

# Pak batsmen tear NZ XI apart

**NAPIER.** New Zealand, Feb 6: Opener Saeed Anwar and Basit Ali scored centuries as Pakistan plundered 405 runs on the second day of their three-day match against a New Zealand XI on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Pakistan, resuming at 80-1, raced to 485-5 in reply to their hosts' paltry 93 all out.

Three Pakistani batsmen retired to ensure the runs were shared around.

Anwar made 114, Basit 100 and Asif Mujtaba, captain Salim Malik and Inzamam ul Haq chipped in with half centuries.

The overriding impression of the day was that unless there is encouragement for the bowlers in the Test pitches, the strong Pakistan batting line up will be capable of inflicting serious damage on the New Zealand attack in the three Test series starting on Thursday.

After the day had begun 80 minutes late because of early morning rain, Anwar and Mujtaba carried their second wicket stand to 161 before Mujtaba fell for 76.

Anwar batted beautifully, cutting and driving strongly and showing a willingness to loft the ball over the infield in recording his second successive century on the tour.

Inzamam clubbed his way to 50 off just 65 balls.

"Everything is clicking," Pakistan coach Intikhab Alam said after the day's play.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the second day of the three day cricket match between a New Zealand XI and Pakistan on Sunday.

**NEW ZEALAND XI:** First innings

Young c Anwar b Nazir	19
Murray c Inzamamul Haq b Akram	7
Wilson c Latif b Younis	11
Fleming c Anwar b Nazir	11
Thomson lbw b Ashfaq	0
Larsen c Latif b Akram	0
Parore lbw b Akram	2
Nash c Latif b Nazir	21
Goodson lbw b Younis	0
Lee not out	0
Davis lbw b Ashfaq	0
Extras: (lb-12, b-1, nb-9)	22
Total:	93

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-39; 3-54; 4-54; 5-64; 6-64; 7-65; 8-80; 9-91

**Bowling:** O M R W

Wasim Akram	18	9	16	3
Waqar Younis	13	7	22	2
Amir Nazir	9	2	20	3
Ashfaq Ahmed	12.3	5	22	2

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 80-1)

Sohail c Nash b Davis	5
Saeed Anwar retired	114
Mujtaba c Larsen b Thomson	76
Malik c Parore b Lee	59
Basit Ali retired	100
Inzamamul retired	65
Latif c Larsen b Goodson	9
Akram c Goodson b Thomson	15
Waqar not out	25
Ashfaq not out	0
Extras: (b-1; lb-9; nb-5; w-2)	17
Total: (5 wickets)	485

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-237; 3-292; 4-454; 5-460

To bat: Amir Nazir

**Bowling:** O M R W

Davis	25	2	91	1
Nash	23	3	79	0
Lee	24	1	89	1
Larsen	20	6	42	0
Goodson	20	2	86	1
Thomson	21	1	88	2

# Kapil honoured

**NEW DELHI, Feb 6:** Joint world record holder Kapil Dev was conferred 'Delhi Gaurav Shield' by Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana at a reception here today, reports PTI.

He was felicitated for equalising Sir Richard Hadlee's world record by capturing his 431st wicket at the Bangalore Test against Sri Lanka recently.

Among those present included Lt Governor P K Dave, senior BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpai, Congress leader Jag Pravesh Chandra and other ministers and members of the state assembly.

"Concentration and determination in the cricket field and his polite behaviour outside the field has been helpful in achieving the record," Khurana said.

**Imran greets Kapil**

**CALCUTTA, Feb 6:** For Kapil Dev, the flow of tributes ever since he equalled Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431 wickets, have been continuing, but the one tribute he may cherish most came from another living legend, Imran Khan, reports PTI.

"I recommend Kapil as a role model. Indeed his perseverance and dedication must be applauded" was the former Pakistan captain told 'The Telegraph' from his Lahore residence.

Imran felt that Kapil's slogging on the region's lifeless tracks (218 of his 431 wickets have been at home) only enhanced the achievement of becoming Test cricket's joint highest wicket-taker.

Wickets in India and Pakistan have always discouraged fast bowlers and so Kapil's achievement was all the more outstanding, Imran emphasised, adding, "I've always had healthy respect for him."

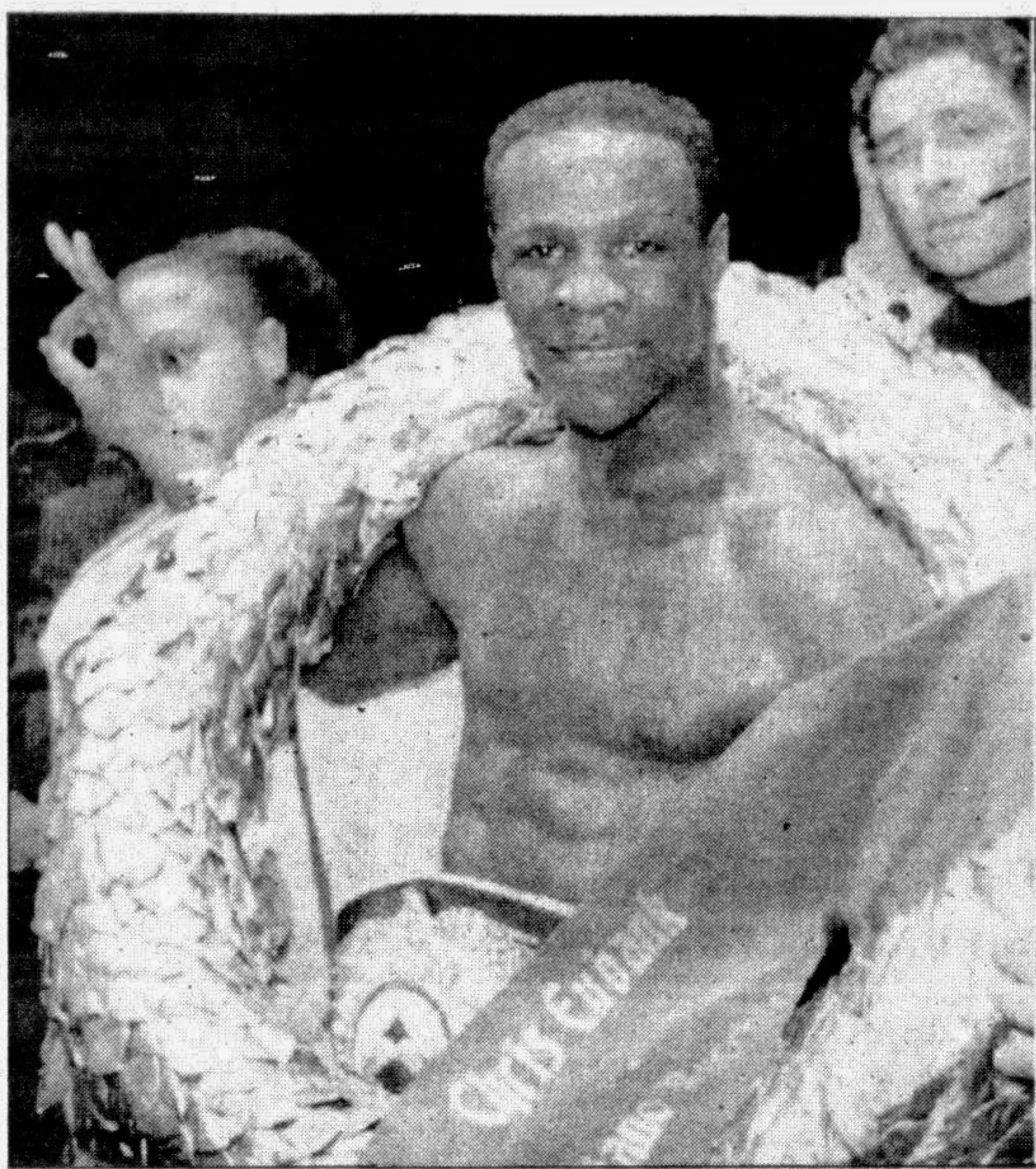
Imran felt that like Ian Botham, Kapil had started with a bang and then tapered off somewhat. "I think the careers of Hadlee and myself followed a similar path, but with Kapil it was different as he straightaway shouldered the Indian attack."

"But honestly, till he (Kapil) bounced back on the Australian tour capturing 25 wickets to reach the 400 mark, I didn't expect him to reach 431," the former Pakistan skipper said.

Imran, however, felt that the record was not totally out of reach as Pakistan's Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram could get there because of their phenomenal strike rate.

The former Pakistan captain told the Telegraph that he was somewhat disappointed with Kapil's achievement with the bat although he had scored over 5000 runs in 129 Tests.

"Even though I was impressed by Kapil's dedication to bowling in his debut series against Pakistan, I still had the notion that he would fare better as a batsman. In my opinion he has not done justice to his batting potential," Imran observed.



Britain's WBO super-middleweight world champion Chris Eubank poses for cameramen after successfully defending his title against German challenger Graciano Rocchigiani in Berlin on Feb 5. — AFP photo

# Eubank ends Graciano's run

**BERLIN, Feb 6:** England's Chris Eubank pounded out a close, but unanimous decision over Germany's Graciano Rocchigiani Saturday to retain his WBO super middleweight title, reports AP.

Eubank handed the 30-year-old German fighter his first loss after 35 victories, ending Rocchigiani's hopes of regaining the championship he abandoned after his last title defence in 1989.

The fight was ruled 115-113, 114-113 and 118-109 in favour of Eubank, but many observers seemed to think the fight was closer. A chorus of boos rose from the crowd when the decision was announced against Rocky — the German fighter's nickname.

Because of the two fighters' colourful personalities and frequent appearances in the tabloids, the fight drew enormous interest in both of their homelands.

Eubank and Rocchigiani fought a furious fight, slugging it out toe-to-toe in the 12th and final round before a sellout crowd of 10,800.

The 27-year-old Englishman, now 36-0-2 with 19 knockouts, hit Rocchigiani at will with combinations through the first three rounds as the German fighter preferred to cover up and wait.

But Rocchigiani came alive in the fourth, jarring Eubank with a left jab that snapped his head back. For the rest of the fight both fighters traded flurries of punches, although neither was able to hurt the other.

# Aussies arrive in S Africa

**JOHANNESBURG, Feb 6:** Australia's cricketers received a tumultuous welcome from 400 fans here Sunday when they arrived in South Africa for their first tour for almost a quarter of a century, reports AFP.

Australian captain Allan Border looked surprised at the reception from the airport crowd, some dressed in Aussie colours and waving placards.

Border's 15-man squad is the first Australian team to visit South Africa since the 1969-1970 tour under Bill Lawry.

The Australians were met by Minister of Sport, Abe Williams, and South Africa's United Cricket Board director Ali Bacher, who said he was overjoyed to have the Australians in South Africa.

There are two big events happening in South Africa this year, Bacher said. The election and the Australian cricketers visit.

Bacher was referring to the April 26-28 first All race election that will formally end 350 years of white rule.

Border said it was a dream come true to be able to play in South Africa, but he added that the Aussies were not expecting an easy time.

We know "we're for a tough series taking on South Africa at home, he said.

We would have liked a longer break before this tour, said Border, who squared the series in Australia against South Africa in Adelaide, just five days ago. But obviously this wasn't possible.

He said the Australians were looking forward to beating South Africa on their own turf.

Border also said he was looking forward to meeting African National congress president Nelson Mandela at the first one-day international in Johannesburg on February 19.

The Australian captain also had to rescue Shane Warne after the blond leg-spinner was mobbed by adoring female fans.

The Australians open their tour with a one-day encounter against an invitation team led by diamond magnate Nicky Oppenheimer on Thursday, followed by a four-day clash starting February 12 against provincial side Northern Transvaal.

Four one-day internationals will be played on February 19, 20, 22 and 24 before the first Test starts on March 4 in Johannesburg.

The second Test is in Cape Town from March 17 and the third in Durban from March 25.

The tour wraps up with a second bout of four-day-night international, on April 2, 4, 6 and 8.

# IOC's controversial plan

**LILLEHAMMER, Feb 6:** All but two or three of the 10 candidates to stage the 2002 Winter Olympics would find themselves thrown out of the contest five months before the vote under a controversial plan announced on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC's) executive board agreed on a proposal to whittle down the number of candidates in a pre-selection process next January, leaving only two or three for the final vote by IOC members in Budapest in June 1993.

The plan, aimed at cutting the ever-rising costs of bidding for the Games, has to be approved by next week's IOC session in Lillehammer.

IOC director general Francois Carrard told a news conference the executive board felt 10 candidates were too many; even if it was a sign of the healthy state of the Olympic movement.

"It would be extremely difficult to have 10 candidate cities with the expenses involved and the heavy workload, much of which would be done in vain because there can be only one winner," he said.

The executive board has decided to present to the session a proposal to reduce the number of finalists from 10 candidates to two, or possibly three in very particular circumstances.

He said the board wanted to set up a type of electoral college to make the pre-selection choice of the candidates who would go into the final vote.

**Rosset's second**

**MARSEILLE, Feb 6:** Switzerland's Marc Rosset beat top seed Michael Stich 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to reach the Marseille Open indoor final for the second time in a row on Saturday, reports Reuter.

He will meet Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch, who bat Italy's Diego Nargiso 7-6, 6-3 in the second semifinal.

Fourth seed Rosset, who had not dropped a set all week, went into the semifinal as favourite despite never having beaten Stich, who struggled through the earlier rounds.

Rosset, who put in 60 per cent of his first serves, took the opening set in 31 minutes. He then relaxed with Stich taking advantage to go 3-0 up with some powerful serves in the second set.

But a nervous Stich made a string of mistakes in the final set as Rosset went 5-4 up and served for the match, clinching it on the first match point.

"I think Michael Stich was nervous before the match because he totally missed the first set," said Rosset.



Romanian George Boroi waves to the crowd after setting the best time of the year in the men's 60m hurdles at the international indoor athletics championships in Hungary on Feb 5. — AFP photo

# England in sight of victory

**ANTIGUA, Feb 6:** Leg-spinner Ian Salisbury took England to the brink of victory over the Leeward Islands in St John's on Saturday, reports AFP.

Salisbury, turning the ball sharply, captured 4-37 in 21 overs as the home side slumped to 129-8 by the close of play on the penultimate day of the tourists' opening first class fixture of their Caribbean tour.

Salisbury's first two wickets owed something to luck as both Stuart Williams and Lanville Harrigan were caught as they misjudged pulls at short balls. But after tea he trapped Dave Joseph and Lesroy Weekes with perfectly pitched legbreaks, both caught close in on the outside.

Salisbury received good support from Andrew Caddick, who took 2 for 30 and Steve Watkin and Graeme Hick, who claimed a wicket apiece. The bowlers were backed up by good catching and sharp ground fielding.

England were able to exert pressure when they bowled after extending their first innings until after lunch.

After resuming at 231 for eight, a lead of 50, Caddick and Jack Russell added 70 for the ninth wicket, with the wicketkeeper making 56 in four hours with four boundaries.

England can now be expected to wrap the match up quickly on the final day, before flying to Barbados to face the island side. They then play the first one-day international on February 16.

# Norman moves up

**PHUKET, Thailand, Feb 6:** Australia's Greg Norman, too sick to even lift a club the day before competition began, came back Sunday at the top of the field in the 900,000 Johnnie Walker Classic, edging out America's Fred Couples by a single stroke, reports AP.

# Fears of Balkan bickerings

**LILLEHAMMER, Feb 6:** Olympic chiefs vowed on Saturday to keep trying to secure a truce in Bosnia despite an attack in Sarajevo which killed 61 people on the day when the ceasefire was to start, reports Reuter.

As Lillehammer organisers prepared for all eventualities in the area — from bomb threats to car crashes — and speed skating coaches predicted a world record bonanza at the February 12-27 Games, the focus switched to Bosnia.

Sixty-one people died and at least 163 were wounded when a shell hit a market in Sarajevo, Games hosts a decade ago, in the worst single incident of Bosnia's 22-month civil war.

The news from Sarajevo is atrocious but we are not surprised because we know our task is very difficult," said International Olympic Committee (IOC) director general Francois Carrard. "But we will go on."

The IOC said it felt deep sorrow.

"The Olympic movement deplores this tragedy and once more urges all the authorities and parties involved to respect the Olympic truce," it said in a statement.

The truce, the result of a UN resolution, was supposed to take effect in all war zones on Saturday and last until a week after the Games.

Armenia has said it will observe the truce and work towards peace in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Meanwhile, in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, there was bad news for the United States team.

Police said the father of Olympic figure skater Elizabeth Punsalan was stabbed to death at the family home and the victim's son, Ricky, would be charged with the crime.

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Trains have been fitted with Wild West-style cow-catchers to fend off elk on the Oslo-Lillehammer line and a helicopter will be deployed to spot the huge animals.

Trucks travel to and from Lillehammer throughout the night in a major snow-clearing operation.

Transport in the region is the organisers' biggest challenge. Most cars are banned for the Games and people must use public transport.

Weather forecaster Bjoern Rosting said the outlook for the next five days showed there would be only light snow, variable winds and partly cloudy skies. Day time temperatures would stay at around -15 Celsius but plunge to -20 C and lower at night.

Delegations from the record 66 participating nations continued to arrive, and so far 25 teams are represented.

At the speed skating rink in Hamar south of Lillehammer, competitors were already training and world records were predicted on the extremely fast ice.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- 37 West-room?
- 1 Kitchen lineup
- 5 Religious group
- 9 Crazy
- 12 Adhem's son
- 13 Aesopian loser
- 14 George's brother
- 15 Not this way
- 16 Slippery-eel link
- 17 Central
- 18 Remit
- 19 Crucial
- 20 Judy's daughter
- 21 Honest politician
- 23 Sapporo sash
- 25 "60 Minutes" alumna
- 28 Near-tapezoidal state
- 32 An excuse
- 33 Fine
- 34 Horse-manship
- 36 Hook, for one

**DOWN**

- 56 Big bother
- 1 Shoulder enhancements
- 2 Hautboy
- 3 Suburban community
- 4 Finest clothes
- 5 Salt dispenser
- 6 Facility
- 7 Small drawer?
- 8 X rating
- 9 La Bohème
- 10 Neighbor of N.Mex.
- 11 Arp's school
- 20 Deli buy
- 22 Wall-paint shade
- 24 Prove otherwise
- 25 "Cheers" role
- 26 In the style of
- 27 Take top honors
- 29 Khan title
- 30 Morse morsel?
- 31 Foolhardiness personified
- 35 Run out
- 36 Telethon array
- 39 "Monopoly" corner
- 40 Wreck
- 41 Santa's laundry woe
- 43 Cabin makeup
- 45 Crooner Perry
- 46 Praise highly
- 47 Jason's vessel
- 49 Abner's partner, on old radio

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER** 6-26

**CRYPTOQUIP**

M U Q G T C I U K F K Y F Q B  
 C B M U B J F Q C I Y U Q  
 J X C B A G T F Q J S C I I X A J

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, DID SAMUEL MORSE GO DOWN TO THE WIRE?**

**Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals P**

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.