

Column One SPORTS TALK



Shaun Pollock
South African fast bowler
"If someone had said I would make a start like that, I would have laughed at him."
After capturing four wickets in four successive balls against Leicestershire in his debut match for Warwickshire in England on April 27.

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-36
Tick the correct answer
(Competition closes: 8 p.m. May 10, 1996)

- 1. The 2002 World Cup football will be held in:
a) South Korea b) Japan c) Not yet decided
- 2. If FIDE is for chess, FINA is for:
a) Billiards b) Snooker c) Swimming
- 3. Tennis star Jennifer Capriati is:
a) Swedish b) American c) Dutch
- 4. The fastest one-day hundred by Sri Lankan Sanath Jayasuriya is off:
a) 46 balls b) 47 balls c) 48 balls
- 5. The man-of-the-series in Pepsi Cup was:
a) Cullinan b) Kirsten c) Symcox

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Euro TT Sweden regain men's crown

BRATISLAVA, May 3: Sweden's men won their fifth European table championship title with a 4-1 win over defending champions France on Thursday, reports Reuters.
The Swedes, runners-up to France at the last championship, got off to a shaky start when Peter Karlsson lost 21-15, 21-15 to Jean-Philippe Gatien in the first match.
European silver medalist and current European number two Jan Ove Waldner pulled Sweden level after beating Damien Eloi 21-14, 21-17 and Jorgen Persson put the Swedes ahead by defeating Patrick Chila 21-17, 21-6.
In the crucial doubles, Waldner and Persson beat Gatien and Eloi 21-17, 21-16 to give Sweden an overall 3-1 lead.
"For us the doubles was the decisive moment, because that was what we lost last time and what really lost us the title," Waldner said.
The fifth match was the tightest, Waldner eventually beating Gatien 19-21, 21-13, 24-22, after trailing 20-17 and fighting off five match points before winning.
Friday is a rest day and the championships resume on Saturday with the doubles events.

Nastase can't believe it

BUCHAREST, May 3: Romanian former tennis star Ilie Nastase, who is running for mayor of Bucharest, today threatened to sue over newspaper claims he had served the communist-era Securitate spy service, reports Reuters.
Increasingly under attack by some elements in the media, Nastase responded angrily to claims in top-selling Evenimentul Zilei newspaper that he had been a secret police officer.
The paper based its coverage on an April 30 story in the German daily Die Welt.
"I was surprised that such a serious paper (as Die Welt) might have reported that I was a Securitate officer," Nastase told reporters as he registered his candidacy for the June 2 poll. "If true, I will sue the paper and I will earn big money."
Nastase said there was no truth to such a story.
"I'm afraid the German newspaper have been misled by somebody in Romania," an angry Nastase said.
"I had to live 50 years to hear stuff like this. This is an experience, a bad experience," he said.
Nastase, a darling of Romania for his tennis achievements in the 1970s, has returned to his home town from Paris and New York to stand for the ruling party of Social Democracy which has governed since the 1989 revolution.

Antigua Test ends tamely



ST JOHN'S, Antigua, May 3: New Zealand's batsmen failed to respond to the challenge as they played out the second and final Test against West Indies to a dull draw on Thursday, reports Reuters.
Faced with an admittedly tough target of 296 runs to win in two and a half sessions after dismissing West Indies for 184 in their second innings, New Zealand made no effort to go for the runs after losing three wickets with only 39 on the board.
When the match was called off as a draw, New Zealand were way short of their target on 130 for five and West Indies won the series 1-0.
West Indies tailend batsmen had earlier frustrated New Zealand by adding a further 37 runs after they had resumed at their overnight 147 for seven.
Captain Courtney Walsh did the bulk of the scoring, making 17 not out and featuring in a vital last-wicket stand of 26 with Rajindra Dhanraj, who made nine.
Fast bowler Danny Morrison, who caused the West Indies collapse on Wednesday, added the wicket of Curtly Ambrose soon after play resumed to finish with five for 61.
Ambrose quickly rocked New Zealand when they began their second innings by having Roger Twose caught by Robert Samuels at third slip for two and the fast bowler then had fellow opener Craig Spearman caught behind for 24.
After first innings century-maker Nathan Astle had fallen soon afterwards for eight, New Zealand made no attempt to go for the runs.
Left-hander Stephen Fleming batted for just over four hours and 172 balls in making an unbeaten 56 while Justin Vaughan was slightly faster in scoring 32 from 88 deliveries in 108 minutes.
Vaughan was finally trapped leg before by Walsh, his 300th wicket in 82 Tests, putting him level with off-spinner Lance Gibbs as West Indies' second highest wicket-taker behind Malcolm Marshall, who took 376.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and New Zealand on Thursday:

WEST INDIES: First innings 548-7 declared (J Adams 208 not out, R Samuels 125)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 130-5 (N Astle 103, D Patel 78, C Spearman 54, C Ambrose 5-88)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 147-7)

S Campbell c Fleming b Vaughan 36
R Samuels lbw b Morrison 74
B Lara c Fleming b Morrison 7
P Simmons c Vaughan b Harris 0
J Adams c and b Vaughan 6
S Chandrapaul b Morrison 8
C Browne lbw b Larsen 5
I Bishop c Gernon b Morrison 9
C Ambrose lbw b Morrison 6
C Walsh not out 17
R Dhanraj b Vaughan 9
Extras: (lb-2, nb-8) 10
Total: 184

Fall of wickets: 1-5: 2-89; 3-94; 4-119; 5-128; 6-133; 7-147; 8-155; 9-158.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Morrison	20	2	61	5
Larsen	11	3	27	1
Kennedy	10	2	30	0
Vaughan	16	3	30	3
Harris	4	0	34	1

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

C Spearman c Browne b Ambrose 24
R Twose c Samuels b Ambrose 2
S Fleming not out 56
N Astle c Adams b Simmons 8
J Vaughan lbw b Walsh 32
C Harris c and b Dhanraj 4
I Gernon not out 0
Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-1) 4
Total: (for 5 wickets) 130

Fall of wickets: 1-19; 2-30; 3-39; 4-96; 5-127

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	12	3	22	2
Walsh	16	5	32	1
Simmons	10	6	12	1
Dhanraj	18	6	33	1
Bishop	7	1	24	0
Adams	2	1	5	0

Result: Match drawn. West Indies won series 1-0
Man-of-the-match: Jimmy Adams.
Player-of-the-series: Jimmy Adams.



ADAMS... man of series

Solid start by Yorkshire



LONDON, May 3: Yorkshire openers Martyn Moxon and Michael Vaughan broke a 66-year-old club record by reaching 316 without loss against Glamorgan in Cardiff as the English county cricket championship began on Thursday, reports Reuters.
The pair beat the previous county best of 235 for the opening wicket by Percy Holmes and Herbert Sutcliffe against Glamorgan in 1930.
Moxon reached his 43rd career century from 202 balls with 13 fours and eventually finished unbeaten on 150 when had light forced an early end.
Vaughan, who reached three figures off 196 balls with 17 fours, hit a career-best 156 not out, leaving the pair needing just eight runs to beat the Yorkshire record for any wicket against Glamorgan, set by Sutcliffe and Maurice Leyland in 1928.
Rain curtailed the day's play, though Gloucestershire's 20-year-old Andrew Symonds was also in outstanding form as wickets tumbled regularly at Lords.
Symonds, who rejected England's overtures last season but has now made himself available, blasted seven fours in an unbeaten 42 off 40 balls as Gloucestershire closed on 94 for four in reply to the home side's 200 all out.
England's selectors would have been alarmed at news from Taunton, where Surrey batsman Graham Thorpe suffered an injury scare as rain and bad light cut short his county's clash with Somerset.
Thorpe was taken to hospital for a precautionary X-ray after being struck just above the right elbow by a rising delivery from Somerset pace bowler Andre van Troost.
But he was later able to report nothing more serious than severe bruising, saying: "I

simply didn't pick the ball up. The arm will be a bit stiff in the morning, but I should be able to bat."
Graham Gooch's first county championship as an England selector was a two-hour ordeal for everyone bar Essex teammate Mark Ilett at New Road — on a day when visitors' captain Paul Prichard wore a balaclava to keep warm.
Left-arm seamer Ilett, who played in two Tests in South Africa in December, survived the cold and cheerless conditions to take three for 27 as Worcestershire reached 78 for four in 32.1 overs at New Road.
Gooch's only participation was to remove frozen fingers from his pocket to hold a straightforward catch when Tim Curtis (2) edged Neil Williams to second slip.
Rain forced an early finish at Canterbury where Kent reached 63 for two after being put into bat against Lancashire.
Elsewhere, it was a story of frustration, with no play in the encounter between Derbyshire and Leicestershire at Derby, Durham's clash with Northamptonshire at Chester-le-Street or the Trent Bridge contest between Nottinghamshire and Sussex.

ACB's 1996-97 calendar

MELBOURNE, May 3: The Australian Cricket Board has released the programmes for the tours of Australia by the West Indies and Pakistan for the 1996-97 season, reports Reuters.

1996

November

Mon 4 Windies v Chairman's XI Lilac Hill, Perth
Wed 6 Windies v Western Australia (Day/Night) Perth
Fri 8 Sun 10 Windies v Western Australia, Perth
Tue 12 Windies v NT Invitation XI Alice Springs, northern territories

Dec 15 Mon 18 Windies v Australian XI, Hobart
Fri 22 Tue 26 1st Test — West Indies v Australia, Brisbane
Fri 29 Tue 3 2nd Test — West Indies v Australia, Sydney

December

Fri 6 World Series Cup — West Indies v Australia (D/N) Melbourne
Sun 8 World Series Cup — West Indies v Australia (D/N) Sydney
Tue 10 West Indies v Prime Minister's XI, Canberra
Fri 13 Pakistan v Cricket Academy, Adelaide
Wed 15 Pakistan v Australia 'A' (D/N) Melbourne
Sun 15 World Series Cup — Pakistan v Australia, Adelaide
Tue 17 World Series Cup — West Indies v Pakistan (D/N) Adelaide

Jan 19 Sun 22 West Indies v Victoria Wangaratta, Victoria
Pakistan v Tasmania
Thu 26 Mon 30 3rd Test — West Indies v Australia, Melbourne

Feb 26 Pakistan v Queensland (D/N) Brisbane
Sat 28 Pakistan v Australia 'A' (D/N) Sydney
Mon 30 Pakistan v Hunter Valley Invit XI Newcastle, NSW

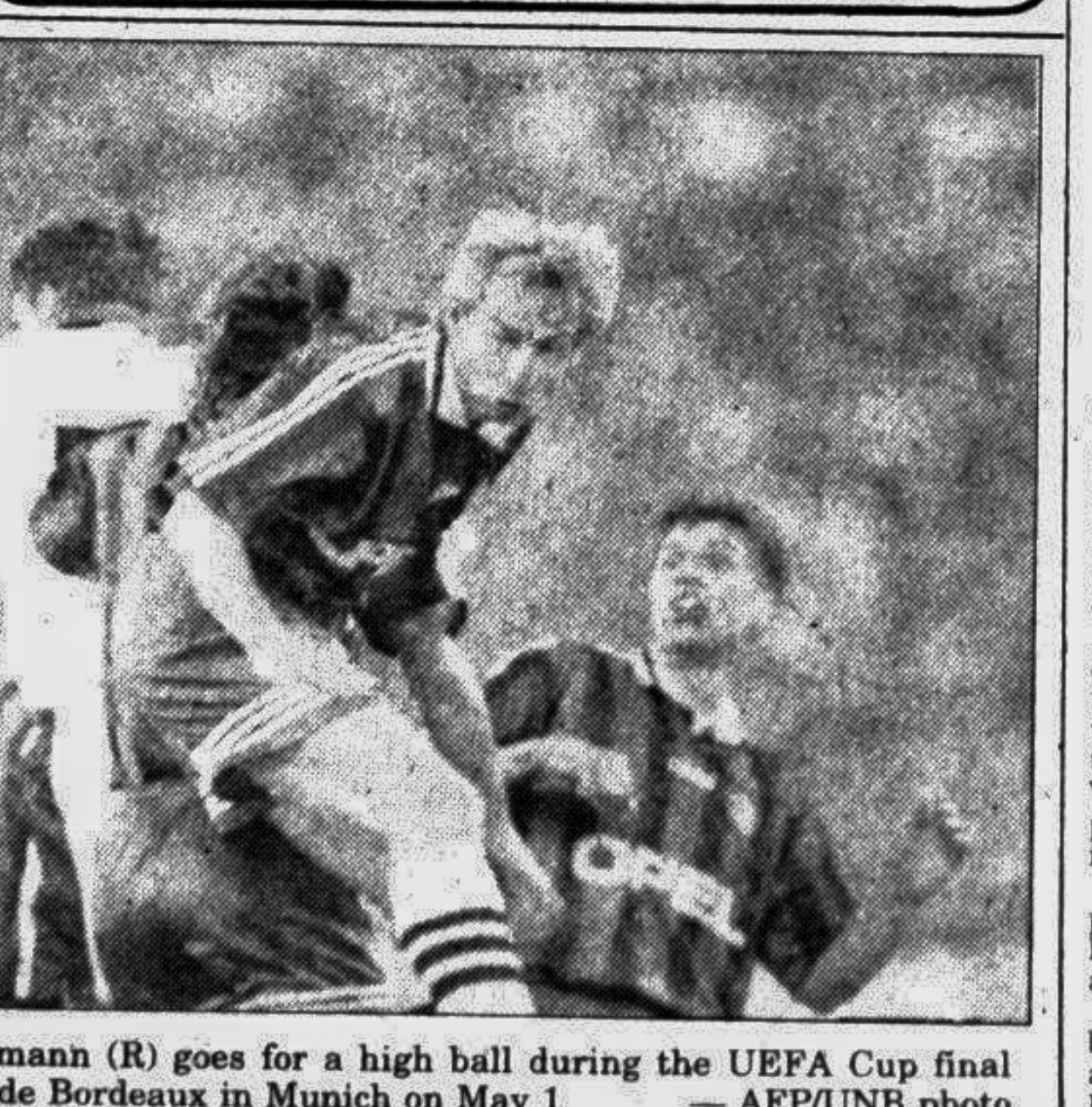
1997

January

Wed 1 World Series Cup — Pakistan v Australia (D/N) Sydney
Fri 3 World Series Cup — West Indies v Pakistan (D/N) Brisbane
Sun 5 World Series Cup — West Indies v Australia Brisbane
Pakistan v Tasmania
Tue 7 World Series Cup — Pakistan v Australia Hobart West
Indies v Australian Country XI Toowoomba, Queensland
Fri 10 World Series Cup — West Indies v Pakistan (D/N) Perth
Sun 12 World Series Cup — West Indies v Australia, Perth
Tue 14 World Series Cup — West Indies v Pakistan (D/N) Sydney
Thu 16 World Series Cup — Pakistan v Australia (D/N) Melbourne
Sat 18 WSC — 1st final (D/N) Sydney
Mon 20 WSC — 2nd final (D/N) Melbourne
Wed 22 WSC — 3rd final (D/N) Melbourne
Fri 17 Sun 19 West Indies v NSW Sydney (***)
(***) These games subject to participation in WSC finals
Sat 25 Wed 29 4th Test — West Indies v Australia Adelaide
Feb 1 Wed 5 5th Test — West Indies v Australia, Perth

Dahlin in trouble

BONN, May 3: Borussia Muenchengladbach's Swedish striker Martin Dahlin was banned for eight matches on Thursday after elbowing an opponent in the face, reports Reuters.
Dahlin, who wants to leave the club at the end of the season, clashed with Kaiserslautern defender Axel Roos in a Bundesliga match last month.
Moenchengladbach have only three games left to play this season.



Bernardo's close call

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 3: Corinthians' midfielder Bernardo said on Thursday he had been "born again" after the plane bringing his team home from a match in Ecuador aborted take off and skidded off the runway, reports Reuters.
The team finally arrived in Sao Paulo on Thursday after their original plane, a chartered Boeing 727, veered off the runway at Quito Airport on Wednesday, broke through a perimeter wall and ended up in a street.
"Everybody who was on the plane will never forget this," Bernardo said. "We were born again."
It was tremendous fright but the important thing is we are all here, ready to play Palmeiras," coach Eduardo Amorim said.

Asian U-16 soccer Japan trounce Bangladesh

NAGOYA, May 3: Japan blanketed Bangladesh 2-0 in the Group Nine qualifying round today and moved closer towards securing a berth in the Asian football under-16 championships, reports AFP.
Japan got off to a flying start in the second half when Kenji Kageyama produced a chance on a Kiichiro Maruyama pass for Noriyoshi Fujiwara, who right-footed into the net in the 41st minute, and then Tomoyuki Yoshino added another nine minutes later.
Bangladesh charged hard with Polash Ahmed, Chanda Kumar and Monir Alam receiving caution, but never able to show their form that defeated Malaysia 3-0 on Wednesday.
Japan will play Malaysia on Sunday, the final day of the three-team round robin. The winners of the tournament will advance to the championships to be held in Thailand in September.

Nat'l youth cricket final round begins today

Sports Reporter
Defending champions BKSP will take on Rajshahi DSA at the Dhaka Stadium in one of the two opening day matches as the final round 16th national youth cricket championship begins in the capital this morning.
In the day's other match scheduled at the Dhammondi Cricket Stadium, Dinajpur DSA will meet Khulna DSA.
A total of eight teams are participating in the final rounds which begins form the quarterfinal stage. Both the winners of today's matches will face each other in the first semifinal billed Monday at the Dhaka Stadium.
The other four teams are: Mymensingh DSA, Comilla DSA, Narayanganj DSA and last year's runners up Dhaka DSA.
Meanwhile the final phase of the Dhaka Zonal qualifying rounds of the 14th Mirza schools cricket tournament will begin in the capital from tomorrow.

Batistuta fires Fiorentina

FLORENCE, May 3: Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta scored the game winner with a powerful right drive from the penalty area edge as Fiorentina defeated underdogs Atalanta of Bergamo 1-0 in their first leg final of the Italian Cup Thursday night, reports AP.
Batistuta, returning to action in Italy following his commitments with the Argentine national team, tallied his seventh season goal in the competition in the 51st minute, following a Lacklustre goalless first half.
The shot of the Argentine centerforward sent the ball just under the bar, carrying away about 45,000 Fiorentina fans who braved a rainy, cold night at the Artemio Franchi stadium in Florence.
Batistuta, overcome in the first 45 minutes by the rival defence led by Uruguayans Jose Herrera and Paulo Montero, produced a sparkling second half in which he scored Fiorentina's winning goals, kicked some powerful free kicks and made impressive moves.
He barely missed a second goal in the 65th minute, when his diagonal shot went out by a few inches.
While pressing on the attack throughout the game, Fiorentina produced a few scoring chances while Atalanta missed two clear opportunities with Italian centerforward Sandro Toverelli.
"Batistuta was decisive, as usual. He's a great champion," Fiorentina's coach Claudio Ranieri said after the match.
"A one-goal advantage is not a save margin, but in the second leg (final) it will be up to Atalanta to attack, and Fiorentina's forwards could strike more easily," the coach added.
The second-leg final is scheduled in Bergamo on May 18.
The Italian Cup awards a berth in next season's European Cup Winners Cup.
Fiorentine, who badly missed Batistuta as they succumbed to newly-crowned Italian champions AC Milan in a league match last Sunday, also are in the running for the UEFA Cup, should they miss the Italian Cup.
Batistuta teamed in front with Portuguese Rui Costa and Swede Stefan Schwarz, who were among the best player in the match.



Fiorentina's Stefan Schwarz (L) trying to receive a pass from his fellow Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta (R) while an unidentified Atalanta booter (C) seen resisting them during their World Cup final first leg encounter in Florence on Thursday. Fiorentina won the match 1-0.

Seoul softens its stance

SEOUL, May 3: Hoping to end a bitter battle with Japan over who will host soccer's 2002 World Cup, South Korea said Friday it is willing to jointly host the finals, reports AP.
The official, about-face comes with less than a month left until FIFA, soccer's world governing body, is to announce its decision. Japan and South Korea are the only countries bidding to host the 2002 World Cup.
The South Korean government and people will accept joint-hosting if that is the wish of most member nations of FIFA. Prime Minister Lee Soung-ta told reporters at a breakfast meeting.
"Soccer is important, but it should not result in damaging good-neighbourly relations with Japan," he said.
South Korea and Japan had shown little interest in co-hosting the cup in the past, with each country engaged in spirited bidding for the sole right to the event.
But recently, more and more South Korean officials have privately showed interest in renewed suggestions by European and Asian soccer officials that the two historical enemies co-host it.
The competition for Asia's first ever World Cup finals has been marred by accusations of bribery and a rekindling of the rivalry between the two neighbours that dates back centuries.
Japan ruled Korea as a colony starting in 1910 until its defeat in World War II in 1945. South Koreans consider the bid to host the World Cup, in competition against Japan, a matter of national pride.
To win the bid both countries are using vast sums to build new stadiums and other facilities, and have promised to donate revenues to promote soccer.
The president of the Union of European Football Associations proposed last month that Japan and South Korea be co-hosts. UEFA has the largest

bloc of eight members on FIFA's 21-member executive committee.
The Asian Football Confederation has also made the same suggestion, but FIFA President Joao Havelange has said that joint-hosting was against FIFA rules.
Separately, the Seoul government, reacting to renewed international criticism over the eating of dog meat in South Korea, said Friday it will do its best to curb dog consumption during the World Cup if South Korea becomes host.
Eating dog meat is illegal in South Korea, but the law is often violated, and dog stew is readily available at many back-alley specialty stores.
Brigitte Bardot, animal rights activist and former French sex symbol, has demanded that the Korean practice be banned during the World Cup finals.
"We will do our best to stop the practice and inform the people," an official at the South Korean Culture Ministry said.

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The Koreans, who are fresh from last month's six-nation carnival at Atlanta where Pakistan, India, Britain, United States and Argentina also took part, will be out to uphold their reputation as Asian Games champions.
And with the youngsters from their respective countries trying to stake a claim for the Olympics, the Ipoh tournament promises to be an exciting meet, sports officials said.

Azlan Shah Cup begins today Aussies start favourites

IPOH, Malaysia, May 3: Australia, with nine former Olympians, are deemed favourites at the six-nation Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament kicking off in the northern Perak State Saturday, reports AFP.
The Aussies are fancied because of the relative inexperience of players in the other participating teams — hosts Malaysia, World Cup runners-up Holland, Britain, South Korea and India, last year's Azlan Shah Cup champions, local sports officials said.
The six nations are competing in the week-long tournament as their final tune-up to the Olympic Games in July.
The teams will be represented by a blend of youth and experience vying for the remaining spots in their final squad to Atlanta.
Britain, the Olympic defending champions, have kept

their penalty corner specialist, Calum Giles under wrap as coach David Whitaker does not want the opposition to get a closer look at his "trump card."
The Dutch have left behind nine of their first choice players, including their renowned penalty corner specialist Bovelander Floris, as, according to coach Norbert Nederlof, they are tied up with the final rounds of the Dutch league.
But the Dutch still look formidable as their national under-21 squad are the reigning European champions.
As for India, they have again taken the Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHHF) for a ride as they have brought an under-21 side to defend the title which they won last year, the sports officials pointed out. Not one of their players is from the Olympic squad.
Besides Australia, another country to have brought their best is Korea.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
- 1 Black key, often
 - 5 Knaves
 - 9 Sound of impact
 - 12 Became erect
 - 13 Sheltered
 - 14 Gorilla
 - 15 Balder's father
 - 16 Wild and crazy
 - 17 Football fill
 - 18 Garma anthro-pologist
 - 19 Teen's woe
 - 20 Genealogy chart
 - 21 Ostrich's cousin
 - 23 Lamb's dam
 - 25 Petty tyrant
 - 28 No longer vacant
 - 32 Charlotte's sister
 - 33 Put on a pedestal
 - 34 Pupal pouch
 - 36 Embroidery form
 - 37 Dander
 - 38 Yon
- DOWN
- 1 Gift-tag word
 - 2 It's all in vain
 - 3 One side of the Urals
 - 4 Chateau-briand out
 - 5 Enliven
 - 6 Jai
 - 7 Some-times his job is a snap
 - 8 Crucial
 - 9 Carson's predecessor
 - 10 Mayberry boy
 - 11 "The Way We—"
 - 20 Novice
 - 22 He ran through-out the town
 - 24 "—not amused"
 - 25 Uff
 - 26 Start of a Latin l trio
 - 27 Twitch
 - 29 Haul
 - 30 Prior to
 - 31 Blue Hen
 - 35 East Coast airport
 - 36 I'll put a smile on your face
 - 39 Apple co-founder
 - 40 Stick in the refrigerator
 - 41 Mid-March
 - 43 Tube trophy
 - 45 Liberate
 - 46 Pound of verse
 - 47 Secretary, e.g.
 - 49 Tank fill
- Solution time: 27 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

CTYAR CEYNYOX NQ

WRR NTR EBGSGOBNGD

YWN Y CEW QO SYOW

EOL ORRLARW

Yesterday's Cryptquip: HOW THE BEGINNING GARDENER LEARNED BY TROWEL AND ERROR.

Today's Cryptquip clue: S equals P

The Cryptquip 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.