Edberg, Muster

move into semis

Apr 23: Stefan Edberg stopped

the 13-match winning streak

of Ukrainian teenager Andrei

Medvedev, 6-4, 6-3, Friday in

the quarterfinals of the dirs

1.65 million Monte Carlo

In the first quarterfinal,

defending champion Thomas

Muster of Austria needed

barely an hour to beat Spanish

qualifier Alex Corretja, 6-2, 6-

Medvedev, who won his last

two tournaments on clay, could

not handle Edberg's ap-

proaches to the net and was

forced into errors time after

day," Medvedev said. "I didn't

feel I was into the game . . . !

was somewhere around, the

court but not really on the

Mcdvedev as he won his first

service at love. However

Edberg held his serve in a long

second game that included

break in the seventh game as

he pushed Medvedev into er-

rors on charges to the net to

points in the next game but

couldn't convert any and

Edberg held for 5-3. Edberg

continued on to a 6-4 win in

In the second set the play-

ers were even at 3-3. Then

Medvedev dropped his serve,

losing the game on a double

power and I was trying too

hard with the first scrve,"

Mcdvedev said. "I double

faulted at 3-3 in the set and it

advantage and then broke

Medvedev in the ninth game to

wrap up the match, again with

net attacks that forced fore-

Edberg has defeated

Medvedev has won two

tournaments on clay this year,

Medvedev four of the five

Edberg held again for a 5-3

"I couldn't hit the ball with

Medvedev had three break

Edberg took the deciding

seven deuces.

take a 4-3 lead.

the first sct.

was over."

It started off well for

"It definitely wasn't my

Open, reports AP.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco,

# Baggio makes Juventus joyous



Brilliant Roberto Baggio again took centre stage as Juventus beat Paris St Germain 1-0 here on Thursday to go

into the final of the UEFA Cup, a trophy they won three years ago, reports AFP. World Cup star Baggio, who fired in the two goals in the 2-

1 first leg win in Turin and scored against AC Milan on Saturday, just could not keep out of the limelight. From a freekick, David Platt

headed the ball into the box, Gianluca Vialli turned and fired left-footed lat goal. Baggio darted forward to guide the ball into the net on 76 min-

That was the crucial breakthrough that ensured the 1991 UEFA Cup winners another chance in the two-legged final against Borussia Dortmund of Germany on May 5 and 19.

Coach Giovanni Trapattoni took Baggio off and replaced him with Paolo di Canio five minutes before time.

In front of a 45,000 fullhouse at the Parc des Princes. Juventus have become Italy's second side to reach a European final. AC Milan have a date with Olympique Marseille in Munich in the Champions Cup on May 26.

Juventus, out of the Italian title race in fourth place, have had a mini rebirth to their season. On Saturday they beat AC Milan 3-1, but PSG can think themselves hard done by when they were denied a penalty that could have changed the match in the 59th minute.

George Weah cut through

the defence and looked as though he had been fouled by Massimo Carrera, who tugged at his shirt before tripping him, but Dutch referee Gerard Villenberg refused to be



"It was a bad penalty decision against us which cost us the match," said Paul Guen as

A minute after the appeal was turned down, as if in frustration at the decision. Weah

Though Juventus Dino Baggio, Jurgen Kohler and Anrtonio Conti were sus-Andreas Moller returned for this semifinal second leg.

nated the early stages, and in beat, but the Juventus keeper blocked away the danger.

In the 18th minute, Weah met a superb cross from David Ginola with an accurate shot forcing Rampulla to dive low to his left to push the ball round the post. And Alain Roche tested Rampulla in the 24th minute with a firmly struck header at the far post.

Paris St-Germain, constantly aware of their 2-1 deficit following a Roberto Baggio double in Turin. pressed forward in waves.

In-form Valdo and David Ginola inspired PSG and were always threatening to bring about a breakthrough.

Rampulla hurt his left leg in a bruising challenge five minutes before the interval, and substitute keeper Angelo Peruzzi was put on standby.

PSG coach Artur Jorge brought on striker Amara Simba for midfielder Laurent Fournier with half an hour to go as they frantically sought a

and Gianluc a Vialli combined well on the break as they tried to kill off the tie with a second

Trapattoni had the same thoughts as Jorge as he brought on a striker, Casiraghi, with 20 minutes to go.

After their penalty appeal went against them, PSG's Patrick Colleter showed his frustration by hacking down Roberto Baggio just before the

So no French team has even reached the final of the UEFA cup or the Fairs Cup as it was known up to 1971. France is now relying on Marseille to win the country's first ever European club title.

# Italians crowd Euro finals



PARIS, Apr 23: Parma and Juventus reached the finals of the European Cup Winn-

ers' Cup and UEFA Cup on Thursday to put Italian clubs on course for a Grand Slam of continental soccer competitions, reports

With AC Milan already in the final of the Champions Cup, 1993 could be another triumph for Italian football.

In 1989, AC Milan won the Champions Cup, Juventus the UEFA Cup and Sampdoria the Cup Winners' Cup. The year before they took two as AC Milan and Napoli won the Champions and UEFA Cups, while Sampdoria lost in the final of the Cup Winners' Cup.

Juventus beat Paris St Germain on Thursday to move into the UEFA Cup final. They led 2-1 from the first leg and Roberto Baggio, who got both his team's goals two weeks ago, scored the only goal of the second game to put the Turin side into a final against Borussia Dortmund of Germany

that they should have had a 59th minute penalty that could have turned the match.

George Weah cut through the defence and looked as though he had been fouled by Massimo Carrera who tugged at his shirt before tripping him. But Dutch referee Gerard

Paul Guen as he walked off the

Paris coach Artur Jorge said, "Everyone saw the

"My players and I expected that. We had to attack non-stop and wait for the crack to appear. But when it did the referec saw nothing. It is very

disappointing to lose like that. Trapattoni said, "A draw would have been a fairer result but I think we described to go

Parma lost the second leg of their cup Winners' Cup semifinal second leg against Atletico Madrid 1-0. But thanks to their shock 2-1 win in Madrid two weeks earlier they go through to the May 12 final at Wembley against Antwerp of Belgium.

> Antwerp came back from a goal down in the first leg of their semifinal against Spartak Moscow to win the second 3-1

The Russians took the lead after nine minutes but Antwerp pulled off a spectacular comeback with goals from Alex Czerniatynski, Dragan Jakovljevic and Hans-Peter Lehnhoff. Spartak had a player sent off in the incident that led to Lehnhoff's penalty which scaled the match.

Italy's hogging of the limelight can be compared to England's a decade earlier. England won the Champions Cup each year from 1977 to 1982, and in 1984 had three final representatives -Liverpool in the main compe tition, Manchester United in

the Cup Winners' Cup and Tottenham in the UEFA Cup. Only United lost their final.

## Gazza's knee

fielder Paul Gascoigne is suffering from pains in the knee he damaged two years ago and could miss 'England's crucial World Cup qualifier against the Netherlands on

damaged his right knee in the 1991 FA Cup final, was sccing a specialist in London on Friday after reporting for England training with the problem.

precaution," an English Foot-

"We were first aware of it when he reported yesterday

training today means there has to be some element of doubt about him."

striker lan Wright for the European Group Two qualifier at Wembley.

cured by extensive surgery.

### are non-starters

Dutch Libero Ronald Koeman and defender Berry van Aerle England because of injury, Friday, reports Reuter.

enced defenders is a blow to a Dutch side already missing Marco van Basten for next Wednesday's Group Two qualifier at Wembley.

Kocman has not recovered fully from a muscle injury he sustained during a match for Barcelona against athletic Bilbao two weeks ago.

suffered a knee injury during Wednesday's European Cup match against AC Milan and coach Dick Advocat has replaced him with Ajax defender Sonny Silooy.

Koeman as he had to reduce the squad from 17 to 16 play-

SQUAD: Ed de Goey, Theo Snelders, Aron Winter, Frank Rijkaard, Jan Wouters, Rob Witschge, Marciano Vink Rudd Gullit, Marc Overmars, Peter van Vossen, Dennis Bergkamp, John Bosman.

### Cup Winners', UEFA Cups maybe merged next season

BERN, Apr 23: The European Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup may be merged next season as Europe's football governing body seeks new ways of cutting the increasing number of teams, reports AFP.

The UEFA executive on Thursday abandoned a plan to set up a super league to replace the Champions Cup and UEFA Cup, the organisations' president Lennart Johansson said at the end of the two-day executive session.

The executive also made changes to next year's Champions Cup. The champions league will become quarter finals instead of semifinals at the moment where the two group winners going into the

The two teams with the best record from the past three years will be the top seeds for the two groups, the top two teams from each pool will then go into the semifi-

Johansson said he withdrew his proposal for a 128 club super league because it is clear a majority is against mixing the champions with other clubs in competitions. They want to keep the champions league.

Antonio Materrese, president of the Italian Federation. expressed the views of many European leaders when he said the proposed cup would devalue the national champi

Though many big clubs had supported the idea, Materrese said the German, Dutch and French federations opposed the cup.

But Johansson said that reforms were still necessary. " A working group is to come with alternatives, we are close to a solution," he said.

One of the ideas it will look at is fusing the UEFA Cup and Cup Winners Cup with the aim of reducing the number of teams in European competi-

The growing number of Fast European federation wanting to join UEFA has cause con cern for the organisers of the Continental Cup games. French Federation president Jean Fournet Fayard said, "We can not stay with three competitions including all these new countries. Its is unmanage-



Spaniard Sergi Bruguera makes a double-fisted backhand return during his third round encounter against Czech-born American Ivan Lendl in the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament on Thursday. Bruguera raced away to a 6-1, 6-2 victory. - AFP photo

# Van Basten to skip Wembley tie

Eindhoven, which Milan won

Basten's fitness for Sunday's

match will be taken on Friday.

players, Frank Ritkaard and

Ruud Gullit, will definitely

miss the Udinese match as

they are required by the

Netherlands for the World Cup

tic with England at Wembley

Milan had hoped to per-

next Wednesday.

A final decision on Van

Milan's two other Dutch



Apr 23: Top Dut- 2-0. ch striker Marco van Basten, about to return to the national squad af-

ter an ankle injury in mid-December, will not play in the World Cup qualifying match against England on April 28. reports Reuter. Van Basten, who scored a

hat-trick against England in the 1988 European Championship, could return to the AC Milan squad for their league match against Udinese on Sunday. But the Dutch Soccer Union

(KNVB) decided against calling up the striker for the match at Wembley on Wednesday.

"It's out of the question that he would play," KNVB spokesman Ger Stolk said. "We hope he will be there for the match on June 9, at home against Norway."

An earlier report Thursday said: Van Basten could make his cagerly awaited return for AC Milan in the Italian league match against Udinese on Sunday. Van Basten, sidelined with

an ankle injury which required surgery, originally intended to make his comeback against Ancona in 10 days' time. But he has performed so

well in training that we even proposed playing for half an hour in Wednesday's Champions Cup tie against Dutch side PSV Eindoven,

suade the Dutch federation to allow both men to play on Sunday, with the promise that the club would hire a plane to fly them to the Netherlands straight after the game. But the Dutch sederation

MARCO VAN BASTEN

contacted Milan on Wednesday requesting that the players report to team headquarters in the Netherlands on Saturday in accordance with UEFA rules.

With Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin out because of injury, Milan will probably start Sunday's game with two foreigners, Croat Zvonimir Boban and Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic, on the field and Van Basten on the bench.

Milan's keenness to have Gullit and Rijkaard for the Udinese tie underlines current anxiety in the league leaders' camp after their recent slip in

They lost 3-1 at home to Juventus last Saturday and second-placed Internazionale now trial them by five points with six games to go.

Despite Inter's unbeaten league run since mid-December, coach Oslvaldo Bagnoli dismisses the possibility that his side can overhaul

"For the last five or six games Milan have not been the all dominant side they were, yet they have a five point lead and logic says that the championship title is theirs." he

For Sunday's home tie with Ancona, Inter will be without the injured Alessandro Bianchi and Riccardo Ferri, while Russian midfielder Igor Shalimov will be away on World Cup duty.

They will probably replace Bianchi and Shalimov with Davide Fontoloan and Angelo

times they have met, including a match earlier this year at Milan. Medvedev beat Edberg on clay in Stuttgart last year.

hands wide and long.

while Edberg is still looking for his first tournament title of the year. Sanchez in Family

# Cup semifinal

BARCELONA, Apr 23: Topseeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario advanced to the semifinals of the dirs 375,000 La Familia Open Friday with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over No 6 Mary Pierce of France, reports AP.

Sanchez-Vicario will face No 4 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa on Saturday. Coetzer defeated No 5-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria on Friday 6-4, 4-0. Maleeva retired from the final set with blisters on her racquet hand.

In another Friday quarterfinal, No 7 Sabine Hack of Germany deseated Italy Federica Bonsignori 6-0, 7-5.

In a late match, No 2 Conchita Martinez of Spain played Laura Golarsa of Italy. In doubles, Patricia Tarabini

of Argentina and Caroline Viz of the Netherlands upset the No 2-seeded pair of Isabelle Demongeot of France and Radka Zrubakova of Slovakia 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals.

### Bruno seeks change of image Francis said. "It's as if there



**ACROSS** 

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BIRMINGHAM. Apr 23 : Frank Bruno is trying to shake off his reputation as a

lacks the killer instinct to become heavyweight champion of the world. He'll get a chance to prove it Saturday against Carl "The Truth" Williams,

Bruno is possibly the most Britain, a genuine nice guy who shows and delights the press and public with his clowning sense of humour.

But, with a possible third

world title shot at stake. Bruno has displayed a meaner and more determined side on the eve of Saturday night's bout against Williams at the National Exhibition Centre. "I'm much looser, stronger,

more positive and more mature," Bruno said. "When asked George Francis to be my trainer, he said he would do it on condition I became more serious, look meaner. I should have done it a long time ago, instead of being a gentleman." Francis has noticed the

"Right now he's far more aggressive even with all the work he does in the gym,

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arc not enough hours in the day for him. He works harder and harder. His goal is to become world heavyweight champion and if anyone deserves it through hard work he docs." Like Williams, Bruno has

had two shots before at the world title, losing to Tim Witherspoon in 11 rounds in 1986 and Mike Tyson in five rounds in 1989. His record is Bruno, 31, is negotiating

with World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis for a dlrs 27 million title fight in September.

# CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OWNER OF A POSH STABLE FIRED A HORSE TRAINER WHO USED TO

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals C

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STIRRUP TROUBLE.

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

### ROME, Apr 23: Argentine national team and A S Roma striker Claudio Caniggia hopes an appeal can reduce his 13-month-

suspension for cocaine use, an A S Roma team official said, reports AP. A S Roma vice president Aldo Paquali said the club will appeal the suspension and a 100-million-lire (dlrs 66,600) fine imposed by the Italian

"It's a sad moment for Claudio, but he's looking forward to continuing his career with Roma and with his national team," Pasquali said.

soccer tribunal on the club for

indirect responsibility in the

He said the 26-year-old forward has expressed his desire to play with Agrentina in the 1994 World Cup in the United States. The Italian league disci-

plinary commission on

Thursday suspended Caniggia through May 8, 1994, for his drug test failure following a game against Napoli on March The appeals commission, known as CAF, is scheduled to meet in mid May. It usually affirms the lower court's sen-

ranging from six months to two years. FIFA has said it will await the outcome of the appeal be-

tences on drug cases, which

guidelines call for a suspension

### Regan covets Clinton's crown

CARDIFF, Walcs, Apr 23 Welsh flyweight Robbic Regan has relinquished his European title to challenge Scotland's Pat Clinton for the WBO world crown in Cardiff, Wales, this summer, reports AP.

Regan, 24, won the European title from Welshman Salvatore Fanni last November. His first scheduled defence, against former IBF world champion Dave McAuley next month, has been called off.

Caniggia to appeal 13-month ban fore deciding whether to formally extend the sanction

"We are awaiting confirmation from the Italian federation," said spokesman Andreas Herren at FIFA headquarters in Zurich. We have to wait until all legal avenues have been ex-

hausted." Roma officials did not immediately say if the club will reduce Caniggia's contract by



CLAUDIO CANIGGIA

60 per cent, as allowed by Italian Federation rules for

suspended players. Caniggia, who transferred to Roma from Atalanta of Bergamo this season, has a contract that calls for him to receive about 1.2 billion lire (dirs 800,000) a year.

"I'm sorry for the player and for the fans, who will be prevented from seeing one of the greatest soccer stars in action for one season," said Vujadin Boskov, Roma's Yugoslav coach, in Corriere dello Sport.

The suspension ends one week after the conclusion of the 1993-1994 Italian league

"Roma has lost a great player. I hope the suspension is reduced by the appeals commission and that he can continue with Roma once is suspension is over. However, Caniggia made a bad mistake that a class player must absolutely avoid," Boskov added

The coach said Caniggia will

goal. David Platt, Roberto Baggio ROBERTO BAGGIO he walked off the pitch after.

hit a post with a header. pended, Pierluigi Castraghi and

Paris St-Germain domithe 10th minute Vincent Guerin was through with only Michel Angelo Rampulla to

3-1 on aggregate. Paris complained bitterly

Villenberg refused to be swaved. "It was a bad penalty decision against us which cost us the match," said Paris captain

penalty except the referee." That was the turning point in the match. Juventus are a great team and they came here determined to defend their

Juventus coach Giovanni

train with the team during the suspension. However, Caniggia plans to return to Argentina next week to stay with his family for about 10 days, club sources reported. Caniggia's suspension was

hero Diego Maradona, who failed a drug test for cocaine when he played in Italy with Napoli in 1991. After his suspension clapsed, Maradona refused to return to Napoli and instead

two months less than the one

given to Argentine World Cup

transferred to Spain's Seville last fall. Maradona and Caniggia arc regular teammates on the Argentine national team and are both expected to be on the Argentine roster for the 1994 World Cup.

"Caniggia's condition after a long suspension will be questionable but at least he can hope to play the World Cup, said Gazzetta dello Sport, Italy's largest sports daily. Caniggia's lawyer, Franco Coppi, told the disciplinary

commission Thursday that

Caniggia had smoked a

cigarette containing cocaine two days before the Roma-Napolt match. The lawyer claimed that it was an act of irresponsibility by the player, that was not intended, however, to improve his psychopysical condition for

the match Caniggia was investigated for cocaine use when he played with Verona in 1989, but magistrates later dropped the charges. Caniggia, who has four goals

for Roma this season, scored

his most notably goal of the

year against AC Milan in the

Italian Cup semifinals, lifting

the Roman team into the final. AFP adds: The Argentinian moved to Italy in 1989 with Verona where he stayed for two seasons were his impressive ability attracted many top clubs. But he joined Atalanta before his multi-million dollar move to A S Roma where the style of play has not suited him and he has been dropped several times.

# acts up again

LONDON, Apr 23: Mid-

Wednesday, reports Reuter. The Lazio star, who badly

"The knee is irritated and we're playing safe by sending him to see a specialist as a ball Association spokesman

(Thursday) evening. He alerted our medical staff that it was causing him a little discom-"The fact that he is not

Gascoigne's absence would be a second blow to England, who will be without Arsenal

The new scare is the first indication that the knce Gascoigne injured playing for Tottenham against Nottingham Forest has not been completely

Koeman, van Aerle ROTTERDAM, Apr 23:

will both miss next week's World Cup match against Dutch soccer officials said on The loss of the two experi-

PSV defender Van Aerle

Advocat has not replaced

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reports AP. popular sports personality in stars in Christmas pantomime

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