

# Border to Australia's rescue

AUCKLAND, Mar 14: Veteran Australian captain Allan Border dug deep into his experience on Sunday to pull Australia out of deep trouble in their third and final Test match against New Zealand, reports Reuters.



D PATEL... 5 for 87

Australia ended the third day 141 runs ahead of New Zealand in their second innings, with four wickets remaining, largely thanks to a gritty unbeaten 61 from Border.

Border came into bat with Australia 160 for five — just 75 runs ahead — after New Zealand spinner Dipak Patel had taken four wickets and survived some high-pressure bowling from New Zealand.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy fell victim to a controversial decision by umpire Chris King 10 minutes before stumps, given out caught behind for 24 when television replays showed the ball hit his upper arm.

He and Border put on 65 runs for the sixth wicket.

Damen Martyn and opener David Boon also got among the runs for Australia on a day when it was essential for the Australians to occupy the crease.

Opener Mark Taylor and Justin Langer appeared to give way to the psychological surprise of seeing a spinner — Patel — open the bowling in a Test match.

Patel claimed Taylor's wicket with his fifth ball, inducing the opener to charge him. Wicketkeeper Tony Blair pulled off a glorious stumping and Taylor was out for three.

Eight balls later Justin Langer was trapped leg before wicket by Patel for a duck with a delivery that appeared to be spinning sharply away from leg stump and Australia were in deep trouble at eight for two.

Boon and Martyn then set about building a partnership, with Martyn scoring a career-best 74, a sparkling innings that included eight fours and a huge six. Boon, on the other hand, played a cautious innings for his 24th Test 50.

Boon was dismissed with the last ball before tea, given out leg before wicket for 53 off the bowling of Murphy Su'a with the score on 160.

Border and Healy grafted for more than three hours until the wicketkeeper was given out. Healy stayed rooted to the spot when King raised his finger, while Border looked furious at the other end.

Border and Merv Hughes saw out the final overs, setting up a thrilling fourth day when the leg spin of Shane Warne could prove vital for Australia.

Warne and Hughes mopped up the last two New Zealand tail enders in less than 30 minutes on Sunday morning, dismissing New Zealand for 224 and giving Warne impressive figures of four for eight and confirming his arrival on the cricketing scene as a top-class leg-spinner.

Australia coach Bobby Simpson refused to be drawn on three umpiring decisions that affected his batsmen, but repeated his call for neutral umpires in Test cricket.

I have believed for nearly 30 years that there should be a panel of world umpires, he told reporters after the days play.

Simpson paid tribute to Border's batting. He's a brilliant survivor, he said. The 38-year-old captain, who became the world's top Test run scorer in Christchurch last month, was at his most stubborn best on Sunday.

He blocked solidly but lashed out at the occasional delivery in his 168 minutes at the crease.

Simpson also paid tribute to Warne, whose 15-over spell on Saturday and Sunday, in which he picked up for eight, saw only three run-scoring shots played off him.

The Australian coach said his team would be looking to set New Zealand a target of at least 200 to win the match, a task that looks especially difficult considering the spin. Warne is able to extract from the Eden Park wicket.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard on the third day of the third and final Test between New Zealand and Australia on Sunday:  
**AUSTRALIA:** First Innings 139

**NEW ZEALAND:** First Innings

J Wright	c Taylor	b McDermott	33
M Greatbatch	c Border	b Hughes	32
A Jones	c Healy	b Hughes	20
M Crowe	c Taylor	b S Waugh	31
K Rutherford	c Healy	b Warne	43
C Harris	c Taylor	b Warne	13



ALLAN BORDER... 61 n.o

**AUSTRALIA:** Second Innings

D Boon	lbw b Su'a	53
M Taylor	st Blair b Patel	3
J Langer	lbw b Patel	0
D Martyn	c Greatbatch b Patel	74
S Waugh	lbw b Patel	0
A Border	not out	61
I Healy	c Blair b Patel	24
M Hughes	not out	0
Extras	(lb-3, nb-8)	11
Total	(for six wickets)	226

**AUSTRALIA:** First Innings 139

Morrison	23	5	60	0
Patel	28	7	87	5
Watson	11	4	25	0
Sua	15	3	47	1
Harris	2	1	4	0

# Aussies, Kiwis want '96 World Cup to start in March

AUCKLAND, Mar 14: Australian and New Zealand cricket officials said Sunday they will approach the International Cricket Council with their concerns over the timing of the 1996 one-day World Cup, reports AP.

The next World Cup is due to be held jointly in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka but the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and New Zealand Cricket (NZC) are less than happy with the proposed January-February programme.

The two boards met over the weekend in Auckland and ACB chairman Alan Crompton said each was concerned about how much disruption the next World Cup would cause to both countries domestic season.

"We think that the later it can start the better it would be for both parties," Crompton said. "Going on the present programme we would have to have out international season concluded quite early by mid-January to enable ourselves and the sides we are playing to prepare for the tournament."

"That is something we will have to negotiate," NZC chairman Peter McDermott said the two boards would raise the matter at July's meeting of the International Cricket Council in London.

# Maradona fined

SEVILLE, Spain, Mar 14: Spanish Club Sevilla have fined star player Diego Maradona for returning late from Argentina without permission, reports AFP.

The ex-Barcelona and Napoli player was punished for arriving late for work after being on international duty.

Maradona and international team-mate Diego Simeone, who also plays for Sevilla, were said to have been fined 13,000 dollars and 8,700 dollars respectively.

"No-one likes to lose money but this ruling is logical considering what we did. What's important now is for me to play well and the team to be successful," said Maradona.

# Bayern still atop

BONN, Mar 14: Bayern Munich stayed top of the German Bundesliga on Saturday despite being held 0-0 at relegation candidates Dynamo Dresden, reports AFP.

Bayern were unable to find the net despite having much of the play against a team reduced to ten men after just 26 minutes when Andreas Wagendhaus was sent off.

The old East German club owe their point to some stout defending, including an outstanding performance from goalkeeper Rene Muller.

# Murray runs yr's fastest 3000m



TORONTO, Mar 14: Yvonne Murray of Britain clocked the fastest time in the world this year as she ran away from the field to win the women's 3,000 metres gold medal on Saturday at the World Indoor Athletics Championships, reports Reuters.

Murray broke from the pack after five laps and ran alone, building a massive lead of 100 metres on her way to the gold with a time of eight minutes 50.56 seconds.

More than 12 seconds behind was Margareta Keszeg of Romania in 9:02.89 for the silver. Three-time world cross country champion Lynn Jennings of the United States took the bronze in 9:03.78.

Murray, the 1988 Olympic bronze medalist, said she was confident about making her break a way after the leisurely early pace.

"I knew the pace was very slow but I'll be quite honest with you. I knew the form of the other athletes and I felt very strong. When I began to catch the back pack that gave me some momentum to keep my rhythm going."

Russia's Olga Kopotina, whose time of 8:56.15 had been the world's best this year, finished last.

# HENKEL BEATEN

Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria reclaimed her world indoor title in the high jump by beating Olympic gold medalist and defending champion Heike Henkel of Germany in a thrilling duel between the best women jumpers in the world.

Kostadinova beat Henkel on countback after both cleared 2.02 on their last attempts to equal the year's best mark.

Both failed in three attempts at 2.04 and the title was decided in the Bulgarian's favour as she succeeded at 2.00 on her first try, while Henkel had missed once at that height.

"I'm very happy. It's my first big victory over Heike since my operation," said Kostadinova, who had surgery for a broken bone in her left foot in 1990.

For Henkel, it was her first defeat in a major championship since placing third behind winner Kostadinova at the 1989 World Indoors in Budapest.

"It didn't hurt losing to her," said Henkel. "Sometimes you lose, sometimes you win. It's not a bad result. Now I am motivated to go to the outdoor season and beat her in Stuttgart."

# MCKOY MATCHES YR'S BEST

Olympic champion Mark McKoy of Canada seized the momentum for a scintillating

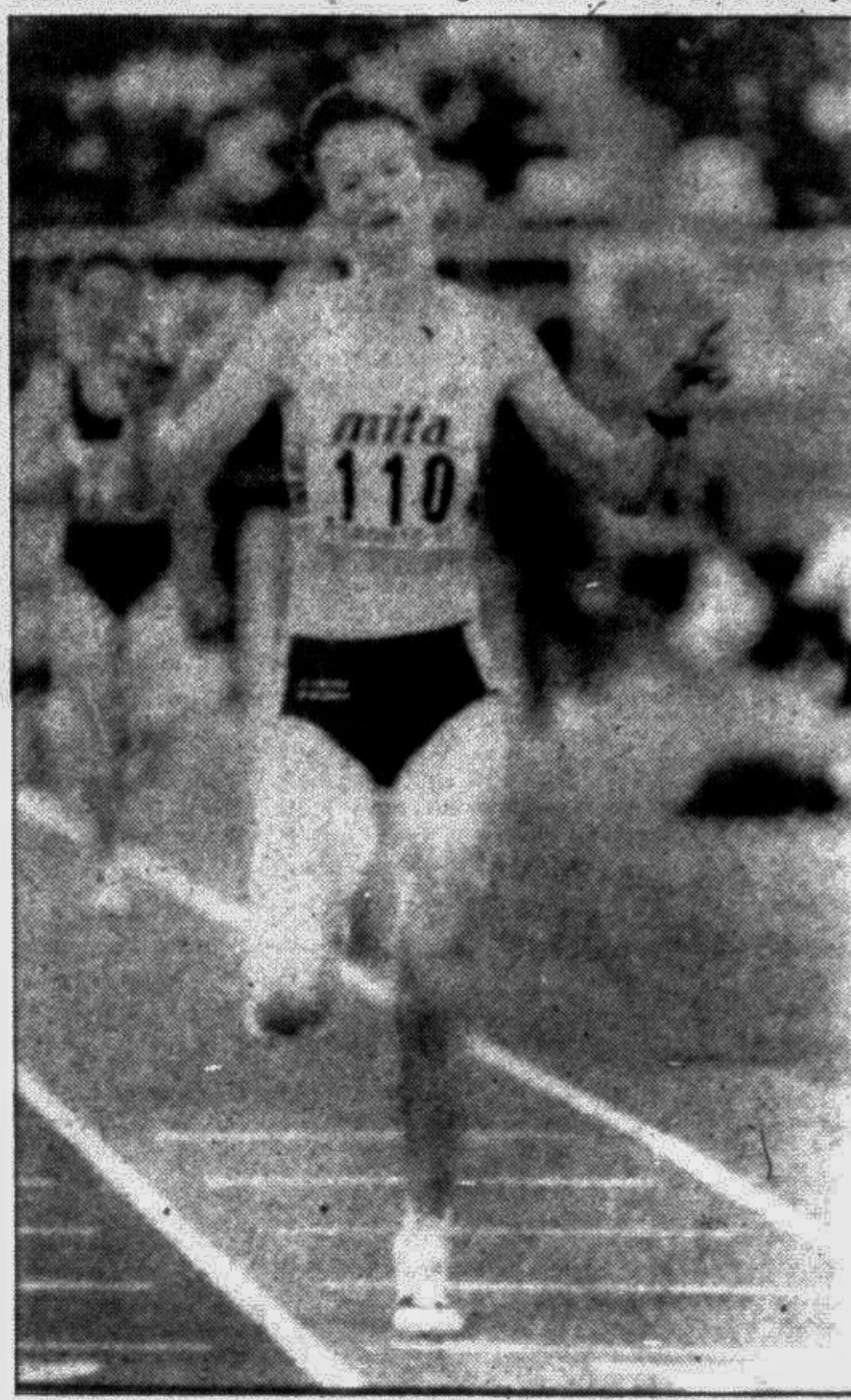
showdown looming in the 60-metre hurdles by matching the year's best time of 7.44 seconds in the semifinals yesterday.

McKoy burst from the blocks with his usual fast start and held off American Tony Dees to equal his personal best set two years ago in Sindelfingen, Germany. Dees clocked 7.48.

by Britain's Colin Jackson, McKoy's close friend and chief rival, who ran a 7.49. In the evening, Jackson turned in a time of 7.58 to win his semifinal.

Sunday's final should be a scorching and Greg Foster's world indoor record of 7.36 may be in jeopardy.

"I don't think the low 40s is going to win it," said McKoy,



Great Britain's Yvonne Murray crosses the finish line in the women's 3,000-metre race at the World Indoor Track and Field Championships in Toronto on Mar 13. Murray won with a time of 8 minutes 50.55 seconds. — AFP photo



MARK MCKOY The first heats run earlier on Saturday were dominated

indicating he will have to move even faster to claim gold.

Jackson, who has also run a 7.44 this season, said he was coasting in his semifinal.

"I'm just trying to save myself for the final," the Briton said. "The final is what counts."

McKoy, who has lost to Jackson in their last four races since his Olympic triumph, tabbed Jackson as the favourite after the afternoon heats.

"Colin's the guy to beat," said McKoy, who co-owns a home in Toronto with Jackson. Dees, the American champion, says it's wide open.

"I think this is going to be one of the most competitive hurdles races ever," he said.

# Lewis saw it coming

PARIS, Mar 14: Carl Lewis thought Ben Johnson was back on drugs after the Canadian challenged him to a series of one-to-one races prior last years Olympic Games, reports AFP.

Lewis, world record holder at 100m, told L'Equipe magazine he was suspicious of Johnson's boast he could win gold in Barcelona and once again become the fastest in the world.

How could he seriously expect — so soon after his suspension — to rediscover his old speed and win the gold medal? Was he intending to cheat again?

Since Ben's return, there have been times when I've been convinced he was clean. But there were other times when I wondered if he was really capable of it.

Once again, he's provoked a storm of criticism after testing positive, and once again, plenty of people are saying that this is bad news for athletics.

I disagree. When an athlete, any athlete, is caught taking drugs, I see it as good news for the sport. It shows that everything is being done to unmask the cheats most of whom have left athletics already.

Instead of blaming the Canadians for having produced a cheat, we should applaud them for being leaders in the fight against drugs.

# Egypt call it strange, unjust

CAIRO, Mar 14: Egypt have labelled a decision to make them replay a World Cup soccer tie against Zimbabwe in France strange and unjust and say the date of the match handicaps them on religious grounds, reports Reuters.

Egypt won last months game 2-1 to reach the next qualifying stage, but Zimbabwe protested over stone-throwing by sections of the 120,000 crowd.

Liverpool and Zimbabwe goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar awaits the results of a brain scan after being struck by a lump of concrete.

Essam Abdel-Moneim, head of Egypt's Football Federation, told reporter on Saturday: In my opinion this decision is strange and unjust.

The Egyptian board does not hide its considerable irritation at the decision (which) greatly exaggerates the scale of the crowds mistake which we acknowledge.

The Egyptian federations board said it would abide by the FIFA ruling, but suggested a replay date of April 18 instead of March 28.

Abdel-Moneim said: The timing is not at all appropriate. If they cannot ask a European team to play at Christmas, so they cannot ask the Moslem Egyptian team to play during the (three-day feast of) Eid Al-Fitr. They should respect our feeling and religious traditions.

Ramadan, when devout Moslems fast from Sunrise to sunset, is due to end on March 24 and is followed by Eid Al-Fitr.

Meanwhile, the Cairo newspaper Al-Akhabar reported FIFA would pay the costs of the Zimbabwe team but Egypt would have to foot their own bill.

The winner will play in the second round Group C against Cameroon, 1990 World Cup quarter-finalists, and unfancied Guinea.

# World Youth Championship Bruno makes it a day for Brazil



ADELAIDE, Mar 14: Defender Bruno scored a goal in each half Sunday, lifting two-time champions Brazil to a 3-0 victory over the United States in the quarterfinals of soccer's World Youth Championship, reports AP.

A pinpoint cross from winger Cate set up the opening goal in the 32nd minute, when Bruno headed home from close range.

Cate also created the second goal in the 50th minute when his long cross went right across the penalty area, leaving the US defence in disarray. Adriano fired a low drive past goalkeeper Jeff Cassar.

Bruno tapped in the third goal from just metres (yards) out in the 90th minute after a cross from Gian.

Brazil dominated the game in the midfield, but found the American defenders in a de-

# Barcelona tighten grip at top

BARCELONA, Spain, Mar 14: Title-holders Barcelona tightened their grip on the Spanish league leadership when they beat rivals Deportivo Coruna 3-0 at Camp Nou Stadium yesterday, reports Reuters.

The win lifted Barcelona two points clear of Real Madrid, who entertain lowly Logrones on Sunday, and left Deportivo, leaders until 10 days ago, three points off the pace.

The scoreline reflected Barcelona's superiority but told nothing of a pulsating first half in which Deportivo could have had the game won in the first 25 minutes.

In the 26th minute, Barcelona's international midfielder Juan Gorkoetxea picked up a ball in the centre circle and burst forward 35 metres before hitting a 35-metre drive which swerved ferociously past the outstretched fingers of diving goalkeeper Francisco Llano.

termined mood. Cassar made a succession of spectacular saves to keep the United States in contention.

Brazil now will play host Australia in the semifinals at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Wednesday night. Australia advanced to the semifinals for the second straight time by scoring a 2-1 victory over Uruguay in sudden-death extra time in Brisbane on Saturday night.

Cate and Adriano constantly menaced the American defence, with Cate beating defender Dana Quick for pace before crossing for Bruno to score the opener.

Cassar made two acrobatic saves to thwart Adriano. The Florida International University student moved quickly off his line to block a shot in the 8th minute and also made a spectacular dive in the 18th minute to keep out a crisp free kick by the elusive striker.

Adriano, who was named man-of-the-match, also went close in the 26th minute when he hooked a shot narrowly wide.

Gian also posed problems for the Americans. Cassar did well to stop his long range drive in the 31st minute, while Gian also sent a header narrowly wide 10 minutes later.

Midfielder Imad Baba tried to spark the Americans into action, but lacked support in the midfield.

The Americans created their best scoring opportunities late in the game after the Brazilians began to slow down.

Miles Joseph cracked a shot on the post in the 75th minute and Baba fired the rebound just wide.

A few minutes later, Brazilian goalkeeper Dida produced a spectacular save to keep out a powerful shot by substitute Robie LaBelle.

out defender Wagner for their semifinal. Wagner was carried from the field on a stretcher just before halftime with a suspected hamstring injury.

# ENGLAND STRUGGLE

Away in Melbourne, England defeated Mexico 4-3 in a penalty shootout Sunday night after the teams were tied 0-0 after regulation time and 30 minutes of sudden-death extra time in another quarter-final.

On a sultry night Olympic Park England advanced when they netted all four of their penalties. Jesus Olalde and Juan Solis missed kicks for Mexico.

England now will play Ghana in the semifinals in Sydney on Wednesday night.

The Englishmen equalled their previous best finish in the tournament. They also reached the semifinals in 1981.

Jamie Pollock, Darren Caskey, Alan Thompson and Chris Bart-Williams were successful with penalty kicks for England in the shootout, while Francisco Amante, Rafael Astivia and Carlos Gonzalez netted for Mexico.

Bransley goalkeeper David Watson clinched the victory with a brilliant save against captain Solis' penalty, Mexico's fifth.

Olalde had fired the Mexicans first penalty on to the woodwork.

I feel for the Mexicans. That is no way to lose a quarterfinal, said England coach David Burnside.

But maybe what we got in the end was just.

Goalkeeper Watson said the shootout marked a change of luck for the English players.

Marvin Harriott came on for Myers as England manager David Burnside's gamble failed.

Barmby has had a troubled time in Australia. His problems began even before he left England, with Tottenham opposing his selection.

Those woes continued with media speculation about the extent of his shin injury and unfounded rumors that he would be flown home early.

Both teams created scoring chances, but defences dominated for most of the contest.

"After the game, the boys were so emotional, everybody was crying," said Mexican coach Juan Castillo.

"They participated with dignity and they put Mexico's name on top," he said.

The match was watched by a crowd of 11,047.

The 16-nation tournament for under-20 players concludes on March 20 in Sydney, where the two finalists will contest the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup.

# Vorapin retains IBF crown

BANGKOK, Mar 14: Thailand's Ratanaphol Sor Vorapin knocked out Indonesia's Nicolas Thomas in the seventh round Sunday and retained his International Boxing Federation mini-flyweight crown, reports AP.

The 19-year-old Thai downed his 26-year-old opponent with a left jab to the midriff 31 seconds into the seventh of 12 scheduled rounds. The 10th-ranked Thomas crumpled to his knees, and Australian referee Billy Mills ended the fight.

Thomas seemed to abandon his defensive strategy after a below-the-belt punch near the end of the fourth round doubled him over, and drew Ratanaphol a warning.

The Thai boxer, who became his country's 17th world boxing champion with a unanimous points decision over Manny Melchor of the Philippines last December, now boasts 13 career victories against one draw and two defeats.

# Norwich City scrape through



LONDON, Mar 14: Norwich City scraped a 1-0 win over bottom club Oldham to maintain their unlikely English championship challenge on Saturday and move within a point of joint leaders Manchester United and Aston Villa, reports Reuters.

With United entertaining Villa at Old Trafford on Sunday, Norwich took advantage to increase the pressure

on the leading pair.

Norwich's winner came from an own goal in the 13th minute.

Dave Phillips unleashed a ferocious shot which Oldham defender Nick Henry could only head into his own net.

Nottingham Forest slumped nearer a drop to the First Division when beaten 3-0 at Everton in a critical match between the relegation-threatened former champions.

Tony Cottee scored twice, in the 15th and 26th minutes,

to take his tally to eight goals in 12 games since he returned to the Everton team in January.

Andy Hinchcliffe added the third before halftime against a second-from-bottom Forest side missing injured internationals Stuart Pearce and Neil Webb and suspended Roy Keane and Robert Rosario.

Liverpool striker Ian Rush scored his third goal in three games nine minutes from time to earn his side a 2-1 victory at Middlesbrough.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- 1 On — (as a gamble)
- 5 March 17 dance
- 8 Wasted no time
- 12 Author Janowitz
- 13 Blueprint addition
- 14 "Puppy Love" singer
- 15 Seed coat
- 16 Pub potato
- 17 Particular
- 18 1040 write-up
- 20 Chip in chips
- 22 Hit musical
- 26 Clad a la Batman
- 29 School dance
- 30 Caviar
- 31 Aid a crook
- 32 Answer to the Sphinx's riddle
- 33 Lounge idly
- 34 Illuminated
- 35 Ex-acorn

**DOWN**

- 1 Luminary
- 2 Remove the rind
- 3 Send out
- 4 Peace pipe
- 5 Casual wear
- 6 Under the weather
- 7 "The Great One"
- 8 Section of Hispaniola
- 9 Constituent
- 10 Supplement, with "out"
- 11 Grand Coulee
- 12 Tor Sene
- 13 Tore liens
- 14 Ariel Tigloos
- 15 William Holden
- 16 Eos Egest DNA
- 17 Lives Neap
- 18 Racer Amant
- 19 Goda Elie
- 20 Abo Goral Mad
- 21 Robert Redford
- 22 Verete Elite
- 23 Bated Bass
- 24 Ser TNT

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
 N F N W G N M A F L I N O L U I  
 U Y A V N L W V Q C U S  
 K A J Q R W A N Q G T Q S W L I U  
 W U R J M T N U Y Q K I Q C  
 Yesterday's Cryptiquip: ASTRONOMER IS HOPING HIS HOCKEY-PLAYING SON MAKES THE ALL-STARS.  
 Today's Cryptiquip clue: I equals G  
 The Cryptiquip 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.

