



German players Andras Becker (R) and Sven Meinhardt (C) struggle for the ball with Australia's Lachlan Elmer during their opening match in the champions Trophy hockey tournament in Lahore on March 17. Australia, holders of the trophy lost 2-1. — AFP photo

### The goal that was not a goal

LAHORE, Mar 18: Australian hockey coach Frank Murray reacted strongly to the disputed-but-disallowed goal against Germany three minutes before the end of the second match Thursday in the 16th Champions Trophy hockey tournament, giving Germany a 2-1 victory, reports AFP.

awarded another short corner instead of a goal. "We were naturally disappointed," the Australian captain Warren Birmingham added.

"Our defence made mistakes and our corners were very untidy," he said. Pakistan were awarded nine short corners but only one was converted and that was indirectly.

### Battle lines drawn in Asia

HONG KONG, Mar 18: How teams fared in the draw for Asia's two regional club tournaments which took place here Thursday, reports AFP.

JAPAN: Club champions Yomiuri Verdy are seeded fourth in the club championships and start in the second round where they meet the winners of the South East Asian group featuring Brunei, Macau and The Philippines or Hong Kong.

seeded fourth and in the second round meets the winner of Kuwait against Oman.

### Champions' Trophy results

LAHORE, Mar 18: Results on the second day of the 16th Champions' Trophy men's hockey tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

### Athens gets the nod

ZURICH, Switzerland, Mar 18: This year's European Cup final will be staged at the Olympic Stadium in Athens, the European Football Union (UEFA) said on Friday, reports Reuter.

### Parma paired with Benfica

GENEVA, Mar 18: Parma of Italy, attempting to become the first club in the history of the European Cup Winners Cup to retain the trophy, were paired with Benfica of Portugal when the semifinal draw was made on Friday, reports Reuter.



Australian schoolgirl Rebecca Brown, 16, shows off her gold medal after winning the women's 200 metres breaststroke and shattering the world record at the Australian swimming championships in Brisbane on March 16. — AFP photo

### Graf keeps Davenport at bay

KEY BISCAIENE, Mar 18: Steffi Graf nearly lost a set Thursday, Lindsay Davenport briefly challenged Graf's dominance of the women's tour, but the top-ranked German fought off two set points and won 6-0, 7-6(7-3) in the semifinals at the Lipton Championships, reports AP.

ranked Davenport would offer a fight. Graf needed two shots to win the first point, and two to win the second. Then came an ace, and then a service winner for game.

price, caught in an early season slump that has limited his winnings to dirrs 9,000 in seven PGA European Tour events, said a putting lesson before leaving for Portugal apparently paid off.

### Indonesians hold the show

BIRMINGHAM, England, Mar 18: Defending champion Heryanto Arbi stepped up the pace on Thursday to sweep into the semifinals of the All-England badminton championships, reports Reuter.

nesian spree when he put paid to leading European Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen of Denmark 15-12, 14-18, 15-7.

winner in 1991 and Olympic silver medalist in Barcelona, was made to suffer early on by an agile-looking Permati in their quarter-final.

ASIAN FOOTBALL 1994 CLUB TOURNAMENT. Advertisement for the tournament featuring a photo of an official and various logos.

French league leaders Paris St Germain, unbeaten since last August, had been hoping to avoid Parma and to play the second leg of an eventual final at home.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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