

Sport

Column One

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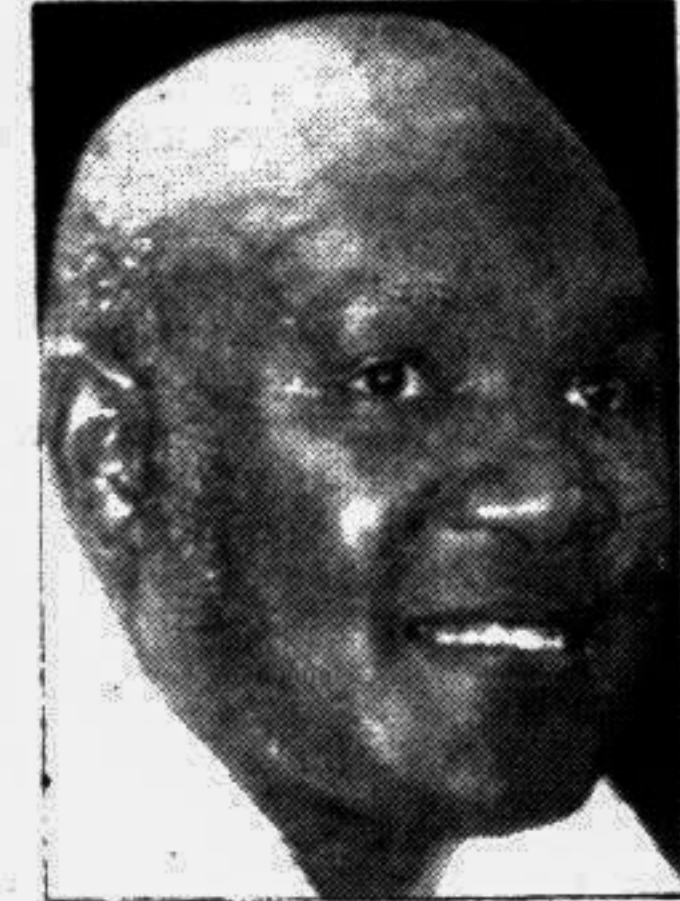
(The Professor does)

THAT disinterested in sports can cost you dearly. So much so that you risk losing the post of Prime Minister. Well, in this moment in time, we are constantly on the lookout for precedence. And, I am mighty glad to announce that after thorough research, I have indeed found historical evidence that lack of knowledge in sports can be suicidal.

Prime Minister Briand, leader of France after the first world war, was not a golf player. And, this unfortunate omission was to cost him the premiership of his country. At a meeting in Cannes with the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Bonomi and the British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, a game of golf was suggested by Lloyd Briand and Bonomi, neither of whom had ever swung a club before, un- wisely agreed in the "tamasha" that followed. Briand was seen making a fool of himself by digging the earth rather than hitting the ball. This fiasco was accompanied by laughter from the assembled journalists. The next day's newspapers were full of Briand's "being held up to ridicule," and four days later he was forced to resign.

In Bangladesh, there is no dearth of interest by politicians in sporting clubs, or vice versa. Almost all of our national leaders have exhibited keen interest in sports either as a player during their youth or as organisers later in their life. Contrary to the French example, we have had sportsmen and organisers attain, political success because of their sporting exploits. Actually, we are nothing like the French.

SPORTS TALK



George Foreman (World heavyweight champion) Boxing is sort of like jazz. The better it is the less amount of people can appreciate it.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-5. Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Sept 22, 1995)

- 1. The highest Test innings score is by Sobers Lara Hanif
2. The ruling body of world hockey is FIH WHF IHF
3. The first Bangladeshis to cross the English Channel was Brogan Dasj Abdul Malek Mosharrar
4. The next soccer World Cup will be held in Brazil Japan France
5. The current world chess champion is Kasparov Kasparov Anand

Name: Class: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (if any)

Sports WHIZZ KID-4

Winners of the competition

- 1. Haleemur Rasheed Scholastica Dhaka
2. Nafisa Akhter Banani Bidya Nekaton Dhaka
3. Nafees Ali Sunny Dale Dhaka
4. Alina Andalib Viquarunnisa Noon School Dhaka
5. Tajila Tabassum Sabuj Sathi Kindergarten Feni (Please send your photographs)

BAF b'ball

The annual basketball championship of the Bangladesh Air Force started at the BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur at Tangail on Saturday, reports BSS.

In the opening match, the Air Headquarters Unit defeated the hosts BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur 89-61.

Pakistan 294 for 8 at stumps Lankan bowlers' reprisal



FAISALABAD, Sept 16: Sri Lankan bowlers struck hard and fast in the closing session on the second day of the second cricket Test against Pakistan in Faisalabad on Saturday, reports AP.

When stumps were drawn for the day Pakistan, in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 223, was 294 for eight. The home team, which was well placed at 288 for five, lost the last three wickets in the space of three runs.

Asanka Gurusingha, who shared the second new ball with Pramodya Wickremasinghe, had the wickets of half century Inzamamul Haq and Wasim Akram in his third over with the new ball.

Wickremasinghe accounted for the wicket of Ijaz Ahmed, who managed to hit three boundaries in his brief knock of 16 in front of his home crowd.

Earlier, after resuming their first innings at the overnight total of 43 for 1, opener Saeed Anwar and captain Rameez Raja scored their second consecutive half centuries in the series.

But it was a subdued knock of 34 from night-watcher Saqlain Musthaq, who frustrated Sri Lankan bowlers for 224 minutes.

Anwar completed his seventh Test half-century in the first session of play with the help of eight boundaries, but fell shortly afterward to off-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan. Raja added 59 runs with

Mushtaq for the third wicket as the latter's patient knock of 34 was finally ended by Muralidharan. Raja and Inzamam's association of fifth wicket yielded 45 runs in only 57 minutes and in the process Pakistan's captain completed his 50 with the help of eight fours. Raja, when he looked set to make his maiden Test 100 on home soil, was caught by substitute Dulip Samaraweera at silly point, off part-time off-spinner Aravinda De Silva. Arjuna Ranatunga took the



RAMEEZ RAJA... 75 new ball after 100 overs and Inzamam, who had hit some

fluent cover drives off De Silva, played on while trying to hook Gurusingha. Prior to Inzamam's departure, Ijaz disappointed his fans at his home of Faisalabad and edged Wickremasinghe to wicketkeeper Chamara Dunsinghe before Gurusingha took two wickets in his one over.

Pakistan now have an overall lead of 71 runs with two wickets still in hand.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at the close of the second day's play in the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka here Saturday: SRI LANKA: 1st innings 233 (Hashan Tillekeratne 115; Aaquib Javed 3/34; Saqlain Mushtaq 3/74).

PAKISTAN: 1st innings (overnight 43-1) Saeed Anwar c De Silva b Muralidharan 54

Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Balls, Fours, Sixes. Includes players like Muralidharan, Gurusingha, Dunsinghe, etc.

Title beckons Warwickshire



LONDON, Sept 16: Warwickshire took a giant stride towards retaining their County Championship title on Friday as they forced Kent to follow on 229 runs behind with two days remaining in their final match of the season, reports Reuter.

Middlesex, the only side with a chance of overtaking them, made a brave challenge after losing the first day of their match against Somerset through rain with England paceman Angus Fraser taking five wickets.

Fraser grabbed the first three wickets to leave Somerset in trouble at 42 for three but fighting half-centuries by Richard Harden (63), Andy Hayburst (71) and Keith Parsons (62) frustrated the title contenders.

Fraser took two more wickets with the second new ball to end with five for 36 but by the close Somerset had recovered to reach 306 for eight and leave Middlesex with an almost impossible

task. In order to pip Warwickshire, Middlesex must take the maximum 24 points from their match and hope the leaders fail to beat Kent. Kent were 18 without loss

Bagan win

CALCUTTA, Sept 16: Mohun Bagan defeated Valencia Club of Maldives 2-1 in the first round home match of the 15th Asia Cup Cup Championship at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports PTI.

Mohun Bagan forged ahead in the seventeenth minute of the opening session through striker Manoharan in a rather lackluster match. Valencia restored parity immediately after the breather when forward Lawrence Tony Okator placed the ball in from inside the box.

The euphoria was, however, shortlived as Satyabrata Bhowmik struck the match winner in the very next minute to seal the fate of the opponent.

in their second innings by the close after Warwickshire skipper Dermot Reeve had wrecked them with five for 30 as they were all out for 239 first time round, despite a brave 103 from Graham Cowdry.

Warwickshire earlier raced to 468 for six declared as Roger Twose, in possibly his last innings for the county before he emigrates to New Zealand, hit an unbeaten 109 to add to opener Nick Knight's 174.

Lancashire's hopes of lifting themselves to their in the final table took a pounding at Derby where England paceman Dominic Cork completed a haul of seven for 61 to take him to 90 wickets for the season.

The fourth placed visitors added just 21 to their overnight 134 for eight with Derbyshire then responding by reaching 161 for two in their second innings for a lead of 273.

Kim Barnett was unbeaten on 80 at the close in his last championship innings as Derbyshire skipper.

Windies' surprising selection Hooper, Arthurton axed



BRIDGETOWN (Barbados), Sept 16: Selectors have raised more questions than answers in announcing the West Indies squad for a two-week tour of the United Arab Emirates, reports AFP.

Only nine players from the 17-strong squad that finished

October 11-20. Only one player completely new to international cricket is named — off-spinning all-rounder Nehemiah Pery of Jamaica, whose improved batting has strengthened his case.

Following Friday's announcement of the 14-member squad, West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) chairman of selectors David Holford said: "This is the best team we could choose in the circumstances."

Two players ignored for the England tour have returned — opening batsmen Phil Simmons and fast bowlers Andy Cummins. Roger Harper, whose last international was against England at Queen's Park, Oval, last year, and Hamesh Anthony, discarded after the World Series Cup in Australia nearly four years ago, also win recalls.

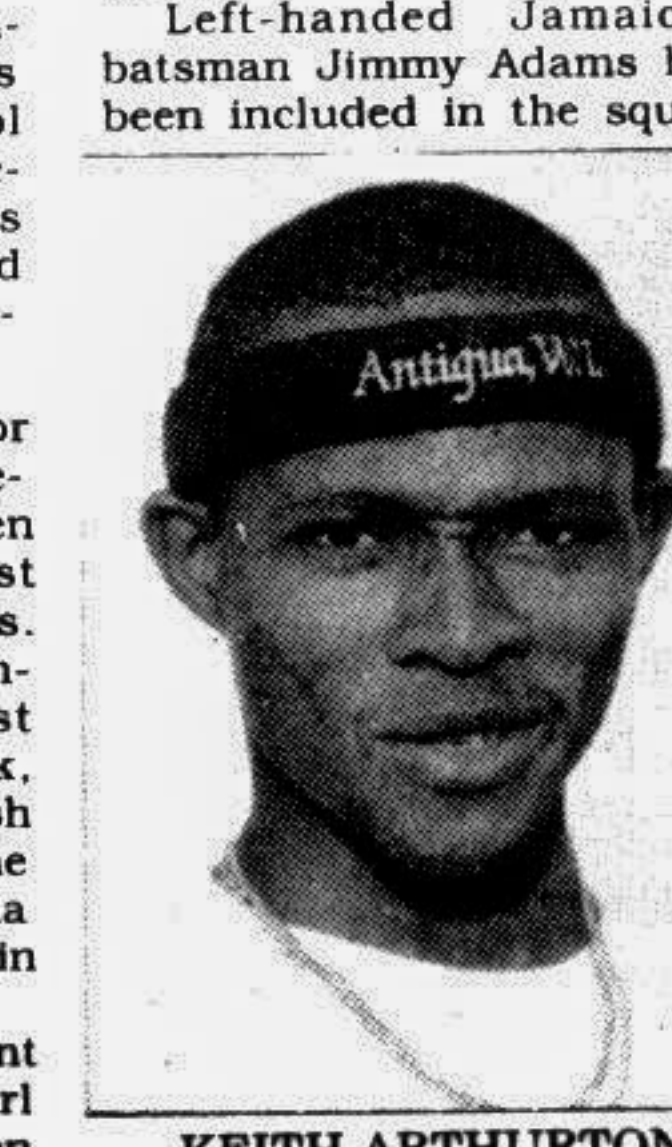
But the chief talking point will be the omission of Carl Hooper, who has so often contributed decisively in one-day internationals. Hooper has a career statistics of 3,017 runs in 133 matches at an average of 33.15 runs but his recent record of 894 runs in his last 18 matches at an average of 59.60 underline is more revealing.

Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray, Kenneth Benjamin, Vashert Drakes and Rajindra Dhanraj are the other out-cases from the team captained by Richie Richardson.

Their absence may only be temporary with the World Series Cup in Australia in prospect later this year, followed by the World Cup in Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka next year.

Fast bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh were not considered for selection for the tour to the United Arab Emirates. They "accepted the WICBC's offer to rest from the tour," according to a WICBC statement.

Left-handed Jamaican batsman Jimmy Adams has been included in the squad



KEITH ARTHURTON but must undergo a fitness test on a cheekbone fractured in England last month and on a troublesome knee which underwent surgery on Monday.

In the United Arab Emirates, West Indies play four one-day internationals — five if they reach the final — in a triangular series involving Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

SQUAD

Richie Richardson (captain), Jimmy Adams, Hamesh Anthony, Ian Bishop, Courtney Browne, Sherwin Campbell, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Andy Cummins, Ottis Gibson, Roger Harper, Brian Lara, Nehemiah Perry, Phil Simmons, Stuart Williams.



Walid Abdel Rahman of Jordan (C) tries to make his way through the Qatari defenders during the Asian Group 8 Olympic play-off at the Al-Hussein Stadium in Amman on Sept 15. Qatar won 2-1. — AFP/UNB photo

Diego's crusade begins in Paris this weekend

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 16: Argentine star Diego Maradona said he will fly to Paris this weekend to take part in a meeting of a world soccer players' union he is promoting, reports Reuter.

"We are going to tell the world that we want to fight for soccer players," he said in remarks published Friday. "There are currently 20 players who make good money while the rest get nothing — and on top of that they are treated like rubbish," the controversial Maradona said.

Maradona, 34, will return to professional soccer in two weeks after the expiry of his 15-month suspension by FIFA, the World Soccer Federation, for failing an anti-dope test during last year's US World Cup finals.

The former Argentine team captain has been calling for the creation of a soccer players union since 1990. He has said such a union should help players get better salaries, participate in TV broadcast revenue and get better working conditions.

Maradona said many players, were invited and he urged them to show up for the meeting. "I will say what I think of those who choose not to attend in due course," he warned.

Bayern keep battering

BONN, Sept 16: German international defender Markus Babel's second goal of the match three minutes from time gave Bayern Munich a 3-2 victory over Kaiserslautern on Friday, preserving their 100 per cent record of success this season, reports Reuter.

The win left Bayern with 18 points from their first six Bundesliga Games and ensured they would stay top of the league regardless of what happens in today's matches. "Swiss Ciriaco Sforza was their other marksman.

In the night's only other match Karlsruhe crushed Fortuna Duesseldorf 3-1.

It's an all-Indonesian final

JAKARTA, Sept 16: Hosts Indonesia were guaranteed the men's singles crown at the

180,000 US dollars World Cup badminton championships on Saturday after two of their players, Allan Budi Kusuma and Joko Suprianto, reached the men's singles final, reports Reuter.

In the semifinals, Kusuma, ranked third in the world, defeated compatriot Ardy B Wiranata, ranked fourth, 15-10, 15-3 while Suprianto beat Chen Gang of China 15-2, 15-7.

In Sunday's final Susanti will face another Chinese player, Ye Zhaoying, who beat her in the semifinals at the Lausanne World Championships in May. Ye, ranked third, defeated Indonesian Mia Audina 11-6,

4-11, 11-7 in her semifinal here. Susanti said her match with Ye would be a chance for revenge.

"I will do my best. I can say the game will be a kind of revenge because personally there is a will for revenge," she said.

Susanti, who is engaged to Kusuma, said her defeat in Lausanne was due to the fact that she lost her confidence. "I tried to change my style then but I did not succeed," she said.

Earlier on Friday, three Indonesian men and two of the host country's women reached the singles semifinals.

World number three Allan Budi Kusuma beat Chinese Dong Jiong 15-12, 15-14 to clinch his group in the round robin phase of the invitation-only event in Jakarta's Senayan Stadium.

Compatriots Joko Suprianto, ranked fifth, beat Korean Kim Hak-Kyun 17-16, 15-5 to win his group while fourth-ranked Ardy Wiranata

defeated Fung Permadi, an Indonesian who plays for Taiwan, 15-4, 8-15, 15-3.

Chen Gang of China completed the semifinal lineup with a 15-6, 15-2, victory over Tomas Johansson of Sweden.

In the women's singles, world number one and top seed Susi Susanti will challenge world champion Ye Zhaoying of China in the semifinals after easily beating Korean Kim Ji-Jyun 11-2, 11-4.

Susanti played her well-known game of attrition with long rallies and attacking lobs. Against Zhaoying she will bid for revenge for her semifinal defeat by the Chinese in the Lausanne World Championships in May. Zhaoying beat Indonesian Yuliani Sentosa 10-12, 11-6, 11-1.

Another Indonesian, Mia Audina, reached the semifinals after beating Camilla Martin of Denmark 11-8, 12-9. Her opponent will be Sweden's All-England champion Lim Xiao Qing.

NY yields another draw

NEW YORK, Sept 16: Indian challenger Viswanathan Anand held steady on Friday for a fourth draw with Garry Kasparov of Russia in the Professional Chess Association World Championship match, reports Reuter.

Kasparov, champion since 1985 and considered the strongest player in the history of the game, offered Anand a draw after making his 21st move in the fourth game of their best-of-20 match even though he had the material advantage of a pawn.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, he could have played a few more moves," Anand said after the game. "I'm basically quite happy with the way the match is going."

Both players have two points after four draws. The winner will be the first to reach 10-1/2 points, Kasparov, who is

defending his title for the fifth time, would retain it in the event of a 10-10 tie.

Playing with the white pieces for the second time in the match that began Monday, the Russian Grand Master chose the positional English opening. Grand Master observers agreed that he had developed a better position and he won a pawn on his 16th move.

However, Anand's careful placement of his black pieces denied Kasparov the chance to convert the slight material advantage into a winning game and another draw was agreed after not much more than two hours at the board.

The fifth game will be played on Monday. The match, scheduled to end October 13, is being played in a specially designed soundproof glass both on the 107th observation deck of the World Trade Centre overlooking New York City. Kasparov, 32, defended

successfully three times against fellow Russian and arch-rival Anatoly Karpov and once against Britain's Nigel Short in London in 1993.

Short and Kasparov broke ties with the International Chess Federation. Known by its French acronym FIDE, and formed the Professional Chess Association.

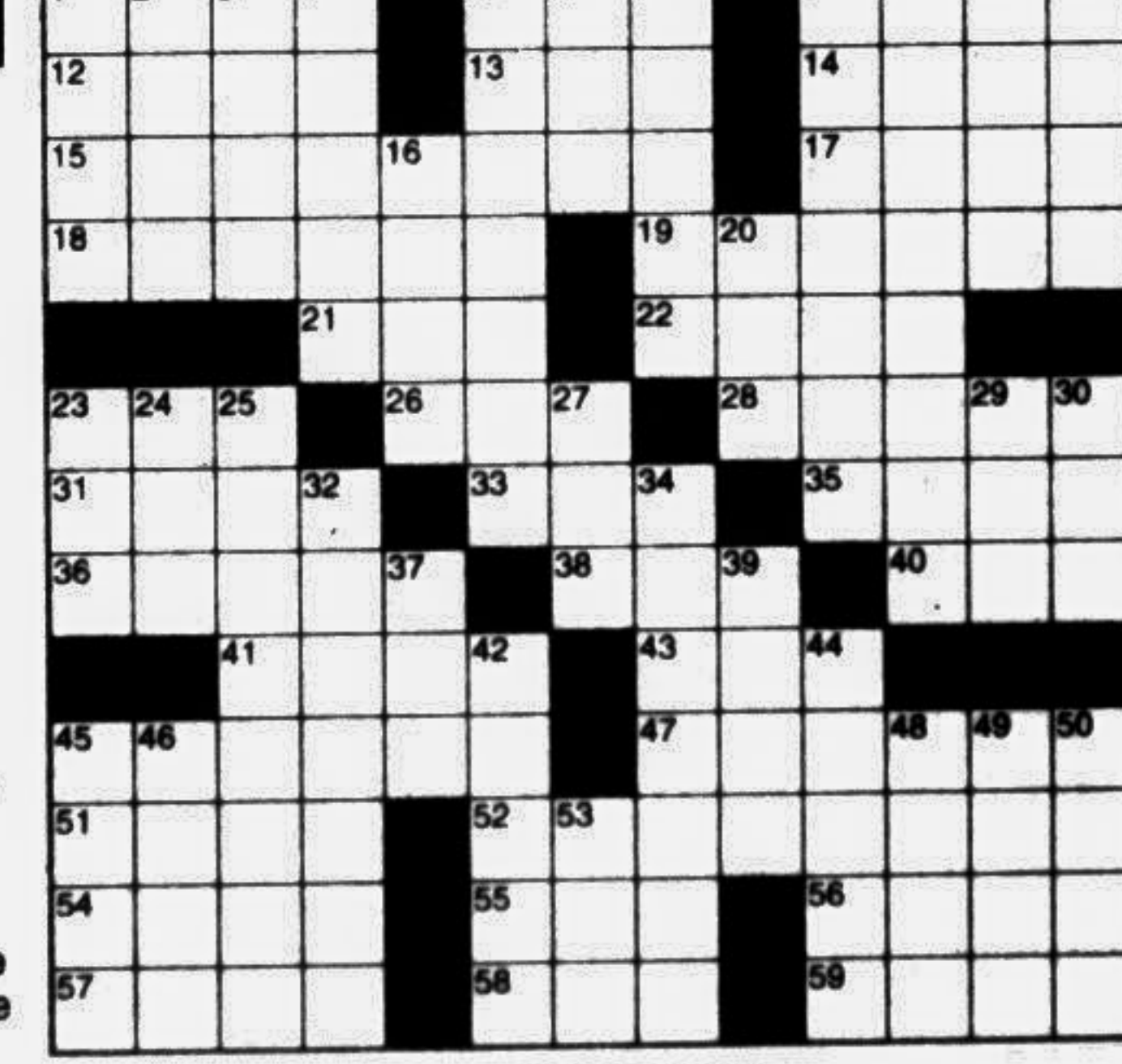
Limpar's WC misery

STOCKHOLM, Sept 16: Swedish international winger Anders Limpar has spoken of the humiliation he felt at only playing for 11 minutes in Sweden's successful 1994 World Cup in the United States, reports AFP.

The 29-year-old Everton winger told "Europeisk Football" review: "I have never felt as humiliated in my whole life than during the 1994 World Cup."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP L P G G P O Z T E Q Y T V Q P LTAX DZ ZYP QTIOZYTIGP OP GZDIODXZ ADG ZTOZ. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: INTENSE LOCAL REAL ESTATE SALESMAN HAD A ONE-TRACT MIND. Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals W 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.