

Joint bid for '95 W Cup

Pak board secy sounds hopeful

KARACHI, Nov 30: Pakistani cricket officials are leaving for London tomorrow to formally present a joint bid with India and Sri Lanka to host the next World Cup in 1995-96, reports AFP.

"We are carrying a very good offer and hope the Pakistan-India-Sri Lanka joint bid would be acceptable, said Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) secretary Shahid Rafi, who will present the bid to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"The bid to host the event, which is contested by England, will be opened December 2.

Rafi, who did not disclose the amount being offered by the three countries to host the event, was sceptical about rumours that the ICC was being dominated by English cricket interests.

However, he said he would like the awarding of the event to be made in the presence of his delegation in order not to leave any doubts.

"We would like to see an end to double standards in deciding the bid," he said, adding that he would like to see the World Cup event awarded to either the highest bid or on a rotating basis.

"We believe that if the highest bid is not taken into consideration, then the principle of rotation on which Australia was awarded the 1991-92 World Cup would also apply to Pakistan," Rafi added.

If the joint bid is accepted, the final match will be played in Pakistan with India hosting the two semifinals.

AFRICAN SUPPORT

An earlier AFP report from New Delhi said: India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have received a timely boost for their bid to jointly stage the 1995 edition of cricket's World Cup.

Zimbabwe, a full member, and four African associate members of the International Cricket Council pledged their support for the subcontinent's bid at a meeting here Saturday, Indian cricket officials said.

"The four associates were Zimbabwe, Kenya, East and Central Africa, West Africa and Namibia.

Wednesday is the deadline for the submission of bids. England, which hosted the first three World Cups, is the other bidder for the tournament whose host will be decided by the ICC on January 26.

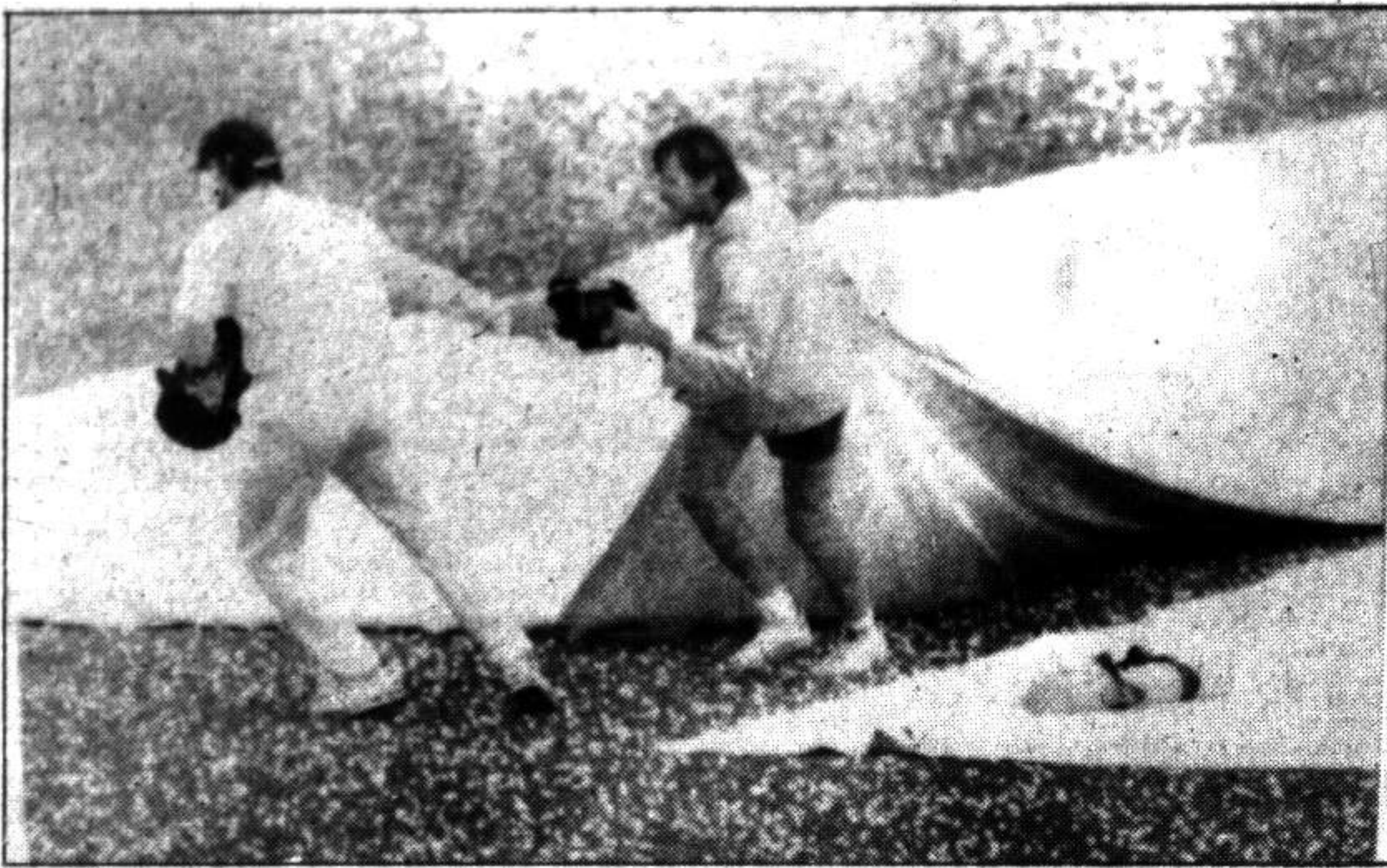
Jagmohan Dalmiya, convener of the Joint Bid Committee, told reporters the subcontinent had received welcome "momentum" from African support for its attempt to stage the tournament. India and Pakistan were joint hosts in 1987.

The committee was also assured support by the Asian Cricket Conference in October.

The ICC has nine full members — England, Australia, the West Indies, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe — who have two votes each. Nineteen associate members have one vote each.

"In case we get the championship, tentatively it was agreed upon that Pakistan will host the final while the two semi-finals will be played in India," Dalmiya said.

In 1987, India hosted one semi-final and the final.



Twelfthman Dean Jones (L) of Australia hands a helmet to a groundsman covering the pitch when play was interrupted by a violent hailstorm on the third day of the first Test between Australia and the West Indies in Brisbane on Sunday.

Ambrose burst rocks Aussies

BRISBANE, Nov 30: Australia were in trouble despite a five-hour century by opener David Boon on the fourth day of the first cricket Test against the West Indies today, reports Reuter.

At the close, Australia were 266 for six after the West Indies took a first innings of 78.

Paceman Curtley Ambrose was the chief destroyer, taking three wickets in the dying overs of the day for three runs off 11 balls.

He had Mark Waugh caught on 60 and then trapped Damien Martyn (15) Greg Matthews (0) leg before to finish the day with figures of four for 46 off 23 overs.

Australian captain Allan Border — who topscored with 73 in the first innings — was not out on 6 at the close but suffering with a hamstring problem. Ian Healy was uncut on 5.

Boon's 14th Test century had earlier given Australia a bright start. At the end of the day, however, they were only 187 runs ahead with four wickets in hand and a day to go.

He took advantage of being given a second life in the opening minutes today when Carl Hooper spilled an easy chance off Ambrose when he was on just six. He went on to hit 13 fours in his five hour and 45 minutes second innings, finally being caught off Ian Bishop by Keith Arthurton at mid-off.

Before that, Mark Taylor struck 34 before he nicked paceman Courtney Walsh to keeper David Williams. Then Boon and Steve Waugh put on exactly 50, when the latter edged Ambrose to Williams to make it 114 for two.

Waugh's twin brother Mark

then helped Boon push the score to 224 before Boon departed. Mark Waugh, hooking, fell for 60 to a fine diving catch by veteran Desmond Haynes on the boundary off Ambrose, making it 250 for four.

Boon and Mark Waugh's partnership was worth 110 in 111 minutes.

In the closing overs, Matthews and Martyn fell to Ambrose in the space of three deliveries during the first session.

Steve Waugh was given two bouncers in three balls by Ambrose just before the lunch break.

Under the International Cricket Council's new bouncer legislation, bowlers are only permitted one short ball per batsman per over and Ambrose was not-balled for the second bouncer by umpire Steve Randall at square-leg.

Ambrose, however, had the last laugh and was the most effective of the West Indies pace attack, taking four wickets for 46 from 23 incisive overs.

SCOREBOARD table showing scores for Australia and West Indies in the first Test.

Fall of wickets: 1-64; 2-114; 3-224; 4-250; 5-255; 6-255.

Bowling table showing statistics for Ambrose, Bishop, Walsh, Hooper, Patterson, Simmons, and Arthurton.

AMBROSE WARNED

Strike bowler Ambrose was not-balled for bowling an excessive number of short-pitched balls and with the total on 266, the game is set for a whirlwind finish on the final day on Tuesday.

Heavy cloud swept the ground occasionally during the day but there were no interruptions. The Brisbane Cricket Ground wicket was expected to take spin on the final day.

AP adds: Australia resumed their second innings at 21 for no wicket and Boon held the innings together with a typically dogged performance.

LAZIO BOSS GAGA OVER GAZZA

ROME, Nov 30: "Great champions like Gascoigne come forward at the right moment," said Lazio club president Sergio Cragnotti, after his team had sneaked a draw five minutes from the end of the cross-town "derby" with AS Roma on Sunday, reports AP.

Cragnotti, one of Italy's leading financiers, signed Paul Gascoigne for seven million dollars, despite the fact that the Englishman had been out of action for 16 months after a serious knee injury.

There was no guarantee that the knee, injured as a result of a wild tackle by the player himself, would ever recover fully, or that Gascoigne's

noted fondness for beer, chocolate and nightclubs wouldn't keep him overweight and often in trouble.

But along with a questionable temperament comes an outstanding football talent. Diego Maradona has cited Gascoigne as his only possible heir, and Lazio is certainly looking to Gascoigne to do what Maradona did for Napoli: transform a modest team into champions.

Lazio has long lived in the shadow of their more successful city rival AS Roma, and matches between the capital's two teams are extraordinarily passionate affairs. As the English newcomer observed before the game, the fans have talked of nothing else for weeks.

For Sunday's game, an enormous police presence was required to maintain public

Japan Cup

FUCHU, Japan, Nov 30: Tokai Teio of Japan, dashing down the outside over the final 100 meters, beat Australian horse Naturalism by a neck Sunday and won the Japan Cup, one of the world's richest horse races, reports AP.

Riding before a record crowd of more than 168,000 spectators in clear weather, 4-year-old colt Tokai Teio, the 1991 Japan Derby winner, finished the 2,400 meters (1 1/2 miles) on the Tokyo Race Course's turf track in 2 minutes, 24.6 seconds.

Asked how he would celebrate, Gascoigne mentioned a half bottle of champagne. "I don't deserve a whole bottle because I played badly." Grateful Lazio fans all over the region wouldn't have begrudged him a caseful.

A disappointed Papin goes home

PARIS, Nov 30: Jean-Pierre Papin returned to France on Sunday furious at being left out of AC Milan's romp towards the Italian title, reports AFP.

The French international striker played in Milan's 4-0 European Cup win over Gothenburg, but lost his place to Marco Simone for Sunday's 1-0 win over Juventus because of his failure to score.

The judgement of coach Fabio Capello was proved right as Simone got the goal that stretched Milan's top-of-the-table lead to three points.

"Things are not going well and I am very disappointed," said Papin, who has not had a regular place moving from Olympique Marseille. He is now formally in the camp of disaffected foreign stars with Rued Gullit.

"I thought I played well enough against Gothenburg to keep my place. But you have to respect the coach's decision," said the Frenchman. "I will be back on Wednesday hoping Capello will choose me next time. This is just a holiday to get away from everything."

Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi also expressed surprise at Papin's omission. But he said: "The coach has not

made a mistake yet." Capello and Belusconi might have thought otherwise if Juventus captain Gianluca Vialli had not hit a last minute penalty into the arms of Milan goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi.

Milan's campaign was made easier by the defeat of rivals Torino, 2-1 at Genoa, and Sampdoria, 1-0 at Parma.

Paul Gascoigne's first Italian league goal saved a point for Lazio who drew 1-1 in the capital derby against AS Roma. Gascoigne's header came four minutes from the end. Struggling Napoli launched their comeback bid with a 4-1 win over Fiorentina.

BAYERN STILL ON TOP

Bayern Munich twice let Karlsruhe fightback into their game which ended 3-3, but they remain top of the Bundesliga by two points from Eintracht Frankfurt and Werder Bremen. Their was no change in the positions of the top eight clubs.

Mazinho and Christian Zeige put them two ahead in the first 22 minutes. But Karlsruhe were level by half-time. Lothar Matthues must have thought he had the winner with his 73rd minute goal. But Reiner Schusterle equalised six minutes from the end.

Brazil blamed for their tactics

HONG KONG, Nov 30: Brazil, newly-crowned world five-a-side football champions, came under fire here for the manner of their win over the United States in the final, reports AFP.

The 4-1 win Saturday was a joyless one for the spectators who watched a win-at-all-costs Brazil play defensive football throughout.

Brazil's chief critic was American coach John Kowalski.

"They are so capable of playing attacking football. Why didn't they show it to us?" asked and angry Kowalski.

Brazil hammered in 40 goals in seven matches on their way to the final in a feast of attacking football. That ended when the pressure of winning dictated tactics in the final.

The Brazilians were content to remain in their own half, let their opponents have the lion's share of the ball and only move forward by feeding off mistakes.

"We had to change our tactics and take a more passive and defensive role. After all we came here to win," said Brazilian coach Eustaquio Araujo.

The United States were upset by the tactical switch.

"I guess they played this way because they wanted to win at whatever cost," said a disappointed Kowalski.

"We came here to show the world that we can win playing under any type of rules," countered Brazil's Araujo.

Costa Rica's first win over Mexico

SAN JOSE, Nov 30: Costa Rica beat Mexico for the first time in 20 years Sunday, using a pair of goals by Richard Smith to win 2-0 and revive their hopes of advancing in the CONCACAF region qualifying for the 1994 World Cup, reports AP.

Barcelona put 5 past Espanol

MADRID, Nov 30: Spanish champions Barcelona showed impressive scoring power in a 5-0 thrashing of city neighbours Espanol on Sunday which kept them top of the league, reports Reuter.

Real Madrid hung on just one point behind after a nervous 3-2 home victory over Real Oviedo.

Third-placed Atletico Madrid maintained their challenge with a comfortable 3-1 win at Diego Maradona's Sevilla on Saturday but long-time leaders Deportivo Couruna, now fourth, were held to a goalless draw at home by Valencia.

Barcelona, 6-1 away winners over Real Zaragoza last week, took the lead on the half hour when strike Hristo Stoichkov took a Laudrup pass and hit the ball into the net off the post.

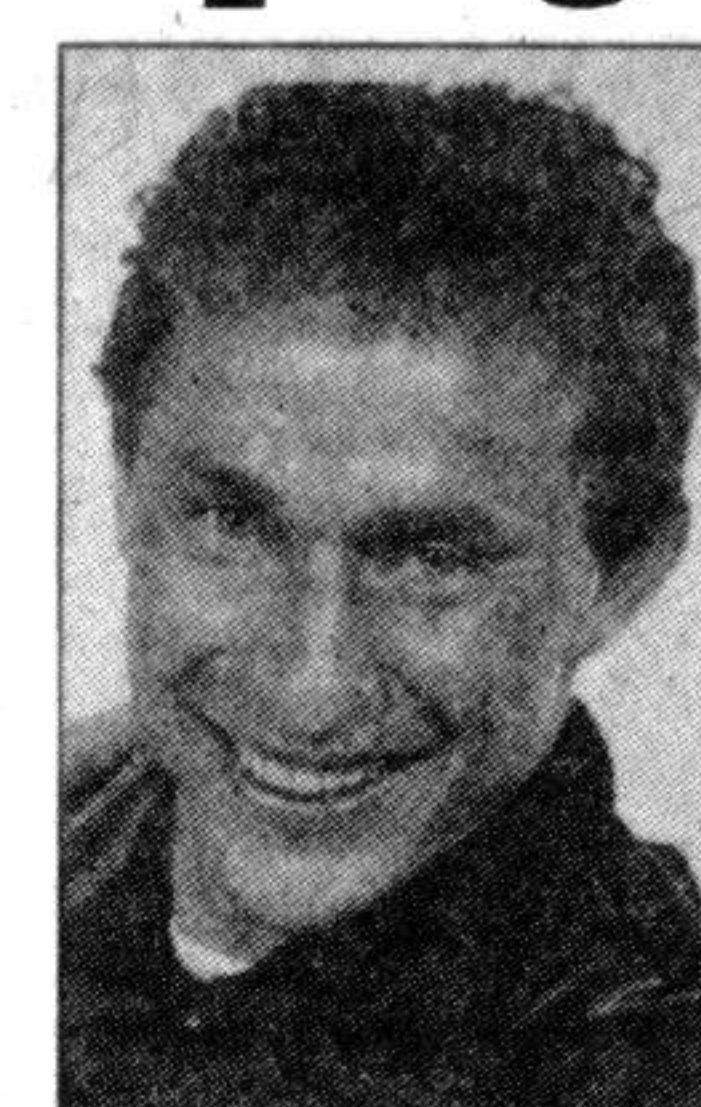
Nine minutes later came a classic goal to make it 2-0. Juan Goicoetxea cut in from the left and whipped over a fierce cross which midfielder Miguel Nadal, bursting through at full speed, headed past stranded goalkeeper Emilio Iserte.

Espanol's plight worsened four minutes from half time when midfielder Urbano Ortega was given a second yellow card and sent off.

Their ordeal continued in the second half with Barcelona going 3-0 up in the 57th minute through a penalty by Dutch Defender Ronald Koeman after Stoichkov was brought down in full flight.

Richard Witschage came on a minute later for Stoichkov and celebrated by scoring the champions' fourth in the 72nd minute from a pass by Aitor Beguiristain, who himself scored the fifth six minutes later.

Real Madrid gave 85,000 fans in Bernabeu Stadium collective heart failure before overcoming the stiff challenge of Oviedo by the odd goal in five. It was the first time this



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN

Frankfurt beat Bayer Urdingen 1-0 and New Zealand's Wynton Rufer scored in Weder Bremen's 2-0 win over Sarrebrucken.

Dutch leaders P S V Eindhoven beat Deventer 3-0 with Brazilian striker Romario, who scored twice in PSV's European Cup 2-2 draw with Porto, getting two more.

Ajax, six points behind with two games in hand, won 3-0 at Groningen. But third place Feyenoord built up a 3-2 lead at home to Maastricht before losing 4-3.

European Cup contenders Olympique Marseille will be without goalscorer Rudi Voeller for several weeks after he dislocated his left shoulder during the 2-1 French league win over Ceon.

The German striker fell awkwardly after running into an opponent and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Only recently back from a three week break for a rib fracture, Marseille expect to be without Voeller for a similar period again.

Two second half goals from Franck Sauzeau saw the French champions to an important win if they are to win the title for a fifth year running.

Marseille are stuck in fifth place, but closing on leaders Nantes who dropped a point after Australian striker Frank Farina scored an equaliser for Strasbourg in their 2-2 draw.

Nantes pulled away from Paris St Germain, their co-leaders at the start of the day, who were beaten 3-1 at Monaco. Another German star Jurgen Klinsmann got his name on the scoresheet for the home team. Third place Auxerre beat Toulon 2-1.

Standard Liege stay top of the Belgian championship after the 1-1 draw in their top of the table clash against Anderlecht.

former Argentine captain Maradona was hardly seen.

Sevilla struck the first blow in the 12th minute when Croatian forward Davor Suker superbly volleyed home a cross from Rafa Paz from an acute angle. But straight from the restart Atletico's Mexican striker Luis Garcia thumped in the equaliser from a cross by Paulo Futre.

Atletico took the lead in the 27th minute when Garcia converted a penalty for a foul on marauding defender Donato Gama. Eight minutes from the end they underlined their superiority with a close-range goal from Manolo Sanchez.

Townsend stuns Leeds United

LONDON, Nov 30: Andy Townsend stole a dramatic late victory to push Chelsea into fifth place in the English Premier League on Sunday and keep champions Leeds in the bottom half of the table, reports Reuter.

The fleeting euphoria of Leeds' 3-0 victory over title contenders Arsenal last week evaporated in an unconvincing display.

It was their sixth defeat in nine games and is bound to bring further criticism of manager Howard Wilkinson's controversial decision to sell charismatic French striker Eric Cantona to Manchester United.

The depending champions will probably count themselves unlucky to lose after dominating most of the Stamford Bridge match, but they really had themselves to blame for squandering a number of chances.

With three minutes remaining, they were stunned when Republic of Ireland and Chelsea captain Townsend thundered in the only goal.

Leeds, yet to register an away win this season, earlier had two clear chances to take the lead but headers by Lee Chapman and Rod Wallace failed to find the net.



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season, Madrid had conceded two goals at home.

The northerners, who have won only once in 30 visits to Bernabeu Stadium, opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when Croatian striker Janko Jankovic swung over a centre which Oviedo captain Berto Martinez controlled well before netting.

Eight minutes later Madrid were level from a Fernando Hierro special, the big midfielder running on to a free kick from Rafael Martin Vasquez to drive the ball home like a rocket.

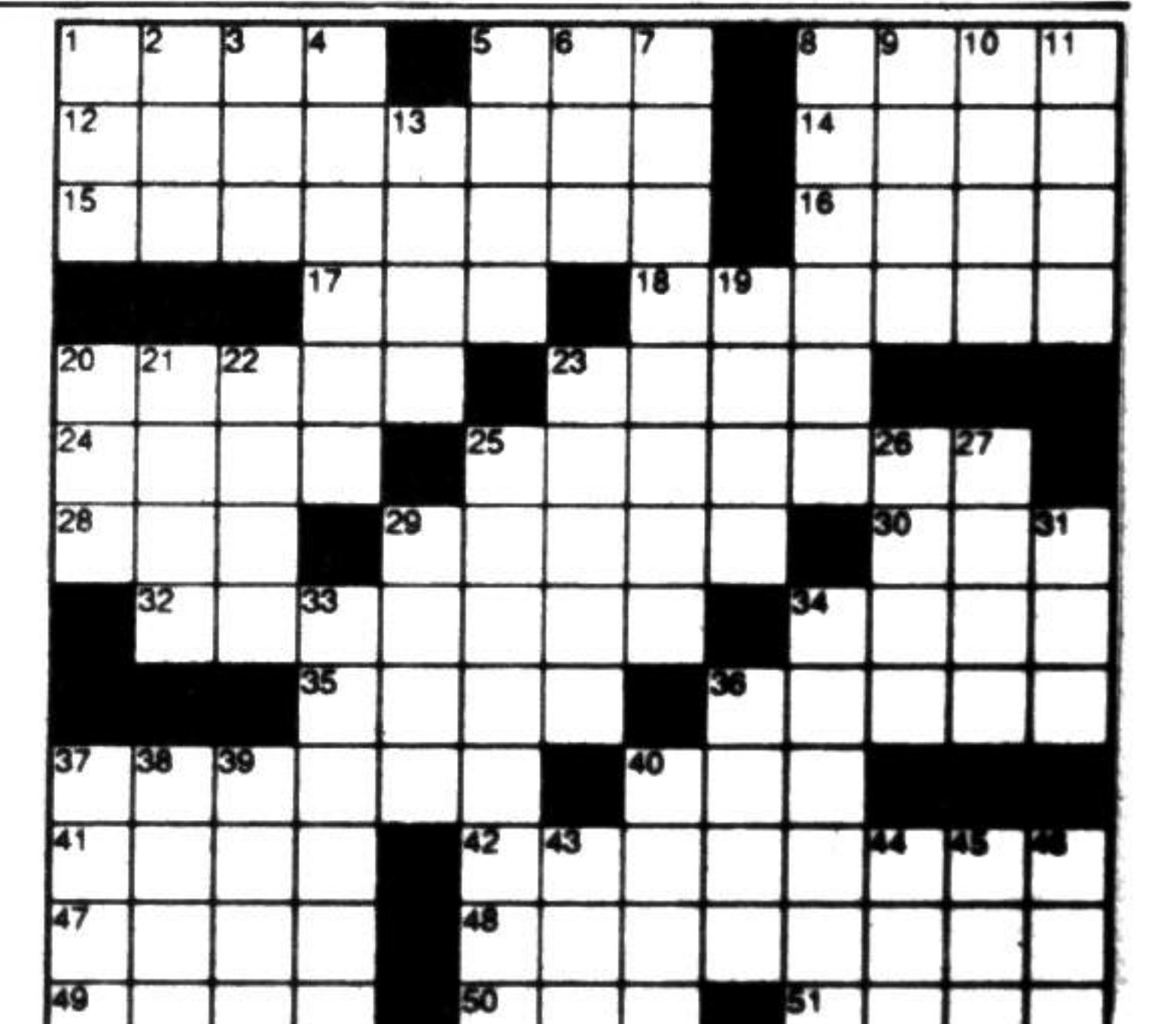
Real went ahead three minutes into the second half when Martin Vasquez scored with a shot deflected off a defender but Oviedo levelled with a header from Carlos Munoz in the 66th minute.

Madrid's barely deserved winner came 11 minutes from the end when midfielder Luis Milla, on for injured Hierro, picked up a pass from Robert Prosinecki on the penalty spot and beat Oviedo goalkeeper Victor Varga "Viti".

Atletico Madrid, still without injured German midfielder Bernd Schuster, were too good all round for Sevilla, for whom

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IN HIS VIEW, A PLEASANT VACATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IS A CAPITAL IDEA.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals A

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.



Yukio Okabe of Japan (L), the jockey of Japanese colt Tokai Teio, raises his arms after winning the 2400 metre Japan Cup international horse race on November 29. Naturalism of Australia with Leonard Dittmar, the second place winner, is also in the picture. — AFP photo