

Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy whips the bails off in a flash to stump New Zealand batsman Rod Latham out off the bowling of Shane Warne (not in picture) during their World Series one day international in Melbourne on Dec 16. — AFP photo

### Jewel-Mushtaq cricket on Sports Reporter

Gulshan Youth and Kalabagan KC both scored 116 in the stipulated 45 overs but the Gulshan outfit wound up winners for losing lesser number of wickets in the inaugural match of the Shaheed Jewel-Mushtaq Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on the Victory Day, Thursday.

Battling first, Gulshan Youth made 116 for the loss of eight wickets in their quota of 45 overs with Rafique Alam, the former national player, topscoring with 28. Sohail and Nobel contributed 25 and 21 respectively while a hefty 28 came from extras.

In reply, Kalabagan, needing eight runs to win in 13 balls with two wickets in hand, were all out with three balls to spare for 116.

### V-Day cricket

Rahmatganj Kishore Sangha became champions in the first Abdus Sobhan and Abdur Rashid Smriti six-a-side cricket tournament, beating Rahmatganj Club in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association Gias Kamal Chowdhury inaugurated the tournament, organised by Rahmatganj Surjodoy Kirra Sangha in observance of the Victory Day.

### Spanish soccer

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec 17: Result of the second-leg of the Spanish Supercup played in Barcelona on Thursday.

## Kiwis fall painfully short



MELBOURNE, Dec 17: New Zealand, fighting all the way, went down gamely by three runs to Australia in an exciting finish to their limited overs cricket match here on Thursday night, reports AFP.

The Kiwis, hammered 2-0 in the Test series and losing their one-day meeting by eight wickets in Adelaide last Sunday, almost brought off an upset victory as fast bowler Danny Morrison faced the final ball needing a six to clinch victory.

Australia scored 202 for five off their 50 overs and had to pull out all stops to save off the New Zealanders, who finished their allotted overs on 199 for nine.

Australia went three points clear of South Africa on the triangular series standings after four games.

New Zealand must beat South Africa in Saturday's one-day in Hobart to sustain their bid for a place in next month's finals series.

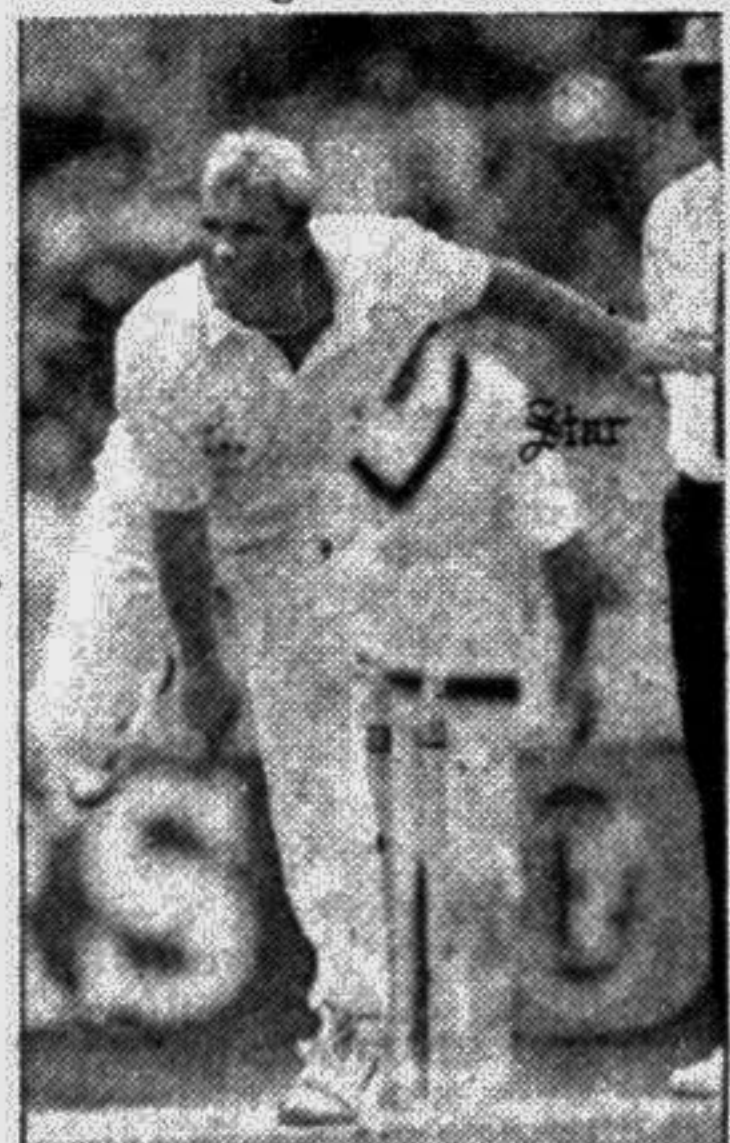
Spearheaded by spirited innings by first-timer Shane Thomson, top-scoring with 42 runs off 41 balls, Mark Greatbatch, who clouted Allan Border for six in compiling 41 from 51 balls and skipper Ken Rutherford with 39, the Kiwis doggedly chased the Australian target after being set 4.06 an over for victory on a flat, hard pitch.

Lethal leg-spinner Shane Warne finished with 4-19 from his 10 overs to claim the man-of-the-match award, while Craig

McDermott and Mark Waugh netted two wickets each.

Mark Taylor, fighting off a challenge for his opener's spot from Matthew Hayden, topscored with 81 for Australia, with Mark Waugh hitting 53.

But Australia were counting the cost of Thursday night's victory with all-rounder Steve Waugh ruled out of the opening two Tests against South Africa.



WARNE... man-of-the-match here and in Sydney next month with a torn hamstring, and spinner Tim May leaving the field after aggravating a similar injury.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Series Cup limited overs match between Australia and New Zealand on Thursday.

AUSTRALIA  
Hayden c Cairns b Pringle 5

Taylor c Blain b Cairns 81  
M Waugh c Rutherford b De Groen 53  
Boon c Morrison b De Groen 14  
S Waugh retired hurt 25  
Border run out 9  
Healy not out 5  
Extras: (w-3, lb-7) 10  
Total: (for five wickets, 50 overs) 202  
Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-97; 3-131; 4-183; 5-202.  
Did not bat: P Reiffel, S Waugh, T May, C McDermott.  
Bowling: O M R W  
Pringle 9 1 26 1  
Morrison 7 2 17 0  
De Groen 10 0 40 2  
Cairns 7 0 33 1  
Larsen 10 0 57 0  
Thomson 7 0 22 0

### NEW ZEALAND

Young lbw b McDermott 0  
Latham st Healy b Warne 39  
Rutherford b M Waugh 39  
Greatbatch lbw b Warne 41  
Cairns c Healy b Warne 5  
Thomson c Border b McDermott 42  
Blain c Border b Warne 1  
Larsen b M Waugh 17  
Pringle run out 2  
Morrison not out 2  
De Groen not out 2  
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-1) 7  
Total: (for nine wickets, 50 overs) 199  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-66; 3-99; 4-109; 5-146; 6-154; 7-187; 8-193; 9-194.

Bowling: O M R W  
McDermott 9 1 40 2  
Reiffel 10 1 44 0  
M Waugh 10 0 42 2  
May 10 0 35 0  
Warne 10 1 19 4  
Border 2 0 13 0  
Result: Australia won by three runs.

### Cricket ratings

LONDON, Dec 17: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne has jumped into the world's top three bowlers following his superb Test performances against New Zealand, reports AFP.

He climbs two places in the Coopers and Lybrand ratings after taking 18 wickets in the three-match series.

Pakistan paceman Waqar Younis still leads the table with 910 points, nine short of the record.

Meanwhile, in the batting classification England's Graham Gooch heads the list on his own, with West Indies opener Desmond Haynes slipping one place.

Australians Allan Border and Steve Waugh climb into the top 10 after their successful series against the Kiwis.

### Leading ratings

**BOWLERS:**  
1. Waqar Younis (Pakistan) 910.  
2. Curtly Ambrose (W Indies) 888.  
3. Shane Warne (Australia) 865.  
4. Anil Kumble (India) 828.  
5. Ian Bishop (W Indies) 802.  
6. Allan Donald (S Africa) 755.  
7. Merv Hughes (Australia) 703.  
8. Winston Benjamin (W Indies) 697.  
9. Angus Fraser (England) 674.  
10. Wasim Akram (Pakistan) 668.

**BATSMEN:**  
1. Graham Gooch (England) 819.  
2. Des Haynes (W Indies) 818.  
3. Richie Richardson (W Indies) 785.  
4. David Boon (Australia) 755.  
5. Sachin Tendulkar (India) 699.  
6. Brian Lara (W Indies) 696.  
7. P A de Silva (Sri Lanka) 671.  
8. Martin Crowe (New Zealand) 651.  
9. Allan Border (Australia) 636.  
10. Steve Waugh (Australia) 632.

### Another one for Baggio's showcase

ROME, Dec 17: Striker Roberto Baggio of Juventus has been voted player-of-the-year in a poll of national team coaches, Italian newspapers reported on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The official announcement of the award, organised by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, is scheduled to be made on Sunday in Las Vegas during the draw for the World Cup finals.

La Gazzetta dello Sport, one of the Italian papers that carried reports of the award, quoted national team coach Arrigo Sacchi as disclosing it to reporters who accompanied him on a trip to the United States.

Baggio, 26, who joined Juventus from Fiorentina in 1990 for a then world record of 8.0 million pounds (11.88 million dollars) led the club to triumph in the UEFA Cup final last season, scoring two of their six goals in their 6-1 aggregate victory over Borussia Dortmund.

A gifted playmaker, the pony-tailed Baggio has flourished at Juventus since coach Giovanni Trapattoni gave him licence to play a free-wheeling role.

Last week he was voted player-of-the-year by the readers of the London-based World Soccer magazine.

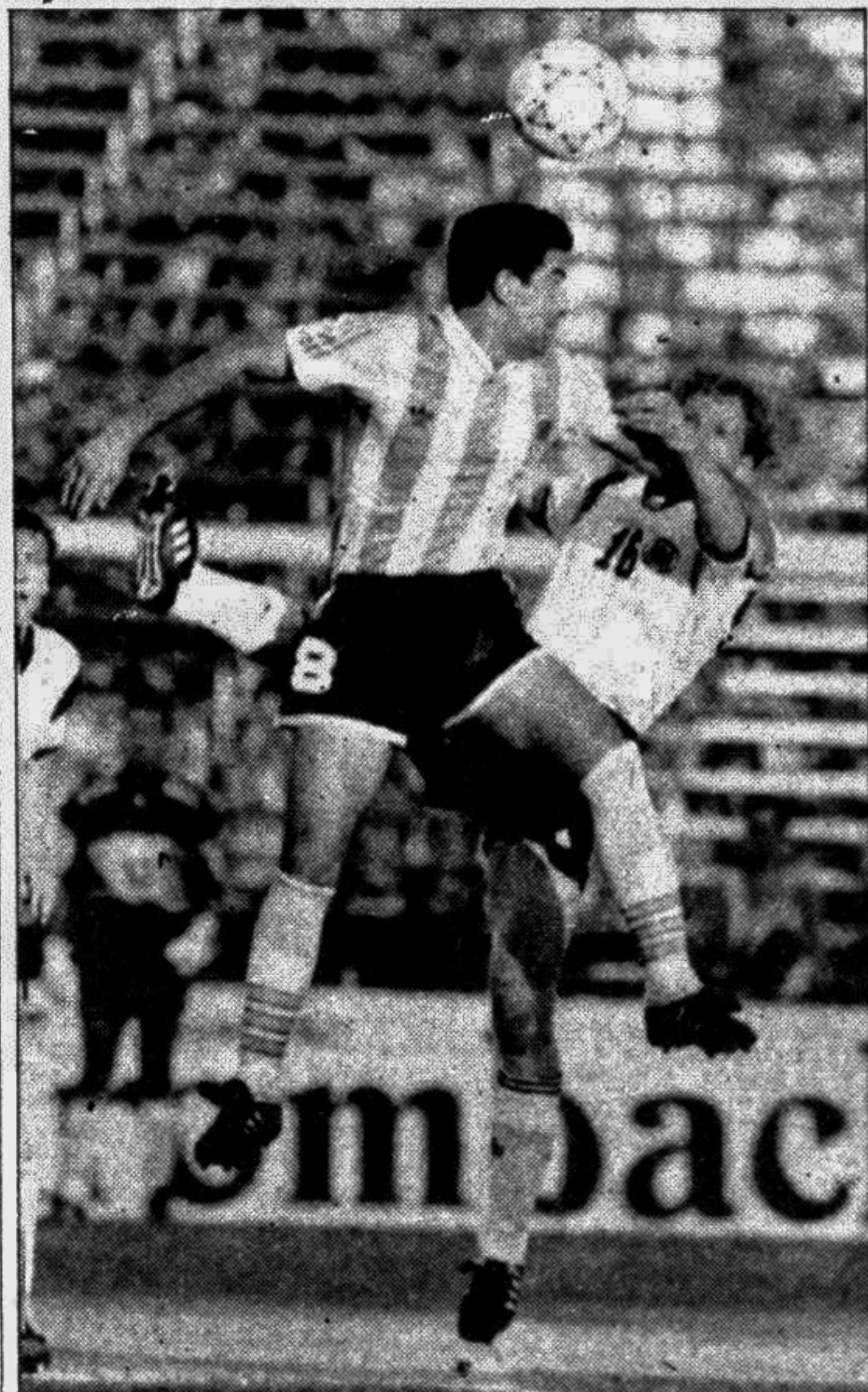
## Bert Vogts left wondering



MIAMI, Dec 17: Germany's preparations for their World Cup defence next year suffered a setback when they were beaten 2-1 by an under-strength Argentina on Wednesday in a rematch of the 1990 final in Italy, reports Reuters.

match tour of the United States and Mexico, which the full-strength world champions are using as vital experience ahead of next year's US finals.

Argentina, without Diego Maradona and several other key players, deserved their victory after exposing some major holes in the German defence and



Argentine Hugo Perez (L) and Matthias Sammer of Germany engaged in an aerial tussle during their exhibition game in Miami on Dec 16.

A 64th-minute winner from striker Abel Balbo in the friendly gave the world champions their first defeat since December last year when they were outplayed by Brazil 3-1 in Porto Alegre.

The result was only Germany's second defeat since they lost to Denmark in the final of the European Championship in June 1992.

It will give coach Bert Vogts much to think about as the Germans continue their three-

could have scored more in the second-half.

Germany were caught cold in the fifth minute when midfielder Hernan Diaz, making his debut, fired a brilliant shot into the top left-hand corner from 20 metres.

The world champions replied with an equally superb goal three minutes later when midfielder Andy Moeller rose in the area to head home a free kick from Thomas Haessler.

But Balbo found acres of

space behind German captain Lothar Matthaus to head in across by Ramon Medina from close range.

It was the first meeting of the two teams since the 1990 World Cup final in Rome when Germany won 1-0 through a penalty by defender Andreas Brehme, taking revenge for their defeat by the Argentines in the 1986 final in Mexico.

But the game was played in a hollow atmosphere in Miami's Orange Bowl stadium compared with the defending in which accompanied the two team's previous encounters.

The 33,000 spectators seemed lost in a stadium which holds 80,000, although the large number of Miami's high Hispanic population made their presence known with wild celebrations at the end.

Argentina clinched their first victory over the Germans since 1987 when the South Americans won 1-0 in Buenos Aires. In a brilliant second half, the Argentines were unlucky not to score more.

Three minutes after Balbo's goal, Hugo Perez went within millimetres of scoring when his fierce shot from outside the area hit the cross bar.

The Germans created some good chances in the first half, but Vogts will be disappointed his striking combination of Juergen Klinsmann and Ulf Kirsten failed to penetrate an Argentina defence well marshalled by Sergio Vazquez.

Apart from Moeller's goal, the Germans' best chance came when Brehme hit the bar with a speculative cross in the 19th minute.

Vogts will need to do some serious talking to his defenders before the world champions continue their tour with a match against the United States in Palo Alto, California, on Saturday and Mexico in Mexico City next week.

### TEAMS:

**Germany:** Andreas Koepke, Lothar Matthaus, Thomas Helmer, Juergen Kohler, Thomas Haessler, Stefan Effenberg, Guido Buchwald, Andreas Brehme, Andy Moeller (Matthias Sammer, 70th), Juergen Klinsmann (Andreas Thom, 68th), Ulf Kirsten.

**Argentina:** Sergio Goycochea, Sergio Vazquez (Jorge Borelli, 86th), Carlos Macallister, Hernan Diaz, Alejandro Mancuso, Oscar Ruggeri, Ramon Medina (Arnaldo Ortega, 89th), Hugo Perez, Abel Balbo, Diego Cagna, Leonardo Rodriguez (Roberto Monserrate, 88th).

## Better refs this time: FIFA



LAS VEGAS, Dec 17: International soccer's governing body FIFA on Thursday promised improvements in refereeing at the 1994 World Cup after much-criticised performances at previous finals, reports Reuters.

"You may rest assured that we will see better control of matches in 1994," FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter told a news conference.

Blatter admitted that top-class referees were in short supply but was confident that the use of specialist linesmen would help improve standards.

In previous World Cups, referees have been used to run the

line. Blatter said a short list of 30 referees had been chosen to attend a pre-Cup course in Dallas in March, which would be used to select the final 22.

A FIFA spokesman denied that Brazilian club Flamengo had sent them a video of a game involving Renato Marsiglia, one of the referees chosen to attend the course.

Flamengo were outraged at Marsiglia's handling of their Brazilian semifinal championship match against Corinthians, saying he had failed to award them two clear penalties and then wrongly sent off their goalkeeper Gilmar for retaliation.

They had threatened to send

FIFA a tape of the game. Blatter said it was possible that a proposed new rule allowing teams to substitute two outfield players plus the goalkeeper may be in force at the World Cup. The rule will be discussed by FIFA in Zurich in March and, if approved, will be implemented in time for the 1994 finals.

Two players from each team will be randomly selected to give doping tests at each of the 52 matches in the finals, Blatter said.

It was also announced that FIFA had turned down a request from South Korea for a United Korean side, featuring North and South Korean players.

## 1993: A traumatic year for sports

LONDON, Dec 17: In eight tumultuous September days, two slight Chinese women revolutionised the sport of athletics and ignited a debate which was still raging at the year's end, writes Reuters.

Wang Junxia was the first to astound the statisticians when she slashed 42 seconds off the world 10,000 mark at China's National Games in Beijing.

Three days later, Qu Yunxia broke the world 1,500 mark with Wang also running under the 13-year-old previous standard. Then it was Wang's turn again on the final day of the championships, this time taking 16 seconds off the 3,000 record.

In just over a week Wang and Qu proved they were the greatest women distance runners in history at an epochal meeting during which six different women clocked times under the previous world marks.

Not even the Chinese successes at the Stuttgart World Championships in the previous month, where they won all the women's track distance races, had prepared the world for this orgy of record breaking. But reaction was quick and vociferous.

The sceptics — including many of the world's elite women athletes — accused the Chinese of using drugs. Parallels were drawn with East Germany and the Soviet Union where state-directed drug programmes were integral to sporting success.

Other respected authorities pointed instead to the renowned hardness of Chinese peasant women and the phenomenal training loads imposed by Ma Junren, coach to both Wang and Qu.

The meeting came only days before the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted on the site of the 2000 Olympics, with Beijing and Sydney the front-runners.

The opulent principality of Monte Carlo provided the appropriate venue for the climax of the most expensive bid campaign ever and in the end IOC delegates decided by just two

votes to pass the sacred flame to Sydney for the first Games of the 21st century.

Beijing was stunned. Sydney promptly started a party which threatened to last until the turn of the century.

Still the Chinese had not finished. In December they set 11 of the 15 women's records at the inaugural World Short-Course Swimming Championships in Palma de Mallorca, evoking memories of the East German "Wundermeaschen" who dominated women's swimming for a decade and a half.

The fourth World Athletics Championships were at least the equal of the previous three with Olympic champion Linford Christie successfully taking on the Americans for the second successive year to win the 100 metres.

Before the championships, Yobes Ondieki ran the first sub-27 minute 10,000 metres and afterwards Noureddine Morceli, who had to be persuaded to run in Stuttgart, took nearly two seconds off the world mile mark.

A traumatic year began deceptively brightly for Monica Seles when she won the Australian Open Women's title while Jim Courier took the men's crown.

Then in a spring tournament in Hamburg a 38-year-old unemployed lathe operator, who claimed to be a supporter of Steffi Graf, leaped on the court and stabbed Seles in the back.

The physical damage seemed moderate, the psychological harm incalculable.

Seles, a Serb who had already been the target of death threats from Croatians, did not play again and at the end of the year it was still uncertain if she would defend her Australian title in January.

Graf's pulverising forehand swept her to successive wins in the French, Wimbledon and US Opens, and with Martina Navratilova, showing her age and planning to retire next year, the women's game badly needs a revitalised Seles back on

track.

Courier faded as the year advanced and fellow-American Pete Sampras finished as world number one, serving more than 1,000 aces and winning the Wimbledon and US titles.

Sampras may lack the appeal of John McEnroe or Jimmy Connors but his rocket-fuelled serve, all-round skills and the athleticism bear comparison with any of the giants of the past.

For one frozen moment on a bizarre Las Vegas night, Evander Holyfield though he, like Seles, might fall victim to an unhinged stranger when a paragon landed on the ropes midway through his world heavyweight title fight with Riddick Bowe.

Fortunately the intruder was unarmed and after a brief pummelling from outraged spectators he was hustled away and an action-packed bout resumed.

A coldly determined Holyfield went on to become only the third man after Floyd Patterson and Muhammad Ali to regain the world title by outpointing the bigger and heavier Bowe after a furious final three rounds.

At the age of 38, Alain Prost won his fourth drivers' title — one less than the great Argentine Juan Manuel Fangio — and a record 51st individual Formula One race before bowing out of the sport.

The cerebral Prost rarely excited but his technical skills were of the highest order. The Williams team, who will struggle to maintain their ascendancy once their high-technology drivers' aids are banned from the start of next season, will now face Prost's great rival Ayrton Senna.

The 1992 champion Nigel Mansell, meanwhile, became the first man to follow a Formula One title with an Indy car championship.

The United States retained the Ryder Cup against Europe, although there was some consolation for non-Americans in the

consistent form of Nick Faldo, who remained top of the world golf rankings.

The Briton, though, could not win any of the four majors and the man who has already painstakingly reshaped his game was planning to strengthen his ailing wrists and further revamp his swing in the unending search for golfing perfection.

Faldo did contribute in full measure to one of the great British Opens but although he equalled the course record in the second round, he could not catch a triumphant Greg Norman, who finally harnessed consistency to his customary flamboyance to win by two strokes.

The Zambian World Cup soccer team, minus their foreign-based players, died in a plane crash off Gabon in April but in an amazing triumph of spirit and will a resurgent side came within a point of qualifying for next year's finals in the United States.

The Zambians needed to draw only with Morocco to qualify but eventually succumbed 1-0.

There were upsets galore in European qualifying groups with former champions England and twice semifinalists France and European champions Denmark all going out.

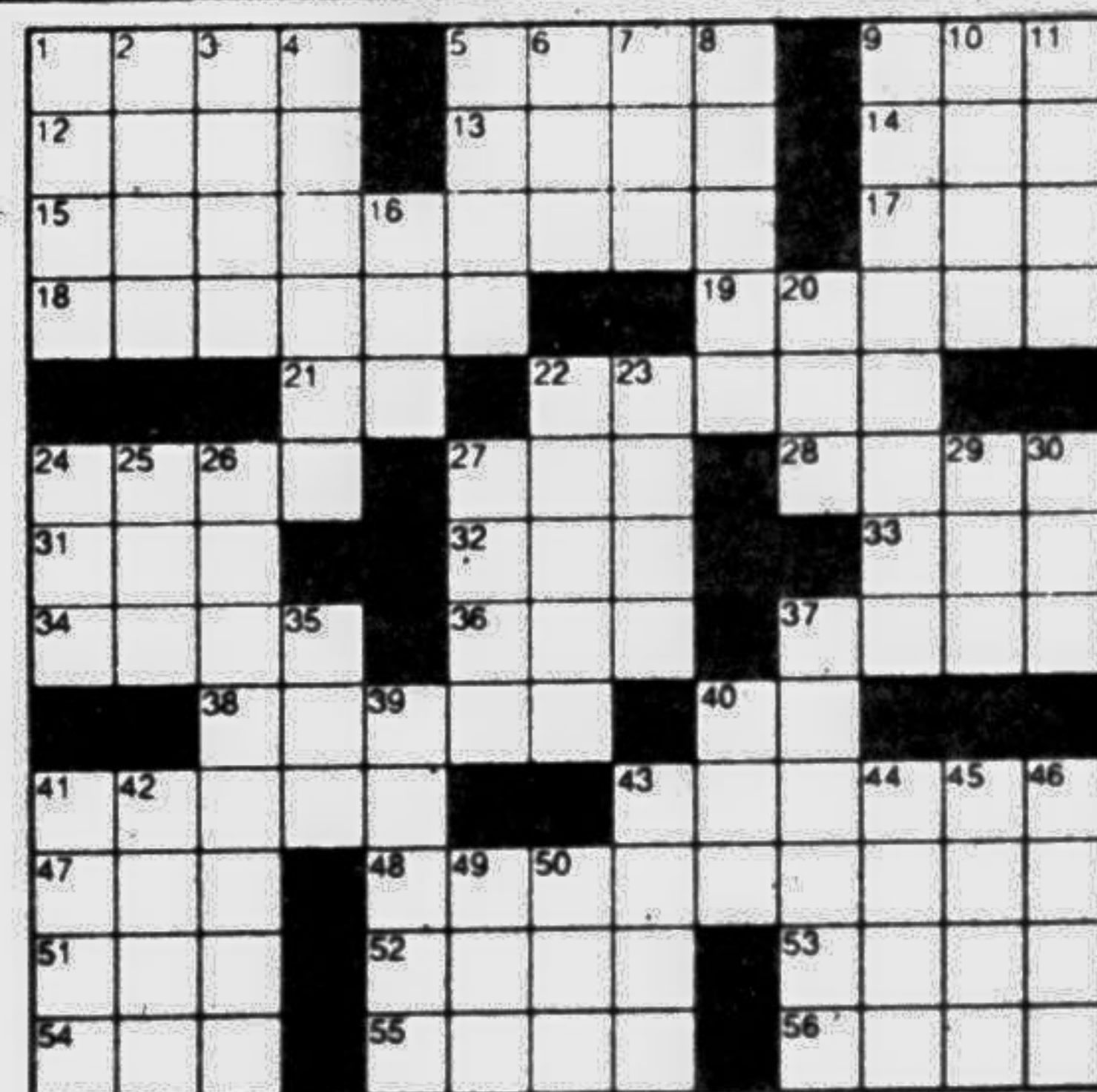
The biggest sporting scandal of 1993 involved European soccer champions Marseille, who were stripped of the title following serious bribery allegations.

The year also saw the retirement of basketball sensation Michael Jordan and the untimely death from AIDS of former Wimbledon champion Arthur Ashe.

Jordan, nearly as famous in Paris and Sydney as in Chicago thanks to satellite television, drove the Chicago Bulls to their third successive National Basketball Association title, a triumph diminished for him in a year in which his father was killed.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Rebuff	1 Implicit
5 "— Skies" (song)	2 Showgirl
9 Reggie's cousin	3 Adam
12 Kansas	4 Arkin's dad
13 Prevalent	5 Canoeist's need
14 The whole ball of wax	6 Highland hillside
15 Arena	7 Committed arson
16 Billy —	8 Sci-fi sighting
17 — downs	9 Inducing gooseflesh
18 Alphabetical list	10 Get ready to ride
19 CD's fore-runner	11 Artist Paul
20 Superman comparison	12 Actor
21 Violet	13 Karas
22 Veep	14 Mischievous one
23 Warp	15 Just out
24 "— Little Spanish Town"	16 Lava
25 Hamish show-stopper	17 Uke
26 Director Grosbard	18 Pondered
27 End of the song	19 Swooped
28 Swallowed	20 Jaws
29 Whirled	21 Cyd
	22 Ferra
	23 Lena
	24 GAB
	25 DAM
	26 DRAG
	27 ROB
	28 IN LOVE
	29 PANDERED
	30 SANG
	31 SLAY
	32 DES



### CRYPTOQUIP

B J L D H A W H E J L A H S R  
I C W O R T Y D W D  
W S W D T Y D R T W X H Y E Y S J C R

"Q X B H J D I J R O R B."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VICTORY PARTY FOR EVANDER HOLYFIELD FEATURED PUNCH.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals N

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.