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## Escobar: First and last mistake

LOS ANGELES, July 2: Andres Escobar, the Colombia defender shot dead on Saturday in Medellin, had the experience of a veteran player at the age of 27, reports Reuters.

Considered one of the finest central defenders ever to have come out of Colombia, Escobar had already played 58 full internationals, participating in two World Cups.

Ironically, Escobar was murdered in a city which he loved and in which he had frequently said he intended to spend the rest of his life.

Police said he died after being shot by a group of men outside a restaurant in what may have been an argument over an own goal he scored in a 2-1 World Cup defeat by the United States.

Medellin has a fearsome reputation and is home to one of the world's most notorious drugs cartels.

But the city is also a thriving industrial centre and Escobar had always said that everywhere he went, he was idolised and treated as a king.

Although he admitted the possibility of moving to a European club to make his fortune, he always intended to return.

Escobar had said after the US game that he had slept badly for several nights because of the own goal, which he told reporters was the first of his career.

Like all his compatriots, Escobar had high hopes for the tournament in which Colombia arrived as one of the favourites but went home as the first round in which they lost their first two games.

Escobar, who unlike most members of Colombia's team came from a middle class fam-

ily, was born and grew up in the city and spent his entire career playing for the local Atletico Nacional Club.

A tall left-footed player with a habit of scoring with headers at set pieces, he began playing

professionally in 1988 at the age of 21 and within one year he had made his debut for Colombia.

In 1989, he was in the Atletico Nacional team which became the first Colombian side

to win the South American Libertadores Cup, beating Olimpia of Paraguay in a penalty shoot-out after the two-legged final had finished level on aggregate.

The following year he was in the Colombia team which reached the second round of the World Cup finals in Italy.

In 1991, he won the Colombian title with his club. Last year, he was sidelined for several months because of a knee injury and missed both the Copa America and the World Cup qualifiers, in which Colombia recorded the best result in their history, beating Argentina 5-0 in their own Buenos Aires den.

But he won back the position from his replacement, Alexis Mendoza earlier this year.

Escobar was the third prominent South American soccer player to die since the end of last year.

Last December, Ecuadorian striker Carlos Munoz was killed in a car crash near Guayaquil. In April, Dener, one of Brazil's most promising players, was also victim of a car crash in Rio De Janeiro.

### Minute's silence for Escobar

CHICAGO, July 2: Teams and spectators held a minute's silence at Chicago's Soldier Field Stadium for murdered Colombian player Andres Escobar before Germany and Belgium began their second round World Cup match on Saturday, reports Reuters.

FIFA said Escobar, shot dead in Medellin apparently for giving away an own goal in a first round World Cup game, would also be remembered at Saturday's other match between Spain and Switzerland in Washington.

## Honours easy in MSC-Abahani tie

Sports Reporter

The season's first encounter between the two local giants — Mohammedans and Abahani — yielded no result as the arch-rivals played out their 51st derby for a goalless draw in the BEXIMCO 12th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The result left Mohammedans top of Group B and they will meet Group A runners-up Muktiyoddha Sangsad in the second semifinal while Abahani will take on defending champions Brothers Union in the first semifinal. The dates for the semi-finals were yet to be decided by the organisers Bangladesh Football Federation.

In their last group engagement, titans Mohammedan and Abahani started with forays and counter forays to the delight of the 15,000 spectators who gathered at the big bowl defying the World Cup fever.

But the forwards of both sides spoiled several scoring opportunities.

Mohammedans, who dominated the first part of play, managing three corners against Abahani's none, got an easy scoring chance at the stroke of the breather when their playmaker Shabbir floated a neat minus from the right. But Roxy's fierce grounder was brilliantly cleared by an Abahani defender from the goal-line.

Abahani relied on their dapper winger Golam Gaus to penetrate through the right side of the Mohammedan citadel, but he was successfully blocked by Mohammedan right-back Alamgir, whose determination and dedication to his task earned him an unsavoury reward in the form of a yellow card.

Nazar Ali Hossain of Iraq, who got the second yellow card in the match, spear-headed the Abahani attack in the second half, wearing his way through the right flank but missed a sitter with the Mohammedan custodian Lahul at his mercy. On other occasions Gaus and Aslam missed the mark after receiving two successive crosses from the Iraqi recruit.

But the easiest chance of the match was spoiled by Mohammedan's left-back Parvez in the 47th minute. Parvez failed to shoot into an open net after beating an off-side trap.

Mohammedans were deprived of another chance when a Roxy header returned to play hitting the crossbar. In the other match of the day, played at the same venue, Satharan Bima beat Wari Club 2-0.

Ripon and substitute Hassan were the scorers for the winners.

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Lahul, Rehan, Kaiser Hamid, Alamgir, Parvez, Manik, Zahid (Shakil), Munna, Reaz, Roxy and Shabbir.

**ABAHANI FC:** Dhanu, Imdadul, Munna, Sohail, Partha, Zakir, Swapan (Rana), Jasim Mehdi, Aslam (Shamim) and Nazari.

## Salenko hero, rest villain

MOSCOW, July 2: Soon after extolling five-goal scorer Oleg Salenko as "the greatest striker in the world," Russian newspapers were full of disappointment Saturday at the team's elimination from the World Cup, reports AP.

Needing help from other teams to advance to the second round, Russia failed to get it and were ousted on Thursday, only two days after routing Cameroon 6-1 for its only victory in three games.

Sovietsky Sport said that not a single Russian sports fan could consider the results satisfactory. It blamed the months-long player rebellion against Coach Pavel Sadyrin for producing in a disgraced team.

"One successful game with Cameroon could not by any means compensate for the chaotic performance which offended the eyes during matches with more qualified rivals," the newspaper said. "We have had no team" since the time of the schism which occurred last November.

The daily Sport-Express was kinder; preferring to fo-

cus on the fact Salenko set an all-time World Cup scoring record in the face-saving victory over Cameroon.

"The Russian team turned into the main carrier of intrigues in the end — the team with the most results of the

"It may be stated unambiguously that Perestroika made a mess of soccer," the paper said. "Today we are doomed to remain a second-rate soccer country."

The general-circulation daily Segodnya (today), while acknowledging the team's "complete failure," said things could have been worse.

"Overall, results appear to be rather auspicious," the newspaper said in a front-page commentary. "We may thank fortune paph of the scene was shown to witnesses by Deputy district Attorney Marcia Clark, who first motioned to Ms. Simpson's relatives in the courtroom to bow their heads and avert their eyes."

Simpson blinked and took deep breaths as the photograph of his ex-wives body, clad in a black halter dress, was displayed.

Sukru Boztepe said he and his wife, Ms. Rasmussen, came upon Ms. Simpson's body shortly after midnight.

"There was a lot of blood," said Boztepe. "I could see only from the street lights which comes from behind so it was pretty dark. I just turned around and never looked again."



OLEG SALENKO

first round, which showed the world Salenko, miracle bombardier."

The hard-line paper Sovietskaya Rossiya spoke of the nation's "soccer decay" and cited three causes: the collapse of the Soviet Union, the lack of team unity or patriotism and the decline in quality of Russian soccer leagues caused by top players playing abroad.

## New Zealand in dire straits

MANCHESTER, July 2: New Zealand's premier batsman Martin Crowe stood firm while all around fell on Saturday as England moved inexorably towards victory in the third and final test, reports Reuters.

Crowe, although weakened by a flu virus, scored 70 in New Zealand's inadequate first innings of 151 in reply to England's 382.

Then when New Zealand followed on, Crowe battled with even greater discipline to reach an unbeaten 65 out of a total of 205 for five at the close. It was the fourth time Crowe has scored more than 50 in both innings of a Test match.

Darren Gough, in a highly impressive Test debut, headed a fine display by the England bowlers on a pacy Old Trafford pitch.

The Yorkshire paceman bowled with fire and intelligence to take four for 47 in the first innings and a further two in the second.

Gough generated some frightening pace at times and was well backed up by fellow-Yorkshireman Craig White who took three cheap wickets in the New Zealand first innings.

He found a worthy opponent in Crowe, who stroked two classic drives over mid-on and mid-off to bring up his 50 in 51 balls.

But after taking a blow on the helmet from the lively White, he top-edged an attempted hook over wicket-keeper Steve Rhodes for four, then hooked the very next delivery straight to Graham Gooch on the long-leg boundary.

His 70 had taken 148 minutes from 91 balls with 11

fours and a six. The remainder of the batsmen offered little resistance with Stephen Fleming (14) the only other batsman to reach double figures.

Phil DeFreitas made the early breakthrough when New Zealand batted again, removing Bryan Young low for eight.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford finished a disap-

### SCOREBOARD

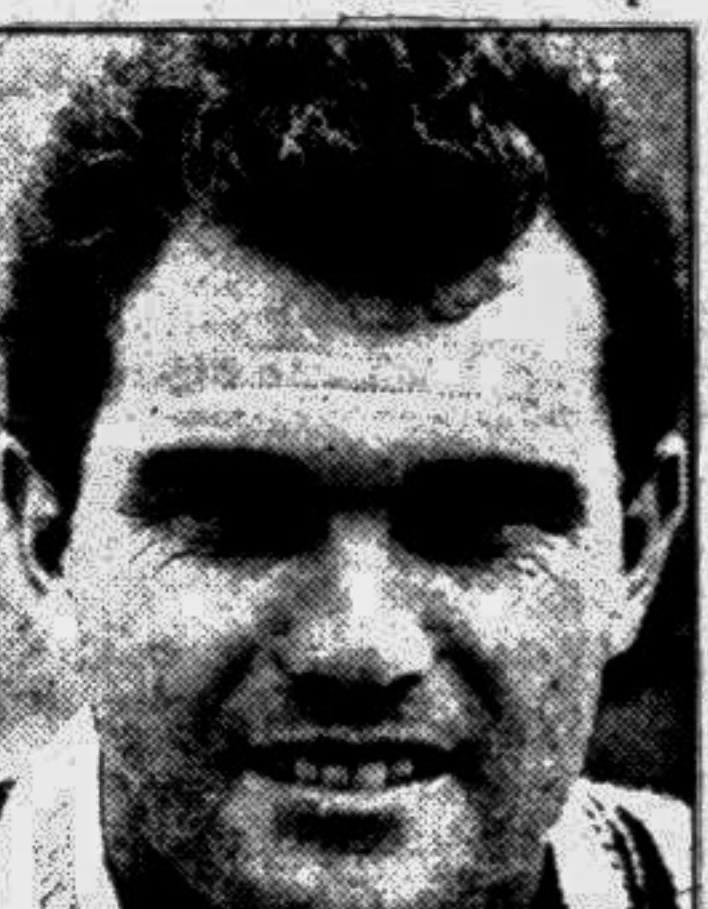
Scoreboard on the third day of the third and final cricket Test between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford today:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 382 (M Atherton 111, P DeFreitas 69, D Gough 65; M Owen 4-99, D Nash 4-107)

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings (overnight 84-4) Young c Rhodes b DeFreitas 25 Greatbatch c Hick b Gough 0 Rutherford c Gooch b DeFreitas 7 Fleming c Rhodes b Gough 14 Crowe c Gooch b White 70 Hart c Atherton b Gough 0 Thomson c Rhodes b DeFreitas 9 Parore c Rhodes b White 7 Nash not out 8 Pringle b White 0 Owens c Stewart b Gough 4 Extras: (nb-7) 7 Total: 151

Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-12; 3-47; 4-82; 5-93; 6-113; 7-125; 8-140; 9-140.

**Bowling:** O M R W Fraser 12 3 17 0 Gough 16.3 2 47 4 DeFreitas 17 2 61 3 Such 5 2 8 0 White 7 1 18 3



MARTIN CROWE

pointing series when he was caught behind down the leg side for 13 off Gough and the middle order again succumbed meekly.

But Crowe found the partner he badly needed in wicketkeeper Adam Parore, who had scored only seven in the first innings.

Crowe reached his 50 in 90 minutes from 109 balls with eight boundaries as Parore started to blossom.

Parore hit off-spinner Peter Such high to the long leg boundary then carved Angus Fraser through the covers.

He reached his 50 in only 59 minutes from 69 balls with nine fours as New Zealand extended the match into Monday.

### Kiwi camp disappointed

MANCHESTER, England, July 2: England's refusal to allow a substitute fielder to replace virus victim Martin Crowe in the field cast an angry cloud over the Kiwi camp here on Friday night, reports AFP.

The trouble started as England captain Mike Atherton, at the crease with a seventh Test hundred to his name, objected when Crowe left the field after just a few overs.

## Martinez ruins Navratilova's farewell party

WIMBLEDON, England, July 2: Conchita Martinez wrecked Martina Navratilova's farewell party at Wimbledon on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Martinez unleashed an almost continuous barrage of backhand passing shots to take the match 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 and become the first Spaniard to lift the women's singles title.

The well-earned victory shattered Navratilova's dream of a 10th Wimbledon singles crown to take into her retirement at the end of this year.

### For US police, party is over

LOS ANGELES, July 2: Thank goodness England did not qualify for this World Cup, reports AFP.

American police had watched in horror as Italian Carabinieri fought with English fans in Sardinia four years ago. World Cup soccer spelt hooligan trouble as far as United States police forces were concerned, even if England's fans were not coming.

But until Mexico qualified for the second round everyone had been having a party.

They still were, until police tried to give a man a ticket for blocking traffic in Huntington Park, a predominantly Hispanic part of Los Angeles.

They were showered with stones, bottles and fruit.

Three hundred police donned riot gear and used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse a crowd of 5,000.

When Mexico play Bulgaria in New York next Tuesday streets will be barricaded, extra officers deployed and special teams set up to wade into crowds and arrest lawbreakers, said Lt Michael Gawitney of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Pasadena Star News said the "disturbance" would have turned into a riot if the police had not shown restraint in the first place.

Basically, the police here like to keep traffic moving and fans on the sidewalk.

England fans might not have responded so meekly to police who are literally dressed to kill.

Police in Orlando, where Ireland play Holland on Monday, have reported no trouble worth speaking of.

"We have already had the Irish here and they were very much into having a good time. Okay, maybe they push that good time to the limit sometimes but generally they've been on line," said Charlie Wright, Orlando's deputy police chief.

Martinez dissolved into tears at courtside after winning an absorbing contest of supreme quality against the 37-year-old holder of a record nine singles titles at Wimbledon and 18 Grand Slam singles titles overall.

The Spaniard was challenged repeatedly by Navratilova to hit backhand passing shots and, except for missing three in a row to drop the second set, responded magnificently to lift her first Grand Slam singles title.

Navratilova tried everything to stem the tide against her inspired opponent but eventually succumbed on the first match point when a running forehand went wide into the traminets.

Navratilova known as "the legend" among her fellow players, received a standing ovation and was all smiles at the end, fully realising that she had been beaten by a better player in a contest lasting one hour and 55 minutes.

"I gave it everything I had

It's sad but it would have been sad even if I had won, being my last," Navratilova said.

"I'm happy I got to the final, because not many people thought I would get that far after I lost first round at the French Open," she said.

"Conchita played amazing tennis. She's never passed me so much on her backhand side," Navratilova said in tribute to her opponent.

She spoke of her love for Wimbledon. "It's like a love affair that grows, like a relationship. It's gets deeper. I feel this place in my bones. There's no place like it."

She had a conversation with the Duchess of Kent after her defeat and Navratilova was asked what was said.

"She tried to talk me not coming back and playing singles again," Navratilova said. "I told her I would not be playing singles but I'd definitely be back."

"All right. We'll definitely have tea," the Duchess told her.



American Martina Navratilova wipes away a tear after losing to Spaniard Conchita Martinez in her record 12th Wimbledon singles final in London yesterday. Martinez won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. — AFP photo

### FIFA appalled

DALLAS, July 2: FIFA said today it was appalled by the news that Colombian soccer player Andres Escobar had been shot dead in Medellin, apparently in a row over an own goal he gave away in the World Cup, reports Reuters.

Escobar, whose team were knocked out of the tournament in the first round after a disappointing performance, was shot about a dozen times by a group of men as he left a restaurant early today he died in hospital soon after.

"We were appalled at the news," said Andreas Herren, a spokesman for soccer's international governing body. "Everybody at FIFA is deeply shocked."

FIFA was expected to make a more formal statement later today.

### Pakistan end Aussie run

AMSTERDAM, July 2: Pakistan ended Australia's unbeaten run in a seven nation men's tournament on Saturday with a crushing 7-2 victory, reports Reuters.

Tahir Zaman, reshuffled to centre-half because of injury, was the architect of Pakistan's triumph, dominating the midfield as well as making several crucial blocks against a total of 11 Australian penalty corners.

Pakistan raced to a far-goal lead in 20 minutes through Asif Bajwa from Tahir's free hit, Kamran Ashraf from Bajwa's centre, Muhammad Shahbaz, also from a Tahir pass and Rahim Khan with his first touch of the ball arriving as substitute when Muhammad Shahbaz went off injured.

Stephen Davies pulled one back before halftime and when Jay Stacy converted a second half penalty corner Pakistan seemed briefly in danger before Ashraf and Bajwa added a second each and Danish Kaleem thumped in a penalty corner for the seventh.

South Africa won their first game of the tournament, beating Malaysia 3-0 but they had to wait until seven minutes from the end to be sure of victory after Kevin Chree had put Mike Cullen in to open the scoring in the seventh minute.

### Army hockey champs

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army clinched the title of the Ragbi Ali Gold Cup national hockey championship defeating Dhaka District by a lone goal in the final at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Havildar Alfaz struck the match decider in the 31st minute from a penalty corner.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

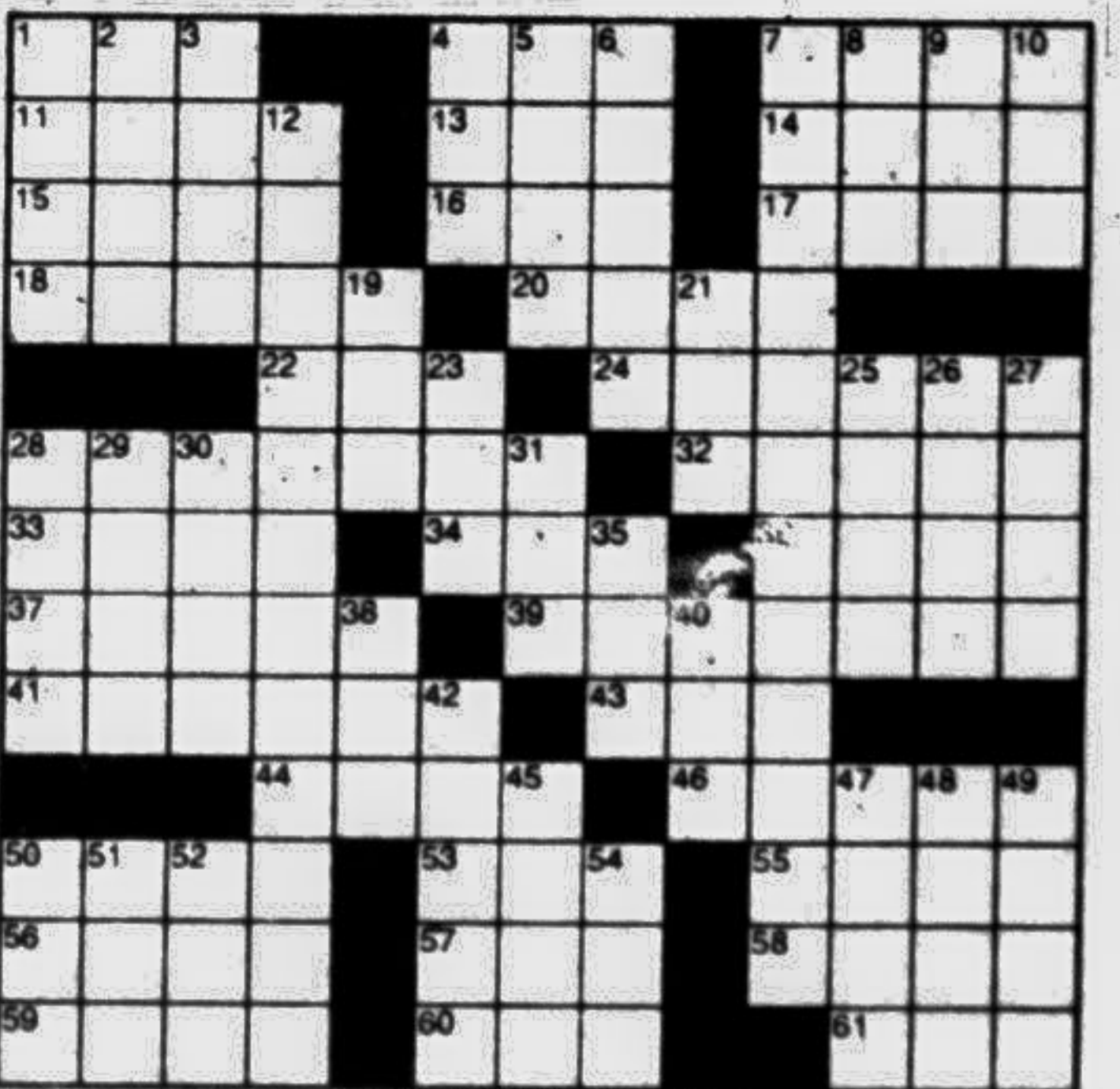
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Saturday's answer 11-1



CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptogram: LIMERICK WRITER MAY WET HIS WHISTLE WITH A LIME RICKY.

Today's Cryptogram clue: W equals P

The Cryptogram 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.