

Sport



Athar Ali Khan, the tall Bangladeshi opener shoulders arm to let go a wasted in-swing from Zimbabwean pacer Streak early on in the Bangladeshi innings. Few spectators could then foresee the impending doom. Bangladesh managed to throw the gift of a chance away losing the match by nine runs.

Another battle in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov 3: The World Cup soccer qualifier between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland will go ahead in Belfast despite security fears, the two Irish soccer associations agreed Wednesday, reports AP.

Spanish clubs slip up badly

PARIS, Nov 3: Spanish clubs Valencia and Atletico Madrid were the big losers as a double giant-killing act, two hat-tricks and a spate of red cards brought Tuesday's European Cup action to the boil, reports AFP.

Aussies in Chile

SANTIAGO, Nov 3: Australia, who drew 1-1 with Argentina in the first leg of their 1994 World Cup qualifier in Sydney on Sunday, arrived here Tuesday to begin preparations for the return match, reports AFP.

Ruggeri, Simeone recalled to Argentine squad

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 3: Argentina are likely to recall defender Oscar Ruggeri and forward Diego Simeone for their return World Cup match with Australia, reports AFP.

Coach Alfio Basile, who flew in on Tuesday, described the draw as satisfactory. "Australia were difficult to play against. They have good individual players and good tactics," he said.

Cuba, Vietnam sign sports accord

HAVANA, Nov 3: Cuba signed an agreement with Vietnam on Tuesday for sporting cooperation next year, including sending of a sports medicine specialist and trainers to the southeast Asian nation, reports Reuters.

Ban on pro boxing called for

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov 3: Professional boxing should be banned and amateur boxing, kickboxing and other sports involving deliberate blows to the head should be discouraged, Australia's top medical body said Wednesday, reports AP.

Scherbo slates the system

TORONTO, Nov 3: World champion gymnast Vitaly Scherbo, winner of six Olympic gold medals in 1992, lashed out on Tuesday at sports officials in Belarus who are demanding he turn over 30 per cent of his earnings, reports Reuters.

Scherbo, in Toronto for an exhibition on Friday, said he learned of the news in a telephone call to his wife, Irina, at home in Minsk. "I work like a buffalo and they try to take what peanuts I make away from me," said Scherbo in an interview.

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Pierce to take Seles' place

DUBLIN, Nov 3: Canadian-born Frenchwoman Mary Pierce, ranked 15 in the world, will replace Monica Seles next month in a Dublin tennis tournament that planned to feature Seles' return to competition, reports Reuters.

UK soccer fans held in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Nov 3: Police questioned more than a hundred Manchester United soccer fans who were detained after a downtown hotel was ransacked, a British Consulate spokesman said Wednesday, reports AP.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Clues include 'the Lost Ark' extra, 'Year-end quaffs', 'West of Hollywood', etc.

A cryptogram puzzle consisting of a grid of letters and numbers. The clue is 'Yesterday's Cryptquip: ROOKIE PITCHERS HOPE TO STRIKE IT RICH.' and the solution clue is 'Today's Cryptquip clue: B equals G'.

CRYPTOQUIP
NW JOO HVU FUBKPPKB
RSRRUHUUCM MVU
FUONPBM NPN SC
W KCMH MHCKPB
Yesterday's Cryptquip: ROOKIE PITCHERS HOPE TO STRIKE IT RICH.
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The Cryptquip 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.