Top shuttlers to

feature World GP

Dec 2: The men's Olympic

gold, silver and bronze medal-

lists and the women's gold

medallist will all be in action

in the World Grand Prix finals

starting on December 16 in

Kusuma will face his fellow-

Indonesians Ardy B Wiranata,

silver medallist, and Heram-

wan Susanto, bronze meda-

llist, as well as Denmark's

Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, the

other bronze medallist in

pion Susi Susanti, also from

Indonesia, leads a strong

women's field which includes

the year's leading player Lim

Wu Wenkai (China), Thomas

Stuer-Lauridsen (Denmark),

Hak Kyun Kim (Korea), Rashid

Sidek (Malaysia), Foo Kok

Keong (Malaysia), Ardy B

Wiranata, Hermawan Susanto,

Joko Suprianto, Allan Budi

Kusuma, Fung Peramdi, Hery-

ato Arbi, Bambang Suprianto

(all Indonesia), Anders Nielsen

den), Ye Zhaoying (China),

Christine Magnusson (Swe-

den), Tang Jiuhong (China),

Hunga Hus (China), Pernille

Nedergaard Jessen (Denmark),

Lee Wai Leng (Malaysia), Tan

Lee Wai (Malaysia), Heung

Soon Lee (Korea), Susi Susanti

(Irtdonesia), Sarwendah Kusu-

KARACHI, Dec 2: A major

upset was caused in the

Pakistan Open squash tourna-

ment here Wednesday when

Women: Lim Xiaoging (Swe-

Singles competitors (men):

Xiaoging of Sweden.

Women's Olympic cham-

Barcelona.

(England).

Gold medallist Alan Budi

Kuala Lumpur, reports AFP.

CHELTENHAM, England,

Cram changes

track

LONDON, Dec 2 : Britain's

Cram will face the five-

After failing to qualify for

The women's race boasts an

including Ethiopia's Derartu

Tulu, South Africa's Elana

Meyer and American Lynn

Jennings, the three Olympic

Luck-lorn Palace

Palace, thumped 5-0 by

Liverpool in the English league

on Saturday, considered them-

selves unlucky to be held 1-1

in Tuesday's League Cup clash

Mike Marsh kept Liverpool

in the fourth round with a

76th minute penalty but Palace

not only disputed the spot

kick, given for George Ndah's

challenge on Rob Jones, but

felt Marsh was lucky to be on

equaliser, Marsh had brought

down Ndah as he broke form

the halfway line with only

goalkeeper Mike Hooper to

from behind looked an obvious

"professional foul" but he only

The clubs will replay in two

Palace had gone ahead 11

minutes after the break with a

finely-taken header from de-

fender- turned striker Chris

went off on a stretcher after

just nine minutes with a de-

tached knee ligament and

could be out for three months.

Coppell refused to make his

expected criticism of the ref-

erce. "I never criticise referees

Palace manager Steve

Liverpool's David Burrows

Marsh's desperate tackle

Three minutes before his

the pitch at all.

received a caution.

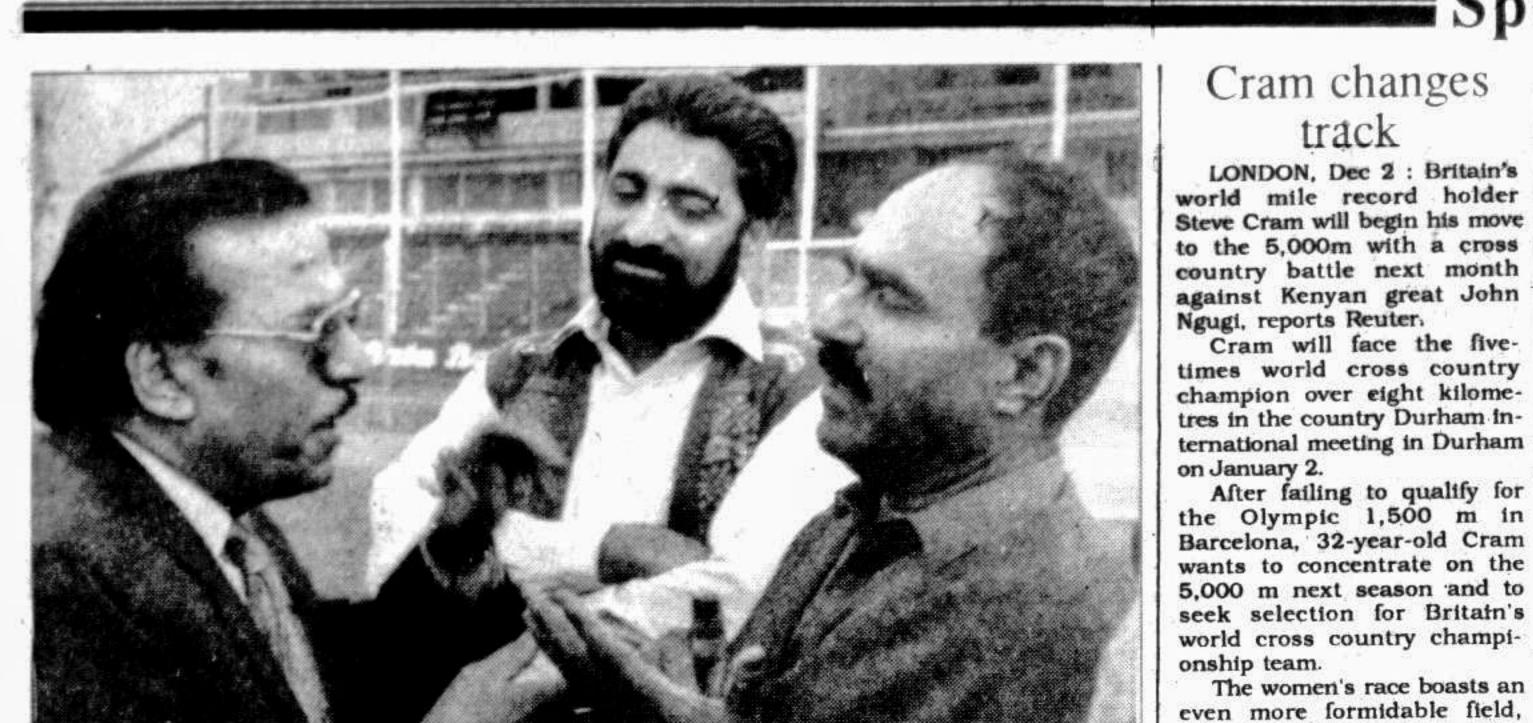
Coleman.

weeks at Selhurst Park.

at Anfield, reports Reuter.

LONDON, Dec 2: Crystal

10,000 metres medallists.



Raisuddin Ahmed, BCCB Vice-President, talking to the Pakistan B manager Wasim Ahmed Nasir Bhatti at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The Pak squad practised at the stadium - Star photo yesterday afternoon.

Cantona's disappointing debut



ISBON, Dec 2: French striker Eric Cantona nade his debut for Manchester United on Tues-

day but his new team lost 1-0 to Benfica in a friendly match to mark birthday celebrations for Portuguese legend Eusebio, reports Reuter.

The two clubs faced each other for the first time since the 1968 European Cup final which United won in extra

Cantona, who transferred from Leeds to Manchester United for 1.3 million pounds (dollar 1.97 million) last week, had few chances to show his skills, indicating he hadn't yet fully integrated into his new team, and got the only yellow card of his debut match. "It's just a matter of him

getting used to playing with us," Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said of Cantona's performance.

"We didn't get a lot of ball up to the edge of the box where we would normally have done better at, but it did show he is a very capable player," Ferguson said:

Cantona had a scoring chance in the 43rd but his powerful kick during a scramble in the area bounced out of

an investigation into the

eligibility of one of the players

in the Spartak Moscow team

who knocked them out,

substitute for Spartak in both

legs of the second round tie

which the Russians won 6-2 on

European government body

said Tuesday that UEFA was

inquiring into the midfielder's

transfer from German Second

Spartak's place in the quarter-

finals against Feyenoord of

Holland next March if the

first round against Avenir

Beggen of Luxembourg. But

neither Liverpool nor Avenir

Liverpool could get

Rusayev also played in the

Rene Eberle, head of

"It seems there is an irregu-

UEFA's control and discipline

commission, said the case will

larity in the transfer from

Oldenburg this summer," said

Eberle. "He was not under

contract, but we do not have

an international transfer cer-

different country, a certificate

is issued by the releasing FA.

signed by the receiving FA and

copies sent to the world body

UEFA are also seeking clari-

fication over the transfer fee of

When a player moves to a

Division side Oldenburg.

Russians are punished.

Beggen have complained.

be examined on Friday.

tificate."

FIFA and UEFA.

But an officials for the

Mikhail Rusayev came on as

reports AFP.

aggregate.

Liverpool could

get back into the

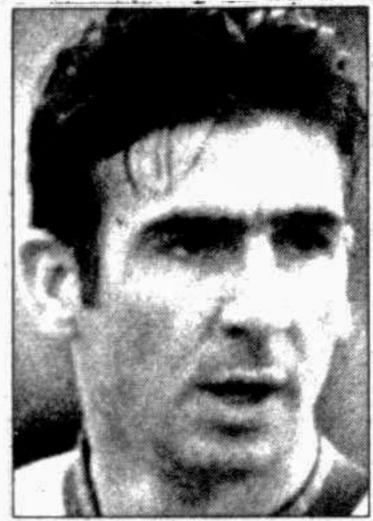
European Cup

Winners' Cup af-

ter UEFA started

play off a defender.

His yellow card was shown for a foul against Benfica defender Abel Silva. Benfica won the slow-paced



ERIC CANTONA

game with a goal in the 80th minute when substitute Daniel Kennedy's 20-metre strike was parried by keeper Peter Schmeichel only for Rui Costa to move in quickly and fire the rebound home.

"They (Benfica) had a good level of technique. It was a friendly match," Cantona said

50,000 German marks which

Oldenburg claim has not been

"We have asked the Russian

French PM selects

Melun-Senart for

the new stadium

Minister Pierre Beregovoy

confirmed on Tuesday that a

new all-seater stadium to host

the 1998 World Cup soccer fi-

nal would be built 45 kms out-

Beregovoy said the 80,000-

scater showpiece arena would

be built at the new town of

Mclun-Senart, south-east of

Prime Minister Michel Rocard

selected the site at Melun-

Senart, despite misgivings

about the distance and the fi-

nancing of the three-billion

francs (dollar 600 million)

Bredin and soccer circles

voiced preference for a site at

Nanterre, on the banks of the

Seine, just outside the western

taken, let's accept it, said

Michel Platini, former French

team captain, who heads the

World Cup Organising

France was awarded the

1998 World Cup finals in July

this year on the understanding

that a new stadium would be

built to stage the opening

match, a semifinal and the fi-

The decision has been

boundary of Paris.

Committee.

Sports Minister Frederique

In February last year, then

side Paris, reports Reuter.

the capital.

project.

PARIS, Dec 2: French Prime

Cantona said he had enjoyed being at Leeds but it had been time to move on since boredom was his worst enemy.

"(Moving on) excites me and only excitement allows me to play well," he said.

EUSEBIO HONOURED

Eusebio was decorated by Portuguese President Mario Soares with the Order of the Cross of Henrique the Infante (the great explorer) on the centre of the pitch where he first played for Benfica in

Eusebio's official birthday celebrations began with a match between Portuguese former stars against veterans from the rest of the world in front of 40,000 fans.

The "Rest of the World" beat the Portuguese side 4-2. Eusebio scored one Portuguese goal and striker Fernando Gomes scored the other with a header.

Argentine Mario Kempes scored twice for the "Rest of the World," in the fifth and 50th minutes, the second on a penalty.

Former English international Bobby Charlton capped a fine performance by scoring the third goal and Spain's Ricardo Gallego grabbed the

federation and the German

club to send us details by

like an administrative over-

sight and Eberel added that

Spartak would only by ex-

UEFA would probably have to

order a play-off between

Liverpool and Beggen for the

how the committee will react

because this is the first time

broken but I don't think it will

go as far as UEFA declaring the

player ineligible. If may be that

Spartak Moscow did not even

know the international trans-

fer certificate had not been is-

It would be the second time

this season an English club has.

been reprieved because of the

ineligibility of an opposing

player: Leeds United won a

rematch against VFB Stuttgart

which are circulating in

England and on the continent,

we have faxed UEFA asking for

"But we are happy to leave

the matter to them and we will

wait and see what they de-

clarification of this situation.

many foreign players.

protest with UEFA.

cluded as a last resort.

right to meet Feyenoord.

we have had such a case.

sued."

Leeds."

UEFA officials said it looked

If Spartak were expelled

Eberle added: "I don't know

"The rules may have been

midnight today," said Eberle.

Liverpool may still make it "He made a decision in the heat of the moment and obviously felt our lad had a long way to go."

in public," he said.

lan Wright and Kevin Campbell sent Arsenal through their home third round replay against First Division Derby with smash-and-grab goals in the first 14 minutes in a 2-1 victory.

Mark Pembridge replied from the penalty spot a minute from halftime.

Gary Rowett gave First Division Cambridge a place in the quarter-finals for the first time by scoring the only goal of their fourth round tie against Premier League visitors Oldham.

Rowett's 45th-minute header powered past John Keeley in the Oldham goal.

Whitaker brought back to train GB hockey squad

LONDON, Dec 2: David Whitaker, Great Britain's coach when they won the Olympic hockey gold at Seoul, has been brought back to construct a winning side for the 1996

in the European Champions Atlanta Games, reports AFP. Cup because they fielded too Whitaker, 44, will take the place of manager Bernie Eberle said though "This is Cotton and coach Norman a completely different case to Hughes in charge of the national side.

At Liverpool, chief executive Britain finished a disappointing sixth in Barcelona Peter Robinson said the club would not be lodging a formal this year. And the team management received most of the "In view of the stories

Phil Appleyard, chairman of the Great Britain Men's Hockey Board, said: "We were disappointed by our performance in Barcelona but you cannot attribute that entirely to the manager and the coach. We did not get the results and

this is the price people pay. "David Whitaker is a master tactician and is very strong at bringing out the very best in individual players and he has their complete respect.

We are not expecting miracles. We are well aware that several of the Barcelona squad have dropped out of interna tional hockey. "But there is some exciting

new talent in the England under-21 squad and we have four years before the next Olympics to integrate them into the

Hughes has already resigned as part-time coach. Appleyard said Cotton would leave his full-time position in due course.

Whitaker left for a position as a business consultant. He will be coach mainly on a parttime basis, continuing his fulltime job.

While welcoming back Whitaker, Appleyard paid tribute to Cotton's contribution since he took charge of the GB squads four years ago.

Mac's marriage on the rocks



2: Four-time US Open champion John McEnroe says he and his

ning actress Tatum O'Neal, are having trouble in their marriage, reports AP.

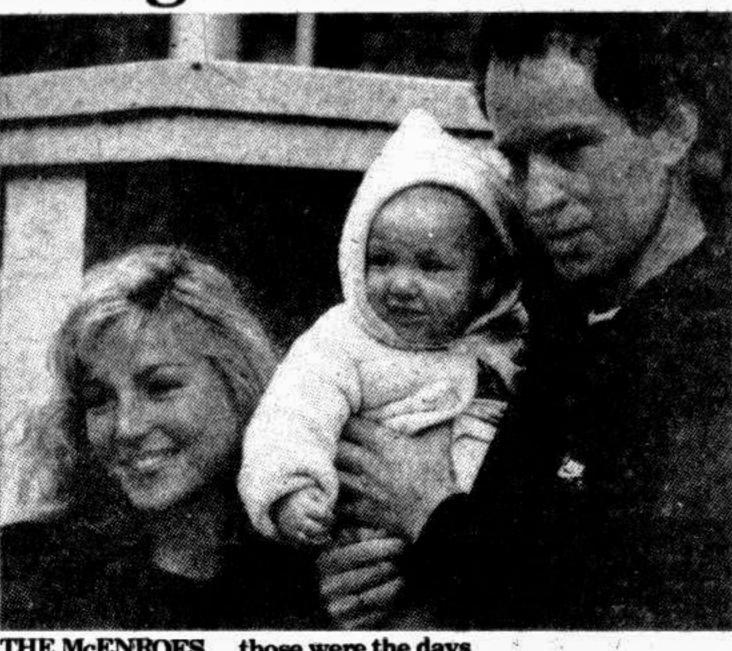
But he stopped short of saying they will divorce, as several newspapers have reported. McEnroe, 33, and O'Neal,

"Tatum and I are having marital problems, just as many other married couples do,' McEnroe said in a statement issued Tuesday through the office of his father, Manhattan

finding a sensible solution that's best for our entire fam-

Tabloid reports in New York and London said O'Neal wants a divorce because he won't let her revive the film career that she gave up when

cist, Steve Huvane, said she had no comment Tuesday. O'Neal won a best supporting actress Oscar for the film Paper Moon" when she was just 10 years old.



THE McENROES ... those were the days

attended the New York opening of the film "Malcolm X."

At stake in a possible divorce are the millions Mc-Enroe, a three-time Wimbledon champion, has amassed.

But McEnroe's statement did not mention divorce. He said he decided to issue a formal comment because of "wildly inaccurate stories" in the press.

"This is a very painful time for me, and, I'm sure, for peared normal as the couple Tatum as well," McEnroe said.

100,000 event because other

dropped a game before defeat-

ing fellow Pakistani and quali-

fier Zubair Jehan Khan 15-8,

Top seeded Jansher Khan

ranked players withdrew.

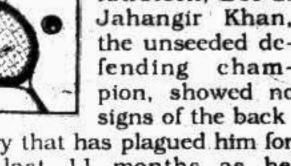
"However public are our professional activities, our personal problems are private and, for the sake of our children, I will make every effort to safeguard the family's privacy. Therefore, I will make no further public comment and

would urge our families,

friends and others to do the McEnroe said both he and

O'Neal have hired attorneys to deal with their marital prob-

Stylish start for Jahangir mawardhani (Itsenesia), Yuliana Santoso (Indonesia). Martin bites dust



the unseeded defending champion, showed no signs of the back injury that has plagued him for the last 11 months as he

disposed of fourth-seed Sami Eluporo of Finland Tuesday's opening round of the Pakistan Open, reports Reuter.

The Pakistani, winner of the tournament nine times. won 15-5, 15-7, 15-5 and reported no problems after his first competitive squash appearance since September. "I played as I wanted to

play and am happy with it," said the former world number one who has dropped to 26th in the rankings. "The back did not trouble

me and I am feeling quite fit and hope to go further in the championship." Jahangir only made the

JAHANGIR KHAN 15-4, 15-17, 17-14, Jansher, playing after a

month's break due to illness, was not satisfied with the standard of refereeing and suggested foreign match officials should be hired for the

tournament. Temperamental Australian Tristan Nancarrow conceded against Germany's Hansi Wiens in the third game after losing the first two.

Nancarrow, who earlier this year completed a four-month ban for bad behaviour in the 1991 World Open, argued with referee Aamer Shaikh in the first game about a ball being "dead". The row halted the match for about two minutes. Australian Anthony Hill

retired with ankle trouble after losing the first game 15-8 to Simon Parke of England. Pakistan's Farhan

Samiullah conceded England's fifth seed Peter Marshall after complaining of back pain. Marshall had won the first

two games 15-7, 15-10 and was 4-5 down in the third.

last year's World Open champion, Australian Rodney

Martin, lost to unseeded mark MacLean of Scotland, reports Martin, who was considered a major challenge to Pakistan's world champion Jansher Khan and defending champion Jahangir Khan, was stunned when the Scottish player

winning the last three, in a 58 minute battle on the championship court. Rodney, world number

stretched him to five games,

three and seeded second for the tournament had won the first two games. Final scores: 8-15, 11-

15, 15-13, 17-16 and 17-15.

Ko in 37 seconds

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. Dec 2: Former lightweight champion Pernell Whitaker knocked out Benny Baez 37 seconds into the first round of their non-title welterweight fight Tuesday night, reports

The opening bell had just rung in the nationally televised bout when Whitaker took out Baez with a vicious left hook. The sudden end to the fight brought cheers and jeers from the hometown crowd at the

Virginia Beach Pavilion. It was Whitaker's first fight as a welterweight. Whitaker currently holds the International Boxing Federation junior welterweight title. He fought

as a lightweight for seven The fight raises his record to 31-1. The bout was a tuneup for his welterweight ti-

tle fight against James "buddy" McGirt, scheduled for March 6 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

main draw for the dollar The charmer from Down Under

Harding came, saw and

conquered last June in

Marseille in more ways than



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PARIS, Dec 2: Boxers: who eulogize about French culture, do not grow on trees. So there

must be something special in Sydney's tap water to produce a character like Jeff "Hit Man" Harding, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old fighter has punched and charmed his way into becoming France's favourite Australian and can count on solid home support when he defends his WBC light-heavyweight title against American David Vedder in St Jean de Luz on Thursday.

That is quite a feat because the hard-hitting, big-talking Harding's last Gallic visit resulted in an embarrassing knockout defeat for France's most revered champion,

Christophe Tiozzo.

one, adding a little personal panache by finding himself a French girlfriend. French boxing fans loved his relentless, attacking style and his extrovert manner and

Harding, in turn, became a Francophile through his romantic links. "I'm glad the French people have taken to Jeff Harding the fighter," he said as he breezed through Paris on his

way to the bout in the Basque country. "I had phenomenal treatment on my last visit. "Unfortunately I had to beat up their champion Christophe Tiozzo. I'm sorry I had to do what I did - but I'm glad I

did." Harding, hired as a televi-

sion commentator at the

news conference. With a twinkle in his eye which would have illuminated the dark side of the moon. Harding enthused about new love of his life Catherine.

Barcelona Olympics, is a born

performer in and out of the

ring and relishes any audience

as he showed in a virtuoso one-

man show at his pre-fight

"Last time I was here I became friendly with a French mademotselle and she's become part of my team," he "I have a French girlfriend

and ooh, la, la," All this accompanied by a two-handed gesture which defied transla-

But Catherine has been barred from his training camp. "It's business first, pleasure later," the fighter explained.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** playspeakcourse

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CRYPTOQUIP 1-15

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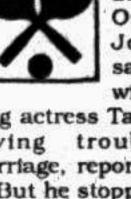
HLZZFSM FDFSMR. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I USED TO PACK GRO-CERIES AT THE MODERN SUPERMARKET BUT I GOT

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals E

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.



competition at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday. - Star photo



wife, Oscar-win-

29, have been married six years and have three children. They have homes in New York and Malibu, Calif.

attorney John P. McEnroe Sr. "I intend to work hard at

they wed. O'Neal's Los Angeles publi-

Two weeks ago, all ap-