COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-30 Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Mar 22, 1996) How many wickets did West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose take in the World Cup '96?

10 wickets 12 wickets Where will the next cricket World Cup be held? England S. Africa Australia

Who scored the first hundred in

World Cup 96? Astle Spearman Twose Who was the man-of-the-match in

the 1975 World Cup final? Clive Lloyd Viv Richards R. Kanhai The present South African cricket captain is

Rhodes Cronje

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Day Whatmore (Coach of Sri Lanka, the world champions)

I don't think Sri Lankans will be able to match people with the mouth - I don't like using the word 'sledge' but prefer 'verbalise.' The only way they can match people is with the bat and by fielding."

Lothar included in Vogts' invitation

BONN, Mar 19: Germany coach Berti Vogts has invited Lothar Matthaeus to join the Germany squad for next week's friendly against Denmark — but only for dinner, not for training, reports Reuter.

Unveiling his squad for the March 27 fixture in Munich. Vogts said he would decide at the end of April if Matthaeus would be a part of his Eurocan Championship plans.

In the meantime, however, Vogts has invited the former national team captain to join the squad for a meal in Munich. Matthaeus, Germany's most capped player, is struggling to get back into the na-

tional team after injury. But Vogts made clear that even if Matthaeus returned to the side, it would not be in his old libero position. That slot is now occupied by Borussia Dortmund's Matthias Sammer.

The 27-man squad for the

game against Denmark in-

cludes four uncapped players

- Freiburg defender Martin

Spanring, Hansa Rostock mid-

fielder Stefan Beinlich and

goalkeepers Bernd Meier of

1860 Munich and Dirk Heinen

Jacquet overlooks

Cantona, Ginola

trainer Aime Jacquet recalled

Paris St Germain defender

Alain Roche on Monday when

he named a squad of 16 to play

Belgium in a warm-up match

for June's European Champi-

most of the season with a seri-

ous knee injury, returned to

club action recently and could

well start in the centre of the

back four in Brussels on March

his former partner in the heart

of the defence, Laurent Blanc

of Auxerre, who is also playing

again after a long injury lay-off.

alongside AC Milan's Marcel

five matches and are on a

record unbeaten streak of 19

games since Jacquet took

his English exiles Eric Cantona

and David Ginola even though

two key midfielders, Youri

Djorkaeff and Vincent Guerin,

Desailly instead.

are injured.

charge two years ago.

Roche is likely to line up

France have won their last

Jacquet continued to omit

But there was no recall for

Roche, who has missed

onship finals, reports Reuter.

PARIS, Mar 19: French

of Bayer Leverkusen.

"If he comes, it won't be as libero. Matthias Sammer is and remains my libero because he's the best since (Franz) Beckenbauer," Vogts said.

Nwankow Kanw, is set to arrive back from Olympic international duty in Lagos in time to take his place. Finnish international Jari

after six weeks out with injury as Ajax attempt to make it 13 wins out of 14 against German sides in European competition, the defeat coming against Bayern Munich 15 years ago. For Dortmund, back on

top of the Bundesliga after appears a mission impossible, and key defender Stefan

Moeller is injured, prompting coach Ottmar Hitzfeld to admit "there's no point day dreaming" about his side's slim

Dortmund's only real chance lies in their abundance of attacking riches with Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat and Karlheinz Riedle back to fitness and form on last Sunday's evidence. A third option in attack - Hieko Herrlich will take his place on the

Ajax, assuming they march on, will face either Panathinaikos or Legia Warsaw in the

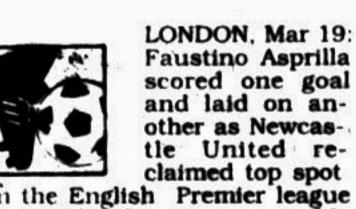
The Greeks 17 times national champions and with a fanatical crowd behind them. go into the game as favourites having eked out a goalless draw in Poland a fortnight ago.

makes it through, attempting to match the Dutch should .prove a thankless task.



Faustino Asprilla (C), Newcastles hero of the night scampers for the ball during an English Premier League encounter against West Ham at St James Park, Newcastle, on Mar 18. The Colombian international scored one goal and made another as Newcastle won 3-1. - AFP/UNB photo

Newcastle ride on Asprilla



tle United reclaimed top spot in the English Premier league with a 3-0 home win over 10man West Ham on Monday, reports Reuter.

Newcastle, who went three points clear with their first win in four games, reclaimed the slender lead Manchester United had snatched from them with their 1-1 draw at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday. United were ahead by a goal difference of one.

West Ham defender Steve Potts was sent off in the 32nd minute for his second bookable offence, his second successive foul on Frenchman David Ginola in less than half a minute. Belgian defender Philippe

Albert put Newcastle ahead in the 21st minute with his third goal in three games when he tween slotted the ball, home after running through on to a flicked pass by Asprilla.

The Colombian added to the score with a chipped goal in the 55th minute, his second for his new club, and 10 minutes later headed a cross Division Blackpool.

square into the middle of the six-yard box where England striker Les Ferdinand booted

the ball into the net. Newcastle now have 64 points from 29 games and United 61 from 30. Thirdplaced Liverpool, the only other side with a realistic chance of the title, have 59

Such was Newcastle's dominance that they had 40 goal attempts, 27 on target, to only two by West Ham, the side who beat them at their Upton Park ground four weeks ago.

It was only the second time in five matches that Asprilla had finished on the winning side following his debut as a substitute away to Middlesbrough in a 2-1 win on Febru-

Newcastle had lost at West Ham, drawn at Manchester City and lost at home to Manchester United in be-

Newcastle's failure to finish the first half with more than one goal was due to a string of fine saves by 38-year-old reserve goalkeeper Les Sealey. whose last start was 18 months ago playing for Second

Sealey was second only to Asprilla in the voting for manof-the-match.

Asprilla, asked about Newcastle's chances of winning their first league title in 69 years, said: "We can now be more calm in the coming matches."

Questioned whether, with his skillful touches, he played to the crowd, Asprilla said: "No, that's my style of play. I'm just glad we were able to put on a show for the fans." The Colombian said of his

where he elbowed a rival defender in the face. "Nothing dramatic happened. It was more the importance it was given on television." The offence resulted in a misconduct charge by the English Football Association

troubles at Manchester City.

but a hearing has not been Manager Kevin Keegan said: "His goal tonight was first

"I think with the players we've got we have to believe

we can beat anyone." Newcastle visit tough rivals Arsenal and Liverpool in their next two matches.

Ajax right on to target



PARIS, Mar 19: European champions Ajax will move within sight of their fifth European Cup su-

ccess when they welcome Germany's Borussia Dortmund to Amsterdam on Wednesday to complete the formality of reaching the last four, reports AFP.

Louis van Gaal's all-stars. who have already captured the World Club Championship and the Super Cup this season, lead 2-0 from the away leg. a result achieved without five

regulars. • All-conquering Ajax are already in line to pick up yet another league title - their third in a row and 26th in all. although they were unimpressive in Sunday's goalless draw at First Division tail-lenders

Volendam. The favourites will again be below full-strength, missing suspended young striker Patrick Kluivert, which Brazilian defender Marcio Santos. midfielder Martin Reuser and long-term knee injury victim Marc Overmars are all on the casualty list.

. Nigerian striker "Finidi" George is the latest doubt. having taken a knock against Volendam.

But Ajax's other Nigerian,

Litmanen is in line for a return

crushing Stuttgart at the weekend. Wednesday's visit with captain Matthias Sammer Reuter both suspended.

Midfield dynamo Andreas chances.

bench.

semifinals.

But whichever of the two

Juventus meanwhile host Real Madrid, record six-time Cup winners, although the last line against 1993 winners was three decades ago, at the Delli Alpi Stadium.

Real will be hampered by the loss through injury of keeper Franciso Buyo, hurt in Saturday's clash with Albacete. Jose Canizares is expected to deputise.

Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano is also doubtful but does travel as Real go for the away goal which would likely send them through to face either Nantes or Spartak Moscow.

Nantes' coach Jean-Jean-Claude Suaudeau takes a 15man squad to Moscow to defend a solid 2-0 lead but has to reshuffle the pack with striker Nicolas Ouedec to have a late fitness test before the game.

Styllish midfielder Japhet N'Doram is injured while Ouedec's strike Partner Revnald Pedros is suspended leaving few candidates available to shoulder the burden of grabbing an away goal. Spartak, their team deci-

mated by departures since they sailed through the Champions League, will be without fullback and groin strain victim Ramiz Mamedov at the Lokomotiv Stadium. Playmaker Ilaya Tsym-

balar, voted Russia's best player last season, and captain Andrei Pyatnitsky are also doubtful with knee and ankle

in the Cup Winners' Cup, the most intriguing tie Thursday is at the Parc des Princes.

where Paris Saint Germain attempt to pull back a '1-0 score-Paris have come back

strongly since last month's bad patch and now comfortably lead Auxerre in the title chase. But the onus is heavily on their strike force of Youri

Djorkaeff — doubtful with a calf strain — and Patrice Loko against a side which will come looking to stifle their opponents and snatch a goal on the break in classic Italian style. Wily Parma coach Nevio

Scala can choose between volatile Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov and Gianfranco Zola. who is not 100 per cent fit, to partner Alessnadro Melli in attack as the visitors chase a killer away goal.

PSG could call on midfield star Vincent Guerin as he feels his way back from six weeks out with a broken collar bone.

Feyenoord of Holland are clear favourites to see off Germany's Borussia Moenchengladbdach following a 2-2 away draw in the first leg, while an intriguing all-Spanish clash features holders Real Zaragoza and Spanish Cup winners Deportivo la Coruna, who lead 1-0 from the first leg.

Zaragoza's greater experience of the big occasion should give them the edge over John Toshack's man.

Finally, Rapid Vienna are expected to take their place in the last four by polishing off Dynamo Moscow, whom they beat in Russia by the only goal two weeks ago.



Muhammad Abdul Karim of Iraq tackles the advancing Omar Mohammed Ahmed of the UAE during an Asian zone Olympic qualifier in Shah Alam Stadium, Malaysia on Mar 18. Iraq won 3-1. - AFP/UNB photo

Davis Cup

Bangladesh blank Brunei

Bangladesh beat Brunei 3-0 in the first tie of the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania zone Group Three (B) in Dubai on Monday. reports BSS.

According to a message received here today. Bangladesh won all the three matches in the three-match tie. Shovon Jamaly defeated Aki Ismasufian Ibrahim (Brunei) 6-1, 6-3 and Hira Lal routed Haji Shamsol (Brunei) 6-1, 6-0 in the sin-

In the doubles. Shovon and Hira trounced Nelson and On Sie Lu 6-1, 6-0.

In the other matches of the group. Kuwait overwhelmed Jordan 3-0 while Lebanon crushed Qatar by the same margin.

Saudis, China split points

Sports Reporter

Saudi Arabia lost yet another point in the Asian Olympic football qualifying tournament when their second Group B match against China ended in a 1-1 draw at the Shah Alam stadium in Kuala Lampur yesterday, according to the live telecast of the Star Sports.

After a barren first half. Saudi striker Obied Al Dossari put his side ahead 10 minutes into the second half while substitute Tan Ende levelled the tie for China after 20 minutes.

After yesterday's match. China, who earlier thrashed Kajakhstan 4-2 on Sunday. went atop the Group B standings with four points from two matches. On the other hand. Saudi Arabia, who also drew their previous match against South . Korea 1-1, have two points to their account from as many matches.

Ciniglio's concern

LONDON, Mar 19: England manager Ciro Ciniglio is pressing for an overhaul of badminton's Olympic qualifying process, reports Reuter.

Ciniglio has been disturbed by the number of players from various countries withdrawing from recent tournaments at short notice as the March 31 Olympic qualifying deadline approaches.

At present, players who feel they probably have sufficient qualifying points may be tempted to miss tournaments. thus avoiding defeat and losing

The International Badminton Federation (IBF) must look again at their qualifying system after the Olympics." Ciniglio said. "I believe in future they should nominate 10 worldwide tournaments and count players' best results from eight of

them. There is little incentive for people to play at the moment. A spate of withdrawals has hit recent events on the badminton calendar.

Publication of last week's draw at the All England Championships was left until as late as possible in the hope of stopping players who had a tough-looking match, pulling

Ciniglio also argued: "The IBF should take team events out of the (qualifying) system. It puts unfair pressure on national team managers to pick certain people.

IBF chief executive David Shaw said on Monday: "We are totally committed to constantly looking at the qualifying system." The problem is all set to be aired at the federation's annual general meeting in May.

Badminton became an Olympic sport at the Barcelona Games in 1992.

Romanian coach pulls punches

BUCHAREST, Romania.

Mar 18: Less than three months before the start of the European Championships, national team coach Anghel Iordanescu threatened to resign Monday over his allegations of corruption in Romanian soccer, reports Reuter.

lordanescu's threat followed weeks of arguments between lordanescu and some Romanian club officials over the future structure of the national championship, soccer federation spokesman Radu Timofte said. week ago, lordanescu

made allegations of match-fixing and other wrong-doings in the national league. He also is pushing for a smaller league. lordanescu also alleged that

club managers siphoned off huge sums of money meant for players and trainers. Club managers have denied Iordanescu's allegations and asked him for His-threat to quit appar-

ently came after the federation ignored his suggestions and allegations. But the federation asked him to reconsider his position and gave him a two-week vaca-

tion to think about it, the state

news agency Rompres re-

ported.

any limit."

There was no direct word from Iordanescu. "Everywhere soccer is not a clean game." he told a news conference last week. "But here (in Romania), in the recent times, it has gone beyond

Romania reached the quarterfinals at the 1994 World Cup. losing to Sweden on penalties. Iordanescu was praised for his discipline in managing the team and was later courted by various other national sides.

Tapie sticks to his guns



BETHUNE, Fran ce. Mar 19: Maverfck busi nessman Bernard Tapie contended Monday he was unaware that one

of his companies illegally lent his Olympique de Marseille soccer club money to acquire two players, reports AP. "If I had done everything

that I am charged with doing before the courts of France. would have had 40-hour days. Tapie told the court on the first day of his trial for allegedly bleeding one of his companies to near-bankruptcy. The court proceeding that

opened Monday is but the latest of a long series of legal wrangles facing Tapie, a former government minister who has seen his business empire and budding political ca reer crumble around him in the last two years. Just four months ago Tapie was convicted to eight months

volving the Olympic de Marseille and the Valenciennes Taple, a member of the French National Assembly and the European Parliament, also served as a minister under the late Socialist President Fran-

cois Mitterrand.

in prison for his role in a soc-

cer match fixing scandal in-

A rags-to-riches tycoon, he became a 1980's Golden Boy French-style, omnipresent in media, sports and politics, and at one time owning the Adidas

sporting goods company. The immediate issue taken up by the court Monday involved efforts by Tapie's former soccer team to buy two

Cruyff not prepared to quit

AMSTERDAM, Mar 19: John Cruyff on Monday dismissed speculation that he was about to stand down as coach at Spanish club Barcelona, the Dutch ANP news agency said. reports Reuter.

Speculation that he planned to quit began last Friday after he gave an interview to Spanish radio SER.

"There must have been some pretty bad translators there," Cruyff told a news conference in Einbhoven ahead of today's UEFA Cup quarterfinal second leg between PSV Eindhoven and Barcelona.

He said that he had merely talked about the circumstances in which he might eventually retire. "As a trainer the best fun is

playing with the guys. If I can't do that anymore it's over. The moment I can no longer play along is not too far off." he

The former Dutch international said his contract was for one more season at Barcelona but the paper it was written on was worthless if he failed to deliver good results.

players for 21 million francs

(dlrs 4.2 million) in 1989. Faced with his bank's refusal to finance the acquisition. the money was put up by Testut, a leading scale company owned by Tapie through another Tapie firm, Real Estate and Finance Bernard Tapie

Although Testut was repaid in 1989. Tapie is accused of misusing company funds "because it was not Testut's objective to finance the acquisition of soccer players," according to the charges.

The prosecution, accusing Taple of corruption and misuse of company funds, charges that the operation could have only benefited Tapie, given that FIBT registered losses of 50 million francs (10 million dol-

lars) in 1990. During his court appearance Monday, Tapie denied all knowledge of the operation involving the two players.

"I was not in charge of relations with the banks. I worked on the transfer of players, my job was to negotiate." Tapie told the court, "I learned of the existence of this operation from the judge in charge of the investigation.

On Tuesday the court is scheduled to examine charges that Testut money was used illegally finance the political campaign of Leon Schwartzenberg, a leading cancer specialist who ran for re-election under the banner of a political party created by Tapie.



A post office worker displays the Olympic stamps issued by the Hong Kong Post Office to commemorate the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The stamps go on sale from

- AFP/UNB photo Japan, Iraq going great



KUALA LUMPUR. Mar 19: Japan and Iraq have staked their claims to semifinals berths in their Gro-

up A match of the Asian qualifying football finals for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. reports AFP. After two matches, both

countries have emerged not favourites in their group to widen the Gulf separating

them from Oman and the United Arab Emirates. UAE have been eliminated from the tournament after losing both matches. Only Oman have a fighting chance and need the three points in their match against Iraq

Wednesday. "Iraq need only a draw with Oman Wednesday to reach the semifinals," said Iraqi head coach Anwar Jassam, adding "however, we will not settle for less than a win.

Iraq have four points from a 1-1 draw with Japan and a 3-1 win over UAE while Japan have four points after the draw with Iraq and demolishing Oman 4-

Japan, noted for both their build-ups and the ability to score through swift counterattacks, are leading Iraq by one goal in terms of goal differ-

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Iraq's Jassam expects Oman, with three points from two matches, to put up a stiff fight Wednesday to deny his team a berth in the semifinals. "We are not taking things for granted. It will be a crucial

maintain the same line-up that played against Oman. Right-back Ade Nehma Khudair, who is suspended one

match," said Jassam, who may

match for collecting his second yellow card, is expected to **Brazil-Ghana**

friendly on **Mar 27** RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar 19: World champions Brazil will

play Ghana at home in a friendly on March 27, the Brazilian Football Confederation said on Monday, reports Reuter. Brazil had already ap-

proached Argentina, Chile and Mexico for the game, which will be in the provincial town

The two countries have

never met at full international

level. Brazil have played 10 in-

ternationals against African

of Sao Jose do Rio Preto.

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Abbas Jassim is expected to continue as playmaker to support top strikers Qahtan Drain and Husam Naii. Midfielder Ali Shahnvin.

Hussain Alwan.

be substituted by Naser

who first made his mark at the 1994 Asian youth under-19 championship, is expected to be retained. Oman's head coach Jozef

Venglos acknowledges the dif-

ficult task to beat, Iraq who have been progressing well since the qualifying finals started Saturday. "But we shall see," said Venglos, whose team, with

only nine men shocked UAE 3-I Saturday but went on to lose 1-4 to Japan Monday. "The wet pitch affected our players' performance," said Venglos acknowledging that the Japanese were swifter in

their attacks and were in better physical condition. Japan meet UAE Wednesday and there is no doubt that with Japanese skipper Masakiyo Maezono, strikers Shoji Jo and Hidetoshi Nakata in top form. Japan will come away with the three points.

Central midfielder Teruyoshi Ito controls the direction of the game as the playmaker, feeding the ball to Maezono. Jo and Nakata.

CRYPTOQUIP

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ZRY V·M C P Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A DOG WERE HIGHLY FASHION-CONSCIOUS, WOULD YOU CALL IT A

TREND SETTER? Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals D 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.

