

Baggio makes Juventus joyous

PARIS, Apr 23: 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...



ROBERTO BAGGIO

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...

It was a bad penalty decision against us which cost us the match, said Paul Guen as he walked off the pitch after...

Gazza's knee acts up again

LONDON, Apr 23: Midfielder 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 Wednesday...



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...

Edberg, Muster move into semis

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, 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 dlr 1.65 million Monte Carlo Open...

In the first quarterfinal, defending champion Thomas Muster of Austria needed barely an hour to beat Spanish qualifier Alex Corretja, 6-2, 6-2.

Italians crowd Euro finals

PARIS, Apr 23: Parma and Juventus reached the finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup on Thursday to put Italian clubs on course for a Grand Slam of continental soccer competitions...

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.

AC Milan, which won the UEFA Cup, is now relying on Marseille to win the country's first ever European club title.

Van Basten to skip Wembley tie

ROTTERDAM, Apr 23: Top Dutch striker Marco van Basten, about to return to the national squad after an ankle injury in mid-December, will not play in the World Cup qualifying match against England on April 28...



MARCO VAN BASTEN

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

Caniggia to appeal 13-month ban

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...

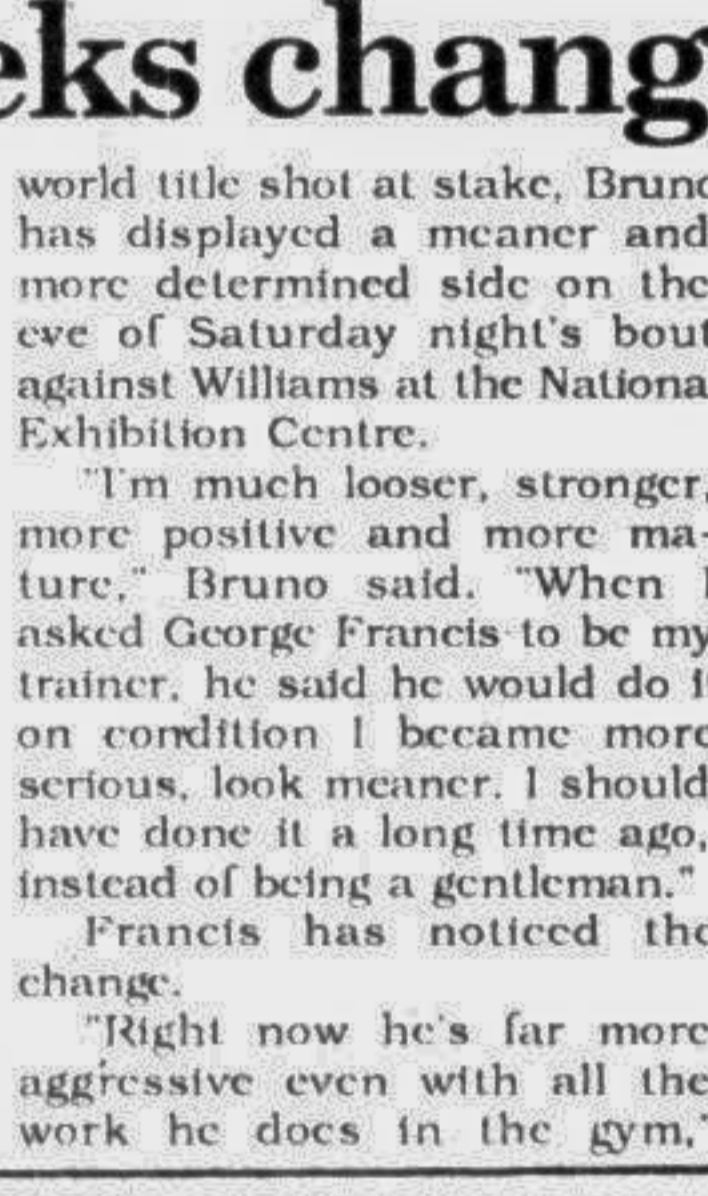


CLAUDIO CANIGGIA

Caniggia's suspension was two months less than the one given to Argentine World Cup hero Diego Maradona...

Bruno seeks change of image

BIRMINGHAM, Apr 23: Frank Bruno is trying to shake off his reputation as a gentle giant who lacks the killer instinct to become heavyweight champion of the world...



Francis said, "It's as if there are 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 does."

Sanchez in Family Cup semifinal

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

Regan covets Clinton's crown

CARDIFF, Wales, Apr 23: Welsh flyweight Robbie Regan has relinquished his European title to challenge Scotland's Pat Clinton for the WBO world crown in Cardiff, Wales...

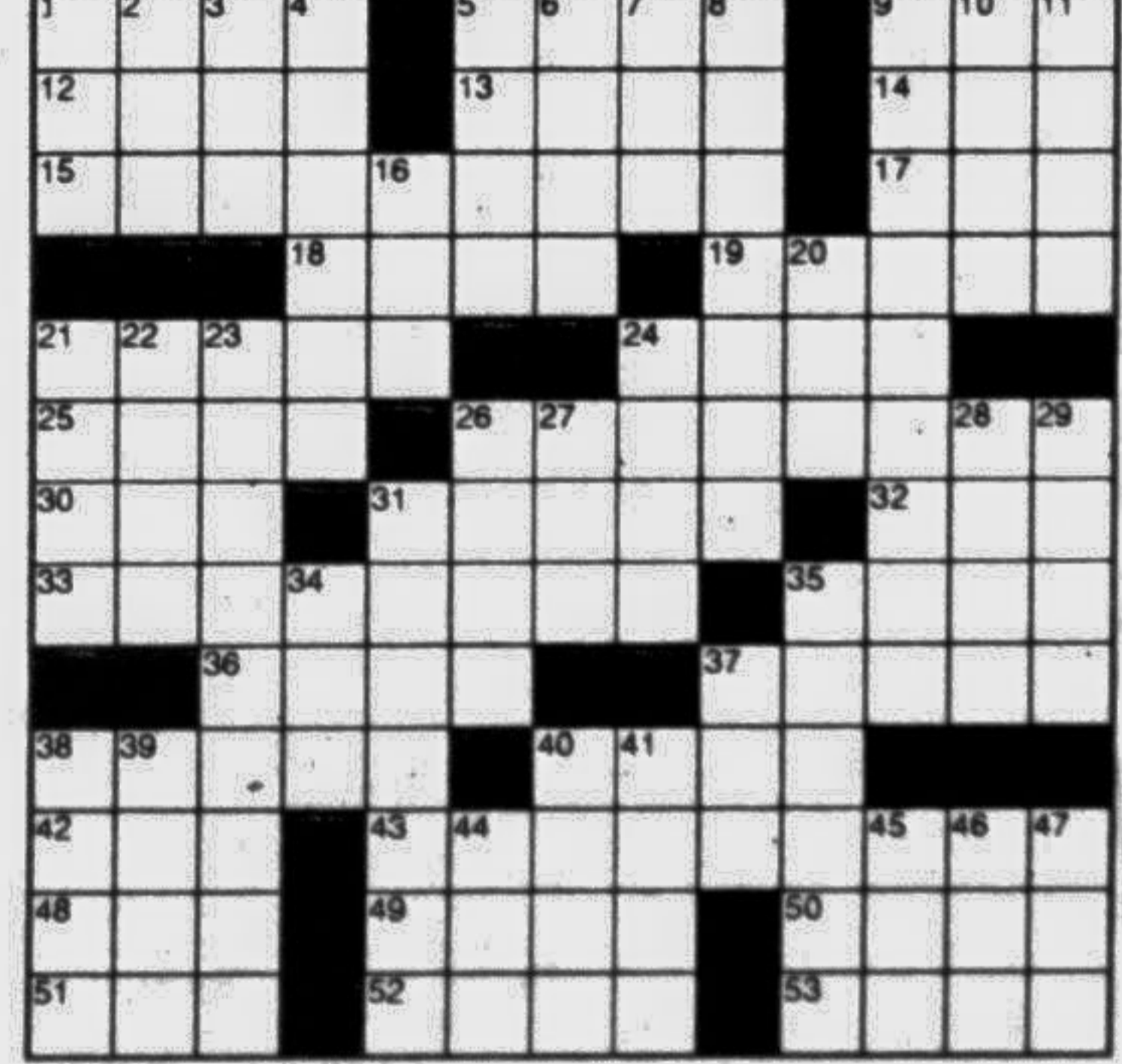
The suspension ends one week after the conclusion of the 1993-1994 Italian league season.

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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Bronze and iron, 5 eye (sleep), 9 Implore, 12 Wail loudly, 13 Little Man (movie), 14 Charlotte of TV, 15 Neither win nor lose, 17 White-tailed eagle, 18 European shark, 19 Zoo scene-stealers, 21 Forever, 24 Maid or man lead-in, 25 Poet, to a poet, 26 They're very practical, 30 Nice season, 31 Shrewd person, 32 Cake or meal lead-in, 33 Serving cart, 35 Unadulterated, 36 African tree, 37 Conductor's wand, 38 Capital of North Vietnam, 40 Son of Odin, 42 Rubber tree, 43 Cut into pieces, 48 Fond du Lac, Wis., 49 Mom's sister, 50 Role for young Ron Howard, 51 Inquire, 52 Court barriers, 53 Treaty org. DOWN: 1 Monastery head: abbr., 2 Vine finisher?, 3 Cote mom, 4 On the schedule, 5 Word before mother or ladder, 6 you any wool?, 7 Western Indian, 8 Capable of being stretched, 9 Escapes from jail, 10 Fatha Hines, 11 Tribe or clan, 16 Hebrew measure, 20 Wallach or Whitney, 21 Incite, 22 One of a pair, 23 Highly dangerous, 24 Land or line lead-in, 26 Wrinkle, 27 DDE's command, 28 Poi source, 29 British gun, 31 Prospero's slave, 34 Court, 35 Prisoner's hope, 37 U.S. editor, 38 Island dance, 39 I loved you best, 40 Camp shelter, 41 Bella Abzug's collection, 44 Beza's 'Golden' costar, 45 WWII org., 46 Intelligence, 47 Plastic or classic lead-in



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