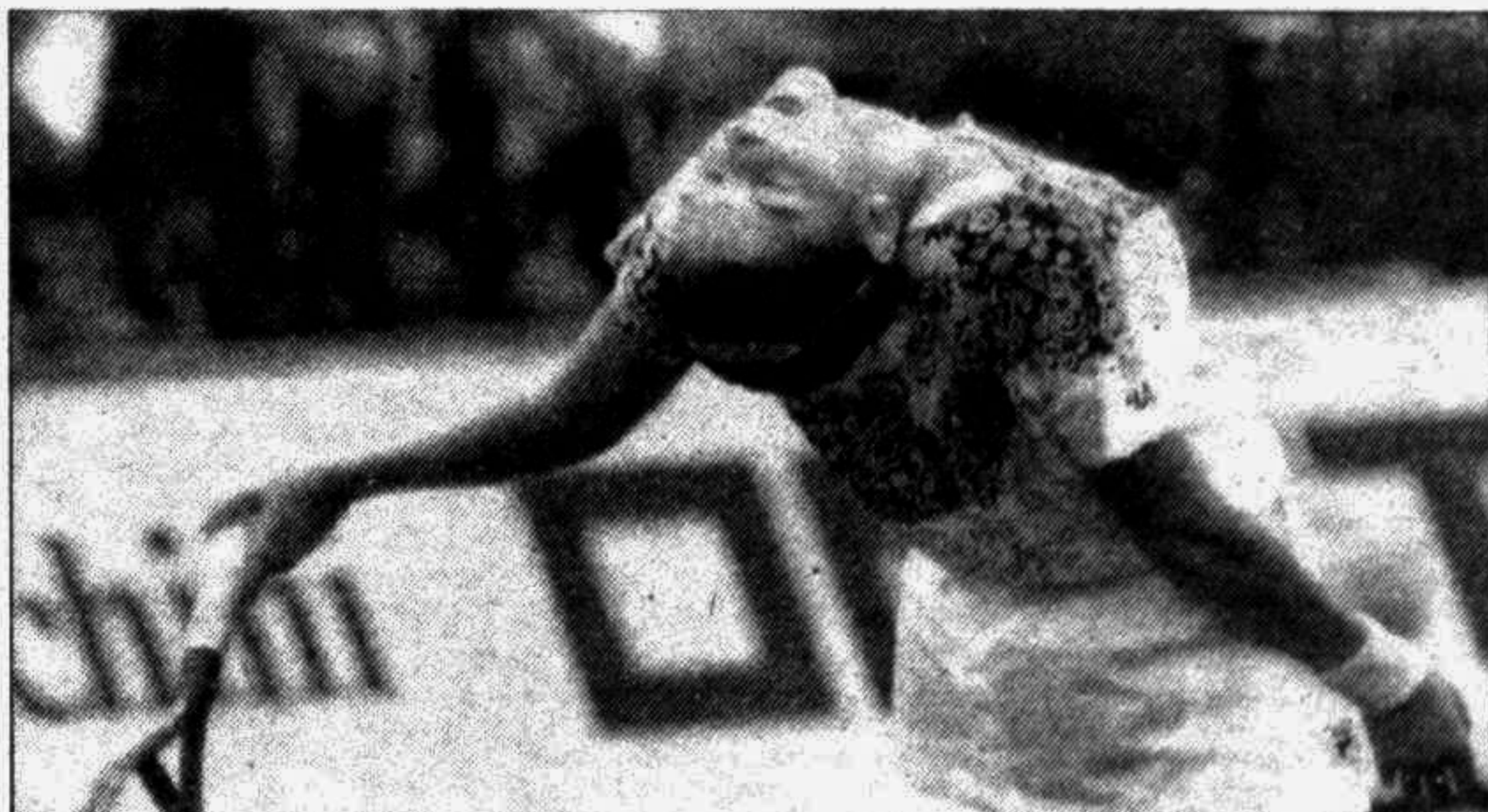
The 18-year-old American-based Yugoslav was the first player to complete the feat since Germany's Hilde Sperling in 1937.

In a final which lasted 2 hrs 43 mins, Graf saved five match points — four of them in the tenth game of a thrilling third set which earned a standing ovation from the 15,000 excited spectators.

MEN'S FINAL TODAY

Meanwhile, Jim Courier, a red-hot favourite to retain his title, won't pay the slightest attention to seventh-seeded Czech Petr Korda in Sunday's French open final.

"When I play, it's like playing a faceless person," said the 21-year-old American who will be hoping to keep alive his Grand Slam dream by adding the French crown to his



Three-time champion Monica Seles exults after her French Open semifinal win over Gabriela Sabatini in Paris on Thursday.

Australian Open title. "I am just worried about what I am doing. My job is to go out there and hit the ball the way I know how to hit it and that is what I am going to do."

"When the ball comes over the net and in my court it doesn't matter who I'm playing." Courier has sharpened his

clay-court game, technique and mental approach under the watchful eye of Spanish coach Jose Higueras — a semi finalist here in 1982 and 1983 and the man who guided Michael Chang to his historic 1989 triumph.

And Higueras' task has been simplified by having a workaholic for a pupil. It is no surprise that Courier, winner of

four tournaments so far this season, including the Italian Open, has modelled his approach to the game on Ivan Lendl.

"He is the guy I have looked up to" said Courier, who typically booked a practice court ten minutes after his straight-sets annihilation of former stable-mate Andre Agassi in the semifinals.

One-sided semis disappoint fans



PARIS, June 6: Fans hoping to see two thrilling men's semifinals at the French Open tennis tournament were disappointed on Friday when defending champion Jim Courier and Czechoslovak Petr Korda reached the final with one-sided wins, reports Reuter.

American Courier, the world number one, and Korda, the seventh seed who has never got beyond the third round in a Grand Slam event before, both won through in straight sets on a cool, grey day when the tennis matched the weather.

Courier, bidding to become the first man to retain his Roland Garros title since Ivan Lendl five years ago, thrashed his 11th seeded compatriot Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Frenchman Henri Leconte, a hero of last year's Davis Cup-winning team, put up a bit more of a fight against Korda, but the Czechoslovak won relatively easily, 6-2, 7-6, 6-3.

Sunday's final will be only the third meeting between Courier and Korda who played twice in three months last year and won one match apiece.

It was the fourth successive year that Courier and Agassi had met at Roland Garros, the previous occasion being in last year's final.

Agassi's superb form in reaching the last four for the loss of only one set had raised expectations of a close match on Friday but it was all over in two hours.

Agassi rarely threatened the hard-hitting reigning champion on his serve and rapidly began to lose faith in himself.

The match started with both players slugging it out from the baseline, in a half-empty stadium.

But after taking the first set easily, Courier, this year's Australian Open champion,

warmed to the task and began adding a little finesse.

Agassi reached breakpoint for the first time in the second game of the second set, but only thanks to a Courier double fault, and the 11th seed was unable to convert the point — a failure which he was to repeat several times.

Agassi helped Courier get 2-1 ahead by obliging with a double fault on breakpoint in the next game and was broken twice in the final set as his confidence ebbed away completely.

"I am sure that Andre can play better," said Courier, who

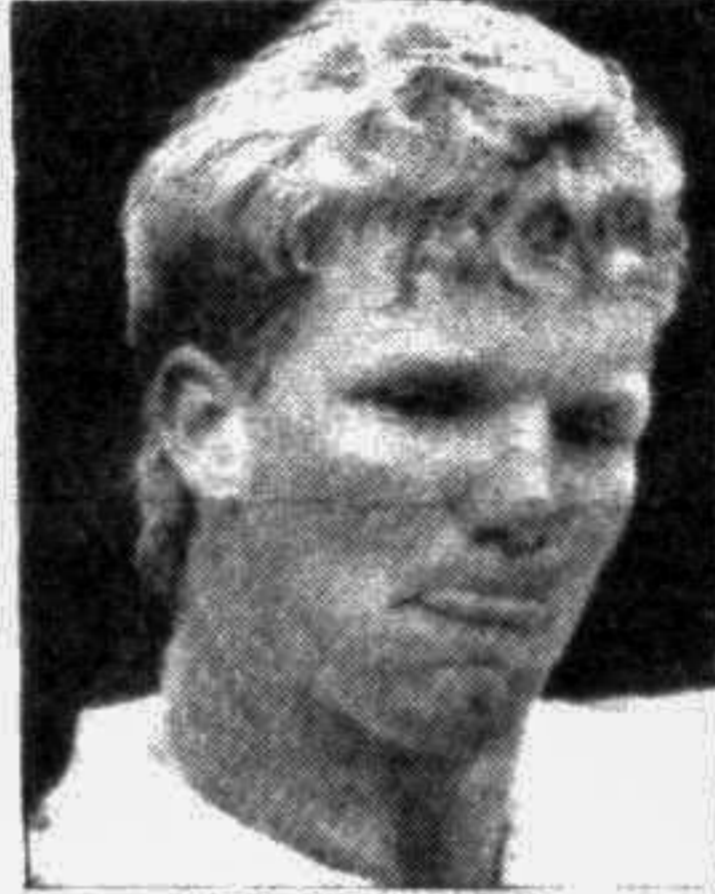
put a backhand out to give Korda a break and the chance to go on to a tiebreak.

Korda, who lost in the second round in both his previous appearances at Roland Garros, played a calm, steady game, almost reveling in his role as underdog — in the besotted crowd's eyes — to showman Leconte.

"Maybe it is to my advantage that nobody knows me," said Korda, who had not played on the Centre Court before Friday.

The fans, subdued and shivering in the chilly air, roused themselves briefly to rally behind Leconte when the Frenchman looked in danger of giving up the fight early in the third set.

Leconte, a break down, fought like a tiger to try to level in a long eighth game when he held three break-points. But Korda saved them all and, in an uncharacteristic show of emotion, leaped high in the air when he finally held serve thanks to a Leconte forehand error.



JIM COURIER



PETR KORDA

has now wrapped up all but one of this matches here in straight sets.

"I certainly didn't expect it to run three straight sets that quickly but you won't see me complaining," added Courier.

"I got off to a good start in the second set and from then on I was never really in danger."

Agassi, who beat third-seeded compatriot Pete Sampras in the quarter-finals, had to swallow the disappointment of yet another Grand Slam failure.

"I'm sorry I couldn't make the match more interesting," said Agassi, runner-up twice here and once at the US Open.

A Franco-Dutch treat before the main course

LENS, France, June 6: France and the Netherlands served up a tasty appetiser for next week's European Championship with a lively 1-1 draw on Friday, reports Reuter.

Jean-Pierre Papin removed doubts about his injured ankle with a superb goal after just 11 minutes and a moment of Marco Van Basten magic set up Brian Roy for the Dutch equaliser six minutes later.

But it was the Dutch, minus the injured Ruud Гуllit and Frank Rijkaard, who impressed most with their fluent, almost nonchalant soccer.

They dominated most of the match, strolling elegantly around the pitch while the French seemed forced to run like demented terriers to keep up.

But the quality of soccer in a match where both sides nat-

urally kept most of their cards close to their chest suggested fan at the European Championship opening in five days-time could be in for quite a treat.

French team boss Michel Platini may be concerned, however, that his side seem to have lost that little edge in flair that carried them to eight wins in eight games in the qualifiers.

France go into the opening match against Sweden in Stockholm still seeking their first win in 1992 after two draws and two defeats in recent friendlies.

Papin's early goal, his 13th in his last 10 games for France, was a gem. Franck Sauzeo lofted a long ball into the box for Eric Cantona to flick on with his head and Papin did the rest.

He took the ball on and then hit a controlled right foot

shot inside the far post as Dutch keeper Hans Van Breukelen came out to narrow the angle.

Papin, out of action for three weeks with a niggling ankle injury, played for an hour and showed no sign of physical problems.

Van Basten's flash of brilliance shortly afterwards would have set AC Milan fans rubbing their hands in glee at what he and Papin can achieve in tandem in Italy next season.

He twisted French sweeper Laurent Blanc every way till he left him tied in knots and then, like a conjurer pulling a rabbit out of a hat, feinted and unexpectedly squared across goal for Roy to take the simplest of chances.

The two sides are in different groups in Sweden but could be destined to meet again in what may well be a classic later in the tournament.

Pakistan rally to hold Britain

AMSTERDAM, June 6: Pakistan staged a great comeback after trailing 3-0 at halftime to draw 3-3 with Britain on the third day of the international men's hockey tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

Their second and third goals were scored by their left wing pair of Shahbaz Ahmed and Waseem Feroze after Khalid Bashir put them on the scoreboard with a penalty corner goal.

An aggressive Britain, who had lost four of their previous five matches with Pakistan, shook the Asian champions by scoring three times in 18 minutes in the first half.

Right winger Donald Williams scored the first from a wide angle after six minutes, Rob Thompson the second from a penalty corner and Jon Potter the third from a penalty awarded following a shot by Sean Kerly.

Kerly, suffering from hamstring trouble, was substituted at halftime and Pakistan were buoyed by that. They had their own chances in the first half and put Britain under even more pressure after the interval.

Khalid gave them hope in the 41st minute and eight minutes later Shahbaz converted the simplest of chances to make it 3-2.

A defensive error eventually presented Pakistan with the equaliser, Shahbaz whipping the ball wide for Waseem to score.

With nine minutes left they had hopes of winning, but their cause was not helped when right winger Ibrahim received a temporary suspension. Pakistan did have a penalty

corner in the last minute but two shots were blocked by the British defenders.

Norman Hughes, the British coach said afterwards: "We are very disappointed, we gave a

point away."

Islahuddin, the Pakistan manager, commented, "We were lucky to draw after Britain played so well in the first half."



England bowler Phillip DeFreitas shows his disappointment after Chris Lewis missed the chance of a catch from Pakistan batsman Amir Sohail soon after play began in the Test match at Edgbaston on June 6.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Dangerous curve

4 Judge's garb

8 Hit with a jolt

12 Fabled bird

13 Distinct part

14 Map-maker's big job

15 Mountain in Crete

16 Rainbow's end?

18 Wooden shoe

20 Scold pettily

21 — mater; brain covering

24 Exclude

28 California event

32 Pedestal part

33 Explorer Johnson

34 Abstract beings

36 — Yourself

37 Work crew

39 Rich source

41 Papal veil

43 Went by bus

44 Veneration

46 "Enigma Variations" composer

50 Field flower

55 Harem room

56 Nobelist

57 Novice

58 Proscribe

59 Shea's team

60 TV actor

61 Annoy

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1 Sister of Ares

2 Word with merchant/

3 Strike-breaker

4 Break apart

5 Yoko —

6 Part of a bride

7 College on the Thames

8 Captured

9 GI's "friend"

10 Wire measure

11 Tablet craze

17 Popular

19 Un-matched

22 Ladder round

23 U.S. merchant/

25 Island east of Java

26 Arabian gulf

27 Routine

28 Kind of dancer

29 Eskers

30 Miss Turner

31 Hawaiian city

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40 Blanc or Brooks

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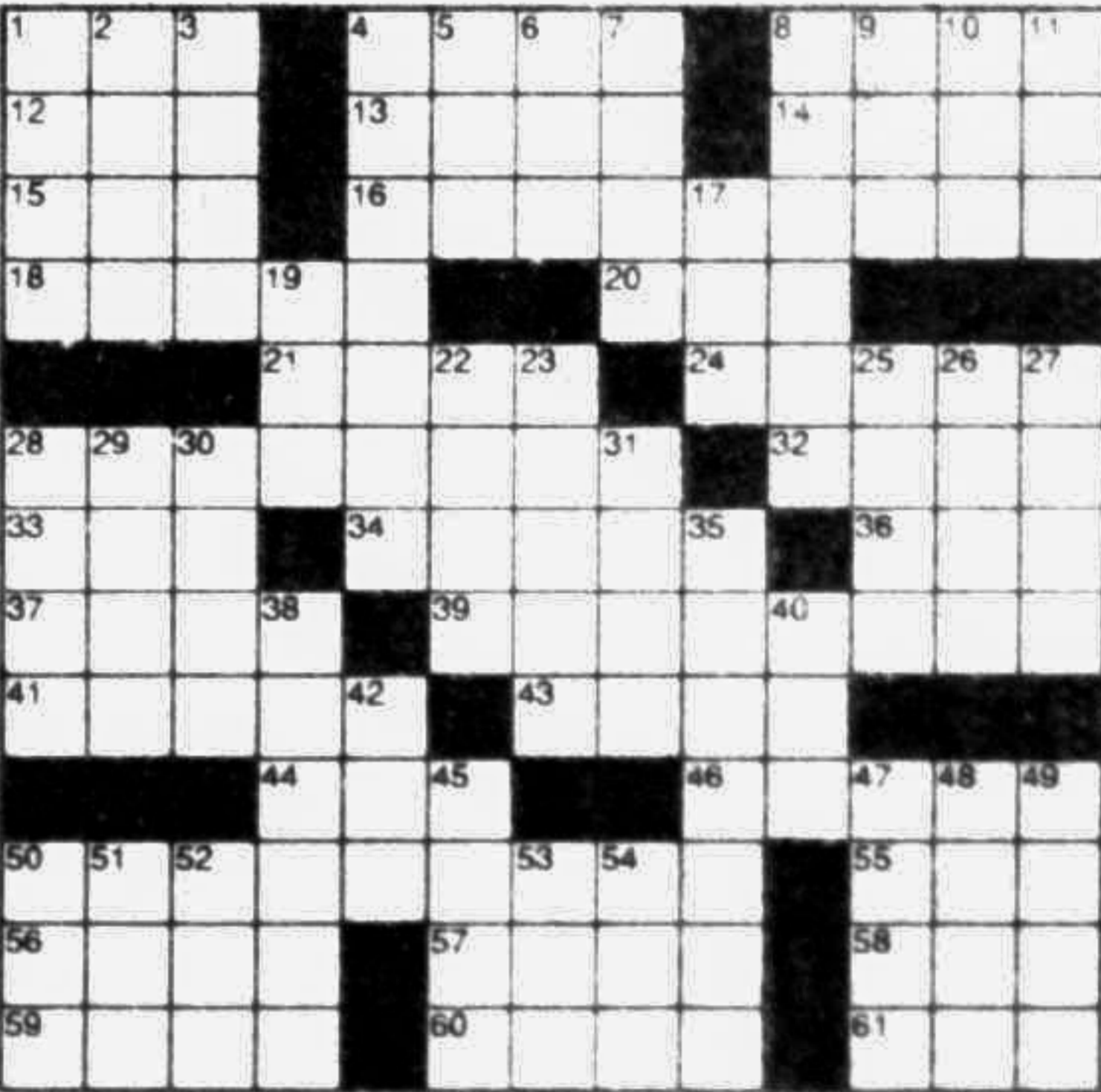
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CRYPTOQUIP

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P T M R T Z T P R Y K Q X D P N R S Y

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



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04:00	Boxing
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10:00	Tennis: Luthansa Cup Semifinals
14:00	Rugby: New Zealand/Ireland
16:00	Trans World Sports
17:00	European Soccer
18:00	Tennis: Luthansa Cup Semifinals
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