

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

HAT- Shirley Jackson wrote a highly successful book, 'The Lottery'...

SPORTS TALK



Todd Martin (US-tennis player) 'In a way I do feel guilty, I don't think I deserve this much money...'

SPORTS WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN...

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-17

- 1. Who is the highest run accumulator in Test cricket?
2. What is the official name of the sixth cricket World Cup?
3. Who is the current French Open singles men's champion?
4. Brazilian footballer Bebeto plays club football in...
5. The 1997 ICC Trophy cricket tournament will be held in...

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King seeks tax relief

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Dec 11: Don King, who was chased from New Jersey because he faces charges of tax fraud seeks a tax break from this city where Mike Tyson and Buster Mathis Jr will fight on Saturday...

King wants city and state officials to reduce taxes on the five million dollar purse and the five million dollars being paid for television rights by the Ruppert Murdoch owned Fox network.

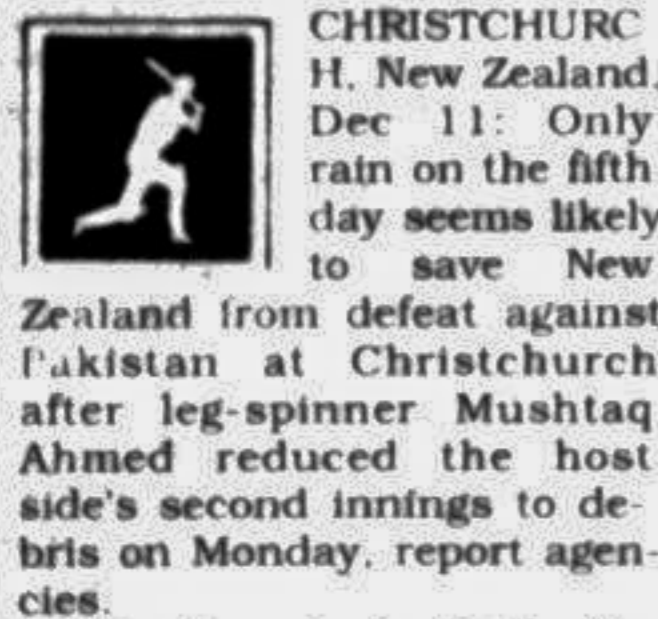
'The tax is the tax it's part of the law. It's not going to change,' said Greg Sirb executive director of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission.

King would have to pay the city 216,000 dollars if Tyson wins under tight tax rules passed here a decade ago charging all athletes who play here for portions of their salary earned in the city.

King has also struck deals for more than 1,000 hotel room night throughout the city at no charge. Two hotels made deals in exchange for having King stay there during the week.

While a common practice in casino towns like Atlantic City and Las Vegas, there were many rejections and complaints before King found the rooms at no charge.

Kiwis date with incubus



CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Dec 11: Only rain on the fifth day seems likely to save New Zealand from defeat against Pakistan at Christchurch after leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed reduced the host side's second innings to debris on Monday...

Mushtaq took 5-43, the third time he has taken five or more wickets in a Test innings, to leave New Zealand at 158 for seven at the close on the fourth day, needing a further 199 to win.

Mushtaq's mystique spell brought Pakistan into the driving seat. He picked up four wickets for 14 runs in the second session and added one more before stumps as he bowled unchanged from the 13th over of the day.

Unfortunately for the home side, the weather forecast for the last day is clear, meaning only a brilliant rear-guard action can save New Zealand's blushes.

Needing 357 to win the match, Craig Spearman and Bryan Young put on 50 runs in a positive start before Young was caught at the wicket off Mushtaq for 18.

The in-form leg-spinner then removed Adam Parore, who was judged lbw after mistiming a sweep and being struck on the front pad. Debutant Spearman was on 33 when he tried to drive a leg-break, failed to get to the pitch of the ball, and edged it to Aamir Sohail at slip.

Fifteen minutes before the tea-break, Chris Cairns charged down the wicket to Mushtaq, but his attempted straight drive sailed straight to Sahim Malik at mid-on for any easy catch.

After the fifth wicket fell at 75, Roger Twose and captain Lee Germon consolidated slightly before Germon was out with the score on 101.

Attempting a sharp single, he could not beat the throw to the wicketkeeper from Ijaz Ahmed and was given out by the third umpire for 12.

Mushtaq's fifth dismissal was stunning. Dipak Patel failed to make contact with a sweep shot from well outside the leg-stump and the ball

turned sharply to bowl him for 15. Earlier in the day, fast bowler Waqar Younis hit his highest Test score as the Pakistan tail frustrated New Zealand's attempts to wrap up the tourists' second innings.

The day began well for the Kiwis when Pakistan captain Wasim Akram was caught at first slip for 19 in the fourth over of the day.

Mushtaq and Waqar then both showed a keen eye for the scoring opportunity and



MUSHTAQ... 5 for 43

neither gave a chance. Pakistan were dismissed for 434 in their second innings 20 minutes before lunch, after resuming on 369 for seven.

Waqar hit 34, of which 28 runs came in boundaries. Both batsmen took the attack to the bowlers despite being struck crippling blows.

Cairns hit Waqar in the groin and play was held up for several minutes as Waqar regained his composure.

Mushtaq suffered some discomfort after Morrison hit him on the left knee. The appeal for lbw was declined, but Mushtaq collapsed on the pitch in pain and hobbled around for some time afterwards.

Mushtaq and Waqar added 41 valuable runs for the ninth wicket before Mushtaq got a leading edge to slow-medium

Gavin Larsen, the ball lobbing gently in the air for wicket-keeper Lee Garmon to take the catch.

Then Waqar went leg before wicket, giving Larsen two for 58 from 29 overs.

The most successful New Zealand bowler was Chris Cairns with three for 114, while Danny Morrison and Dion Nash took two wickets apiece and off-spinner Dipak Patel one.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Pakistan and New Zealand scores, batsmen, and bowlers. Includes sub-sections for First and Second innings.

Table with columns for New Zealand Second Innings, batsmen, and bowlers.

Table with columns for Bowling (to date), batsmen, and bowlers.

V-Day cricket final Biman-MSD clash today

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club take on Bangladesh Biman in the final match of the Victory Day cricket tournament today at the Dhaka Stadium, reports UNB.

Mohammedans' successful skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul, in charge for a second successive year, is optimistic of his team's chances.

'If all of us perform accurately, we'll win,' said Bulbul, coming out from a cool shower at the club tent yesterday.

The dark and dapper national middle-order bat said he would opt to field first if he wins the toss.

'Considering our strong batting line-up, I feel it will be suitable to chase at target... it will also keep us free from any pressure generally found in long innings.'

Bulbul called his opponents Biman. 'A good combination of batting, bowling and fielding.'

Biman skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom was banking on his speedster Manna. The potential 18-year-old college student has no big match experience except some First Division matches for Bangladesh Railway last season.

'We depend a lot on him as he is capable of getting an early breakthrough, and restrict Mohammedans below 300 runs,' said Rupom.

Bangladesh Biman have reached a major tournament final this season after lifting the Damal Summer cricket trophy in 1979-80. Biman beat Mohammedans by 12 runs in the final to win their first Damal Summer crown.

Biman reached the Victory Day cricket final after they were declared winners against Abahani KC who refused to play midway through the Biman innings protesting umpires' decision.

Radio Bangladesh will broadcast running commentary of the match.

Rate of tickets: VIP Gate No. 1 - Tk 100, VIP Gate No. 3 - Tk 50, and gallery - Tk 15.

BCCB suspends Shanu

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Biman's middle order batsman Shahid Shahid Shanu will miss the final match of the Bijoy Dibash cricket tourney against Mohammedan Sporting Club starting today following a one-match suspension served upon him by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB).

The disciplinary measure follows Shanu's close involvement in a controversial umpiring decision that resulted in the abandonment of the second semifinal of the meet between his club and Abahani Krira Chakra on Friday. Shanu apart, Abahani's coach G M Hassan Tamim was also reprimanded for violating BCCB's code-of-conduct following the same incident. Tamim has been declared persona-non-grata for his side's next three games.

In a written statement issued last evening, the disciplinary committee of the BCCB who had earlier served show cause notices on both the accused suspended Shanu, a former national player, for not complying with the umpires ruling and admonished Tamim for intruding into the ground during the proceedings - a violation of a BCCB circular that restricts the entry of all but the players and the twelfth man into the field while a game is in progress.

Santos relive sensation

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 11: Santos gave a performance reminiscent of the club's great days as they overcame a three goal deficit against Fluminense on Sunday to reach the final of the Brazilian championship where they will face Botafogo, reports Reuter.

Santos beaten 4-1 in the first leg of their semifinal on Thursday, hammered Fluminense 5-2 to level the aggregate score at 6-6 and qualify on having the better overall record in the competition.

Botafogo went through on the same criteria after drawing 0-0 at home to Cruzeiro following a 1-1 draw in the first leg.

Santos striker Giovanni produced another virtuoso performance for his team scoring the first two goals and providing the passes for the other three.

Tillekeratne fights a losing battle Aussies abase Lankans



PERTH Dec 11: Sri Lanka already reeling from their conviction for ball-tampering, suffered a further demoralising blow today when they slumped to an innings defeat in the first Test against Australia, reports Reuter.

The tourists were dismissed for 330 in 93.4 overs in their second innings just

international Cricket Council match referee Graham Dowling on Saturday, the first time a Test side had been officially reprimanded for the offence.

After struggling to 251 in their first innings, the Sri Lanka bowling attack was demolished as Australia amassed a massive 617 for five declared, including a double century by opener and man-of-the-match Michael

Warne to bowl with his normal menace, reached his personal milestone by removing tail-ender Chaminda Vaas. The pace bowler took a wild swing at a Warne delivery only to top edge the ball high into the air to give wicketkeeper Ian Healy a simple catch.

Warne finished with figures of three for 96 to take his Test tally to 201. Fast bowler Gleen McGrath inflicted most of the early damage, taking three for 86, including both openers Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurusinghe.

Fellow fast bowler Craig McDermott also snared three wickets in a disciplined bowling display by the Australians.

After losing four wickets before lunch, Sri Lanka appeared poised to surrender tamely before Tillekeratne rallied his side during the afternoon session.

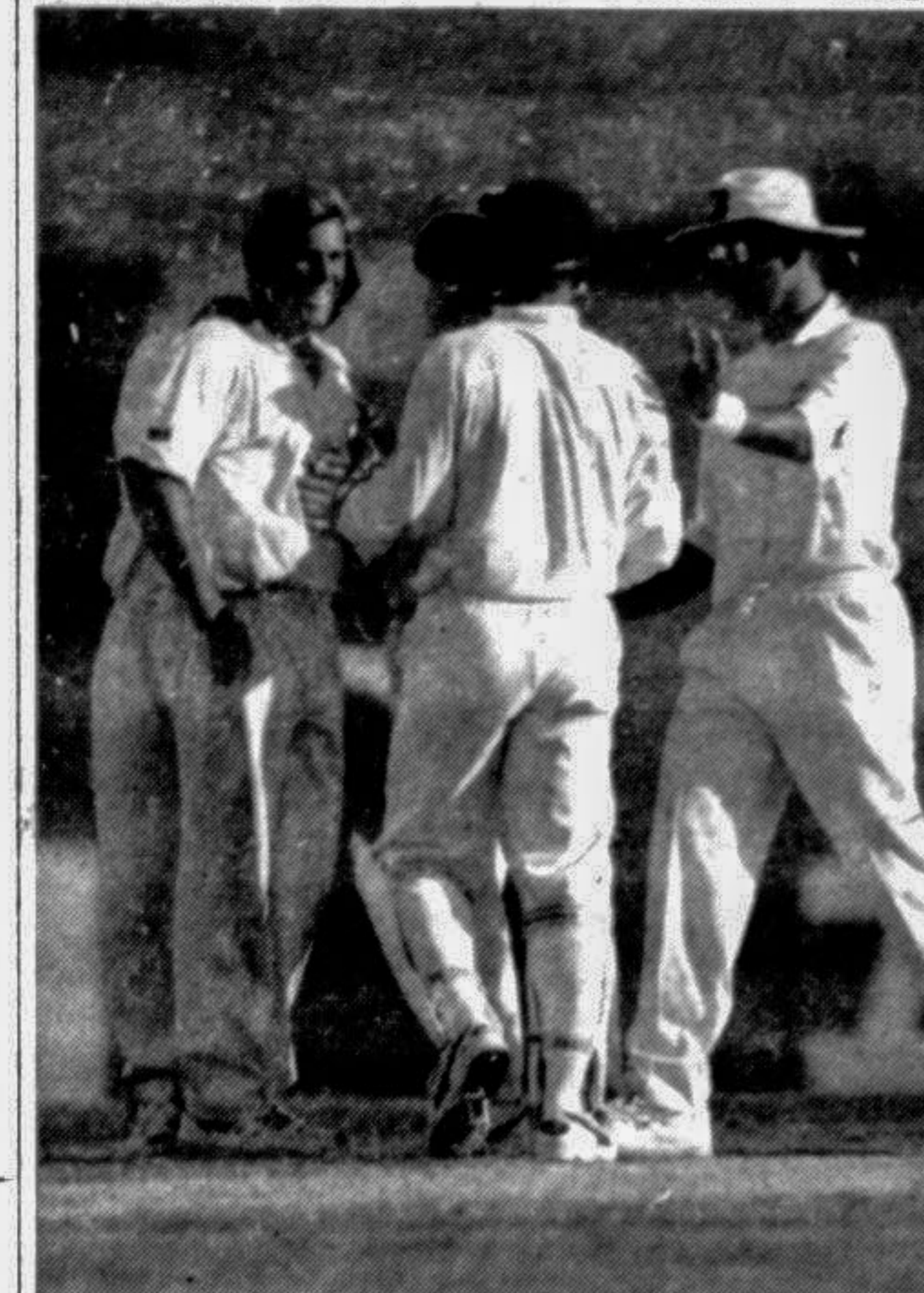
Three Sri Lankan batsmen - Mahanama, captain Arjuna Ranatunga, and wicketkeeper Ramesh Kaluwitharana - all scored over 40 but failed to build on their promising starts.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Sri Lanka and Australia scores, batsmen, and bowlers.

Result: Australia won by an innings and 36 runs. Man-of-the-match: Michael Slater.

Second Test: Melbourne: December 26-30. Third Test: Adelaide: January 25-29.



Australian spin wizard Shane Warne (L) is congratulated by teammates after dismissing his 200th Test victim - Chaminda Vaas - on the fourth day of the Perth Test against Sri Lanka on Monday. - AFP/UNB photo

before close on the fourth day at the WACA Ground to lose by an innings and 36 runs.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne steered his side to victory by claiming three wickets to pass 200 Test victims in only his 42nd appearance for his country.

Resuming on 13 with out loss, Sri Lanka failed to take the match into a fifth and final day despite a fine 119 by Hashan Tillekeratne.

Tillekeratne played with aggression and authority throughout a stay at the crease lasting more than four hours to record his highest Test score.

After hitting 52 hours, he was last man out when he lofted a simple catch to Ricky Ponting at deep mid-on off Warne's bowling.

Sri Lanka were found guilty of ball-tampering by



TILLEKERATNE...119 Slater. Warne, who otherwise

Biggies burst into life

PARIS, Dec 11: Europe's top soccer 'scrooges' ignored the fast-approaching festive season at the weekend, reports AFP.

There were precious few gifts on offer as Europe's league leaders made sure of extra helpings of Christmas pudding with solid wins just before the seasonal break.

Paris Saint Germain fans got the biggest slice of Christmas cheer, with five courses in the 5-0 annihilation of reigning champions Nantes.

The PSG scoresheet, making them massive favourites for the title, read like a who's who of the French league's most dynamic players.

Panamanian international Dely Valdes - with his 12th strike of the season - French international Youri Djorkaeff

and former Nantes old boy Patrice Loko had made it 3-0 by the break before Brazilian star Rai hit the fourth and pascal Nouma the fifth.

In Spain, leaders Atletico Madrid were almost as severe with a 3-1 thrashing of Barcelona in front a 57,000-strong crowd, taking them four points clear of the Catalans.

And Espanol, just two points behind on 34, crushed visiting Real Madrid by the same scoreline. Dane Michael Laudrup offering the losers scant consolation with the final goal of the game in the 88th minute.

In the Bundesliga, both Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich won, giving themselves a massive cushion for the second half of the season which begins on February 9.

Unbeaten Dortmund are on 40 points and Bayern 38,

way clear placed of third placed Stuttgart's 28.

Juergen Klinsman added a late penalty after being brought down himself - an offence that earned Andre Winkhold a red card - to give Bayern a 2-0 victory at Fortuna Dusseldorf.

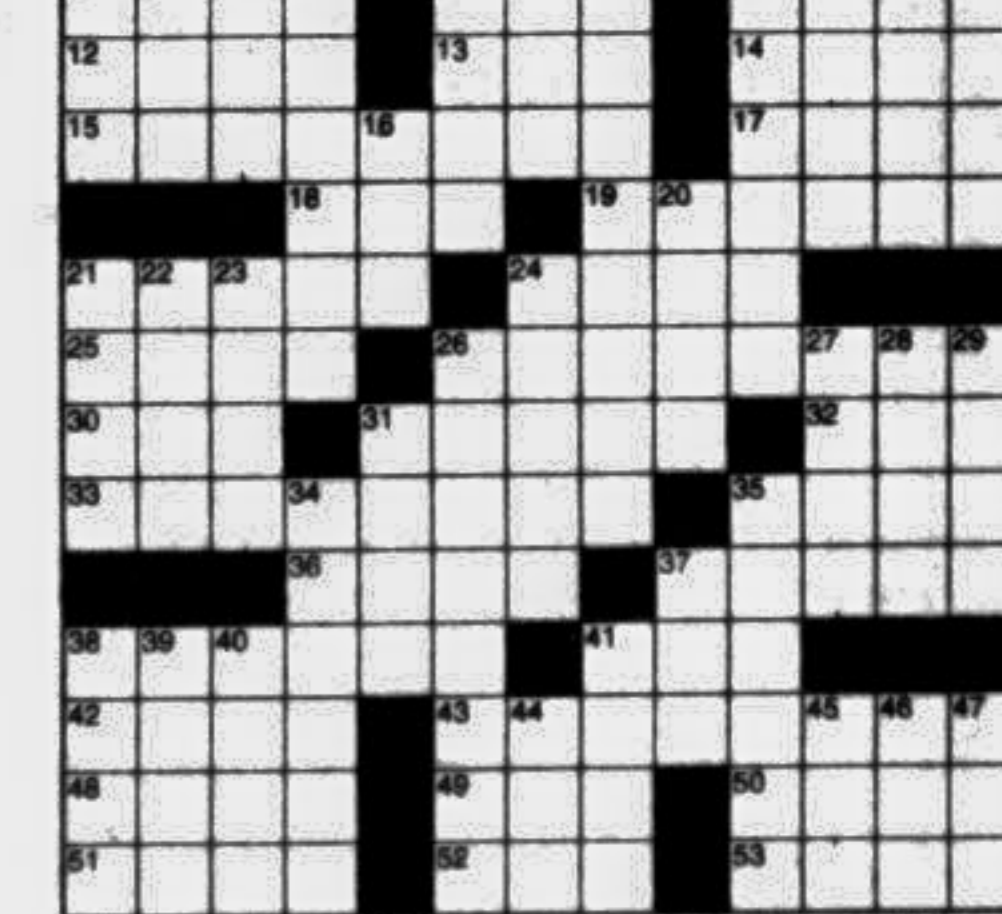
Ironically, Italy ... and AC Milan, normally the biggest scrooges of them all ... provided the one exception to the weekend rule.

Fabio Capello's men could only draw 0-0 at home to Napoli, allowing the Hristo Stochkov-Less Parma to move to within two points at the top of Serie A.

Parma left the Bulgarian striker on the bench but Colombian Faustino Asprilla proved the perfect substitute, paving the way to a 2-1 home win over hapless Lazio with a 37th minute goal.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Dagger handle, 5 Moonshine container, 8 Imperfection, 12 Tom, 13 Put to work, 14 - patrie, 15 Bland, 17 Auditor's desire, 18 Chic, and then some, 19 Bergman's, 21 Up, 24 Confront, 25 Skunk's defense, 26 Coworkers, 30 Culpa, 31 Cineplex offerings, 32 Menagerie, 33 Bl, 35 A-line creator, 36 Answers, on 'Jeopardy', 37 Wharton's titular farmer, 38 Japan's abbr., 41 'A curse upon thee!', 42 Currier's cohort, 43 Shares, 46 Great, 49 Cry of discovery, 50 Carte, 51 Object of worship, 52 'Platoon', 53 'The Glass', 54 - patrie, 55 School dance, 56 Rap sheet, 57 Solution time: 24 mins., 58 JOB CABOT JAB, 59 AVE ANEAR EGO, 60 WALTERGATE RUN, 61 GEE HAWKED, 62 HODGEG STIGWOOD, 63 DOG BEE STIGARS, 64 FELL DUD STAY, 65 PADED PIE EVA, 66 WARS SNOODER, 67 ARIARATIA FORD, 68 VIKING KING, 69 TIK TAKING JOO, 70 DER REEDY FEZ, 21 Easy victory, 22 Notion, 23 Make like an eagle, 24 Bridal veil and, 26 Notice word, 27 Basso Pinza, 28 Hostler's offering, 29 Incensed, 31 Angle, 34 Mortarboard, 35 adumbration, 37 In good condition, 38 Stereo setup, 39 'Metamorphoses' poet, 40 Infamous lyricist, 41 Gift-tag word, 44 Cry of discovery, 45 One of Hawaii's Maunans, 46 Quartermaster's ally, 47 Seek restitution



CRYPTOQUIP P E O F O S H T T B Q O M H Y N T I G Q T T N X M D Y E J T D Y X B C A X X J B Y Q S C E M O G O G T F Q T A P D H Yesterday's Cryptogram: ON THE DAY WHEN THREAD WAS INVENTED, EVERYONE SAID, 'DARN IT!' Today's Cryptogram clue: Q equals W 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.