IAAF seeks

court's help

The International Amateur

Athletics Federation lodged an

appeal in US Federal Court

here Thursday seeking to over-

turn the 27.3-million-dollar

award to US sprinter Butch

not have to pay the damages,

which Reynolds won in a

Federal Court in his hometown

argued on Thursday that the

Columbus judge should not

have jurisdiction over the

Monte Carlo-based IAAF, the

international governing body of

ated under rules agreed to by

all participating nations. He

added that Reynolds partici-

pated in arbitration in which

his disputed ban for steroid

holder in the 400m and

4x400m relay, said his positive

drug test after a meet in

Monte Carlos in 1990 was

were problems with the pa-

perwork of the test but upheld

The IAAF admitted there

That suspension kept

He sued the IAAF for deny-

US district judge Joseph

Reynolds has yet to collect

The appeals court which

took the case under review on

Thursday did not say when it

Graf returns

to haunted

Hamburg

11: German world number one

Steffi Graf on Thursday agreed

to play in this year's Hamburg

tennis tournament - the same

event where rival Monica Seles

HAMBURG, Germany, Mar

Reynolds out of the 1992

ing himdue process, defama-

tion and interfering with his

Kinneary awarded Reynolds

Reynolds, the world record

Gulland said the IAAF oper-

The IAAF say they should

IAAF lawyer Eugene Gulland

Reynolds, reports AFP.

of Columbus, Ohio.

the sport.

faulty.

use was upheld.

his two-year ban.

Barcelona Olympics.

earning potential.

27.3 million dollars.

any money.

would rule.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Mar 11:

Calculative

Krabee

FRANKFURT, Mar 11:

Katrin Krabbe apparently has

given up her futile battle to re-

seind a doping ban and is using

the hiatus from competition to

The 1991 world champion

Krabbe, 24, said she

"The 1996 Games remain

become a mother, reports AP.

at 100 and 200 metres told

the Bild newspaper Friday that

she was three months preg-

planned to resume training

next year and hoped to make it

my greatest goal," Krabbe told

Bild. "If I can practice at full

The German sprinter was

banned for using the banned

substance clenbuterol, an an-

abolic stimulant. Her ban ex-

legal technicalities, but an ar-

bitration panel of the Inter-

national Amateur Athletic

Federation upheld the suspen-

the German track federation

that they risk further sanctions

if they continue to challenge

longtime boyfriend Torsten

Krentz, a canoeist, in Decem-

ber and began a relationship

with her lawver Michael

Zimmermann, the father of the

The couple has no immedi-

ate marriage plans, Krabbe

Bild said Krabbe left her

The IAAF told Krabbe and

Krabbe fought the ban on

strength next year I think

can still make it to Atlanta."

to the 1996 Olympics.

pires in August 1995.

sion in November.

the ban.

Jackson inches towards goal



Britain's Colin Jackson took the first strides owards a unique double on Friday

when he clocked an impressive 6.57 seconds in the opening round of the 60 metres on the first day of the **European Indoor Athletics** Championships, reports Reu-

Jackson, 27, who is attempting to become the first man in the history of these championships to win both the sprint and hurdles titles at the same meeting, finished just two hundredths of a second outside his personal best despite visibly easing up over the last few metres.

The next fastest qualifier was Alexandros Terzian of Greece, who finished second behind Jackson in 6.62. Russia's Alexander Porkhomovsky was the winner of the next fastest heat in 6.63 seconds.

Britain's Mike Rosswess, the 60 metres bronze medalist in 1989 and 1992, also underlined his medal possibilities with a well run victory in his heat in 6.67 seconds.

But in the absence of his British teammate Linford Christie, the fastest man indoors in the world this year. Jackson is the clear favourite to take the gold in Friday evening's final. Jackson has been in awe-

some form all winter and clocked a world indoor record of 7.30 seconds for the 60 me-

LONDON, Mar 11:

It would be the

headline to make

all Manchester

United fans weep:

"Charlton Knocks Manches-

No. not Bobby Charlton. He

retired as a United legend

years ago and has no plans for

a comeback for the Reds of

It's Charlton Athletic, the

Division One team which goes

to Old Trafford on Saturday in

the cup quarterfinal, reports

an unprecedented triple tri-

umph in English soccer,

United now are threatened by

an even bigger upset than last

weekend's loss at home to

lead atop the Premier League

standings and meet Aston Villa

in the League Cup final March

Chelsea, their first defeat for

34 games, has shown that

United are far from invincible.

Now it's up to Charlton,

Athletic that is, to follow them

Trafford, having the chance to

be the team that could destroy

United's glorious treble, is

something my managerial as-

sistant Alan Curbishley and I

can't wait for," said Charlton

manager Steve Gritt, whose

team is second in the division

"Taking the team to old

But last week's 1-0 loss to

United hold a four-point

Once seemingly coasting to

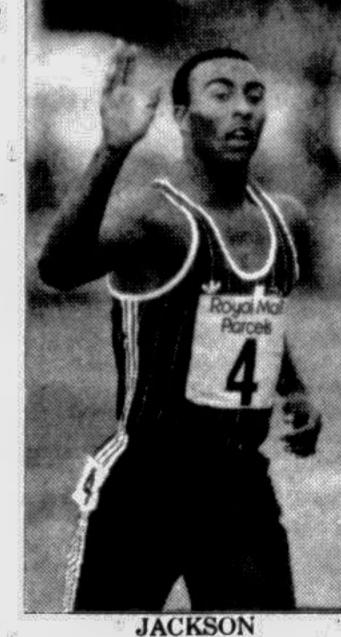
anyone else.

Chelsea.

ter United Out of FA Cup."-

tres hurdles at Sindelfingen in Germany last Sunday.

He has been coached for the sprint event here by Christie and, barring mishap, looks certain to add the sprint title to the European indoor hurdles title he won in 1989.



One of the few Olympic or world champions taking part in these championships made an inauspicious return to competitive athletics after a year away through injury early on Friday morning.

In front of rows of empty seats in the Palais Omnisports at Bercy, Paraskevi Patoulidou of Greece, the surprise winner of the 100 metres at the

Charlton aim to stop M United

" This is the all time high."

Even if Charlton loses, Gritt

says, the team remains on

course for promotion to the

Premier League next season

and that would mean facing

lovely — us, little Charlton, in

the FA Cup semifinal — I'd

willingly swap a win there in

return for a guranteed

certain of meeting United

Stars like Ryan Giggs, Eric

Cantona, Mark Hughes and

Andrei Kanchelskis at least

twice next season," Gritt said.

Saturday's game because of a

calf injury that forced him out

of the defeat against Chelsea,

but the others are expected to

have set up the possibility of all

four semifinalists coming from

Division One and none from

being staged Saturday is

Division One Bolton against

Oldham. Bolton eliminated

Premier League Aston Villa in

the previous round while

Oldham are battling to avoid

relegation back into division

Chelsea on Sunday and Luton

visit West Ham on Monday.

Division One Wolves go to

Manchester United can

Premier League struggler

the Premier League.

The quarterfinal parings

Another quarterfinal game

Cantona may miss

"That way, we would be

"While a miracle would be

United again.

promotion place.

Barcelona Olympics, re-appeared, this time in the long

But Patoulidou, who became the first Greek woman to win an Olympic gold medal in the modern Games, was eliminated in the opening round after finishing 17th and last following a best jump of only

5.98 metres.

German Heike Drechsler, the Olympic and world champion who is bidding to become European indoor champion for the fourth time, produced a jump of 6.67 metres, the best among the 12 qualifiers for the final later on Friday. Inessa Kravets of Ukraine, who won the inaugural women's triple jump title at this event in 1992 and who is aiming for a long jump and triple jump double, finished second in the qualifying round with 6.54 me-

The low-key nature of the opening session of the threeday championship was best illustrated in the opening round of the men's 400 metres.

Thirteen men entered the event and with 12 of them qualifying for the semifinals on Saturday, three heats were needed to eliminate the extra

runner. The unlucky 13th was Rodolphe Rosilette of France. Rico Lieder of Germany, clocked the fastest time. A modest 47.08 seconds, while Britain's Mark Richardson, the fastest European this season and the third fastest man in the world this year, eased

through in 47,31 seconds.

concentrate on cup action

without faring that Blackburn

Rovers can cut their Premier

League advantage to on point.

Royers don't have a game and

neither does third place

Arsenal, who are 14 points

behind and virtually out of

be confident of victory from a

home game against last place

Swindon and Aston Villa, who

have improved to fifth place,

should bat lowly Ipswich at

Saturday, Wimbledon visit

struggling Manchester City,

Queens Park Rangers go to

Norwich and Southamton host

In Sunday's action

Liverpool host Merseyside

neighbour Everten and Leeds

travel down the road to next-

Palace, who have a seven-point

lead atop the standings, should

profit from a home game

against lowly West Bromwich

Albion. With Charlton in cup

action, that means Palace

could stretch their lead to 10

Rangers hosts Hearts in the

quarterfinal and Aberden, the

team they beat in last season's

In the other two quarterfi-

nals, Division One Airdrie host

Dundee United and Dundee

final, go to St Johnstone.

visit Kilmarnock

Scottish Cup holder

Division One leader Crystal

Sheffield Wednesday.

to-last Sheffield United.

In other games scheduled

Fourth place Newcastle will

contention.

Villa Park.

points.

told Bild. Krabbe runs a sporting goods store in her hometown Neubrandenburg, near Berlin.

Svensson follows Karel Novacek

ZARAGOZA, Spain, Mar 11: Second-seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden fell Thursday in the Zaragoza Open, losing in the second round to Germany's David Prinosil, reports AP.

Yevgeney Kafelnikov of Russia, the No 3 seed, advanced in two sets over Spain's Juan Luis Rascon.

Prinosil advanced to the quarterfinals with sets of 4-6, 6-2. 6-3, while Kafelnikov defeated Rascon 6-3, 6-4.

Svensson's loss leaves the tournament without its first two seeds. Top-seeded Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic, the defending champion, lost in Monday's first round. Svensson was second in the tournament last season to

Novacek. In other singles matches in Thursday's second round of the dlrs 150,000 tournament: Germany's Patrik Kuhnen defeated Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Anders Jarryd of Sweden Defeated Markus Zoecke of Germany, 6-0, 6-4; Sweden's Tomas Nydahl defeated Filip

Dewulf of Belgium 6-4, 6-3. Warren leads

KEDOINCHO, Japan, Mar 11: Craig Warren of Australia tied the day's best score, a 4under-par 68, Friday for a oneshot lead midway through the 100 million yen (dlrs 52,000) Token Corp. Cup Golf Tournament, the season opener on the Japan PGA Tour, reports

Warren scored six birdies against two bogevs over the 7.072-yard, par-72 Kedoin Golf Club course in southwestern Japan. The round elevated him to a 36-hole total of 6-un-

Hisayuki Sasaki eagled the par-5 10th hole en route to a 68 and a share of second place at 139 with Australian Brian Jones, who had a 69 with four

birdies and one bogey. Australian Peter Senior scattered four birdies and one bogey for a 69 and a share of fourth at 141 with Nobuo Serizawa and Kazuhiro Takami Serizawa and Takami fired 71s

Overnight co-leader Yos hitaka Yamamoto struggled to 74 and slipped to a group sharing 14th place at 143. It included Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki, who placed second in the Japan PGA's earnings list last season, and Hajime Meshiai, last year's top money earner. Ozaki had a 69 and Meshiai a 70.

Cyclists tour SAARC countries

Sports Reporter

Rovers Mohammad Abu Faisal Khan and Tanjir M Shaheen Kabir of Dhaka College recently toured the SAARC countries on bicycle with the slogan "We want drugs and AIDS free peaceful world," according to a Dhaka College Rover Scout press release.

Abu Faisal is a final year honours student of the Department of Accounting and his fellow cyclist Shaheen Kabir is a B.Sc (Pass course) student of the same college.

The young travellers visited different cities of India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Pakistan.

They also called on the Nepalese King as well as distinguished persons of all the four countries.

The tireless two are now preparing for another tour through other Asian countries.



Winners of the women's World Cup Super G pose for photographers after the race in the United States on March 9. They are (L-R) second place finisher Bibiana Perez of Italy, first place finisher Katja Seizinger of Germany and third place finisher Hilde Gerg, also of Germany. - AFP photo

Jansher blasts Norman, PSA

The PSA only wants to know

when I do something wrong



VALE DO LOBO. Portugal, Mar 11: World champion Jansher Khan blasted New Zealand's Ross Nor-

man 17-15, 15-3, 15-1 in 29 minutes to reach the semifinals of the Portuguese Open on Thursday. Then blasted the Professional Squash Association (PSA) after the match started 95 minutes late, reports Reuter.

Norman was delayed because his kit bag was misrouted and taken to the airport by mistake.

In a major upset, Australian world number two Brett Martin crashed to a shock 15-12, 13-15, 15-10, 15-10 quarter-final defeat by unseeded Peter Nicol of Scotland.

Jansher was fuming after his match. "I would have been within may rights to have claimed a walkover. It is not right to keep the world number one waiting like that," he said. "I was ready to play at the right time.

He said he decided to play late "Because I am world number one. I did not want to disappoint the sponsors and the people who came to watch. "I will get no credit for that.

managed just four points in the

last two games.

and they call me a bad boy and fine me. "When I do something good

for squash, they do not want to know. They would thank other players, but not me."

The Pakistani said PSA president Norman "Did not even thank me or say sorry although it was his fault the match started late."

Norman explained that his kit bag - containing all his squash clothing and rackets had been accidentally taken to the airport by an over-zealous taxi driver.

"At first I thought it had been stolen but then we found it was at the airport and we had to wait for the driver to return. The New Zealander con-

ceded he could have been defaulted but the referee realised it was not his fault and delayed the match. "What on earth could I have

done about it. I can't play without my kit."

When the match finally started, Jansher vented his anger on the squash ball and Norman must have wished his kit had vanished for good as he

Eyles, who beat him at the same stage last year. The Brisbane player took 27 minutes to beat England's Jason Nicolle 15-8, 15-5, 15-7. Martin's scalp was the latest

Jansher now plays Aus-

tralian fourth seed Rodney

big one for Nicol, 20, who sensationally beat Jansher in the Welsh Classic in Cardiff last month. Martin won the Cardiff

event and also the previous major title on the circuit, the Mahindra Challenge in Bombay, so he is the man in

But that meant nothing to the ambitious young Scott, who has leapt over 170 places to world number 11 in little over

"No excuses, he just played bloody well," admitted Martin, 31. "He kept me twisting and turning by lobbing the ball to the back of the court.

"But I did not help myself by making a lot of stupid mistakes. Maybe I needed something like this to shake me

Nicol now. plays England number one Peter Marshall. the third seed who beat compatriot Del Harris 15-6, 15-8,

McEnroe meets old friends



NEW YORK. Mar 11: For John McEnroe, familiar foes are best. McEnroe will

resume his battles with Jimmy Connors, Bjorn Borg, Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander in a five-city tour beginning next month, reports

These are the guys that bought out the best in me." McEnroe said Thursday in announcing the Advanta Tour. which brings together the five former No. 1 tennis champions. "These are all very com-

petitive matches. The tour begins in Denver April 21 at McNichols Arena. then continues in Anaheim, Calif, April 23; Chicago, Sept 23: Charlotte, N.C Sept 24: and culminates in Key

Biscayne, Fla, on Dec 3. "I like that," McEnroe joked. "We get a day off to from Denver to Anaheim, then four months off to recuperate. I think I can handle that.

Four of the five will compete at each stop, with each playing a regular tie-break set against each of the others, a total of six sets per night. The winner of each set will earn dirs 10,000, with an additional dirs 10,000 going to the player who wins the most

. In addition, the overall winner of the most tournaments throughout the tour will win a dlrs 50,000 bonus.

"We're going to resume some of the greatest rivalries of all-time," said Dennis Alter, chairman and chief executive officer of Advanta, a Horham, Pa, company. "These players not only have been ranked No 1, but they have certain abilities that transcends the game

McEnroe, Connors and Borg will play very stop. Wilander, who won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments in

1988, will play in Denver and Anaheim, with Lendl taking over in Chicago and Charlotte.

"In the back of our mind, we feel we can beat everybody out there," said McEnroe, who admitted he doesn't see himself playing Wimbledon or the US Open because "J don't want to go into a tournament thinking I can't win."

"If I thought I could win majors. I'd still play," said the left-hander who won 154 singles and doubles titles in his career, more than any other

player in men's tennis history. Combined, the five have won 488 singles and doubles titles, including 50 Grand Slam tournament crowns.

Lendl's win over McEnroe at the 1984 French Open was a turning point in their rivalry, and McEnroe's marathon victory over Wilander at the 1982 Davis Cup final in St Louis is still talked about to-

was stabbed last year, reports Yugoslav Seles, who has not

played since, was stabbed on court on April 30 by deranged fan Gunther Parche, who said

he wanted to help Graf regain her world number one status. This year's event runs from April 25-May 1

Graf reached the final last year before losing to Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

Rain again

LAKE PLACID, N.Y, Mar 11: Thursday's boys' super giant slalom competition at the World Junior Alpine Championships was postponed because of water-saturated snow on Whiteface Mountain; reports AP.

"It would not have been a good race," said Horst Weber, championships chairman. "The visibility would not be good, and the wet snow would have made the danger factor quite

Rain fell Thursday on top of about 8 inches of wet snow.

The boys' competition was put off to Friday, when the girls will also compete for their super giant championship.

The competition is for racers ages 16-18.

tacular local opening. "We are celebrating Hong the British colony, which reverts to China in 1997, was Kong, not Jean Michel it's worth the money," the entersailing into fiscal 1994-95 with a surplus of 15.1 billion dollars tainer said. der 138.

HONG KONG, Mar 11: Hong Kong will open its first world class sports Stadium Friday with glitzy Brazilian Samba dancers and a sound-and-laser show by French musician Jean-Michael Jarre that shows the territory has money to burn,

reports AFP. Nesting below the verdant hills of Jardines' Lookout, the most luxurious residential site on Hong Kong Island, So Kun Po Stadium has been transformed over two years from a 28.500-seat open arena into a covered, state-of-the art, multipurpose complex seating 40,000.

The metamorphosis has cost 850 million dollars (109 million US), funded by the royal Hong Kong Jockey Club. the cash-rich organisation which runs Hong Kong horseracing. But the club has come un-

der fire for the flamboyant gala, which will cost 11 million Hong Kong dollars (1.3 million US), half of which will be met out of its own funds.

"We don't need a Rolls-*Royce class' opening, but a stadium with shows that can be reached by all social strata," said councillor Wong Siu-Yee.

But others, who argued that the occasion was a one-off which deserved to be celebrated in style, won out and the plan was endorsed in a vote of 17 to three after a twohour debate last month.

keynote," said urban council chairman Ronald Leung, insisting that it was "worth" using five million dollars (641,000 US) of taxpayers' money for the show. The opening of the venue will now be an entertainment

Leung. Jaree, who in 1981 was the first international artist invited to perform in China, not sur-

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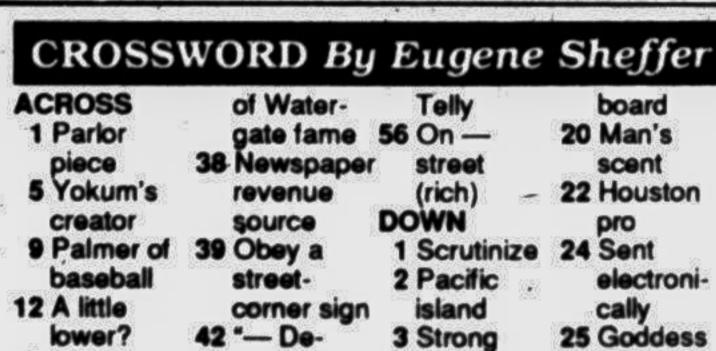
Hong Kong's sporting stride prisingly supported the spec-

> The Hong Kong government, flush with more cash than it knows what to do with it, can afford to be generous. Early this month, financial

secretary Sir Hamish Macleod announced in his budget that (1.95 billion US), and announced sweeping tax breaks on everything from salaries and company profits to air travel and funerals.



Two Bangladeshi cyclists, who toured the SAARC countries recently carrying the slogan "We want drugs and AIDS free peaceful world." - Star photo



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Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals K

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.