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(Competition closes : 8 pm  
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1	Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his	11th	10th	14th
2	How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year	Two	Three	Four
3	The top seed of this year's US Open is	Samparas	Agassi	Muster
4	Pakistan pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county	Glamorgan	Surrey	Kent
5	Cricketer umpire Steve Bucknor is from	Kenya	Zimbabwe	West Indies

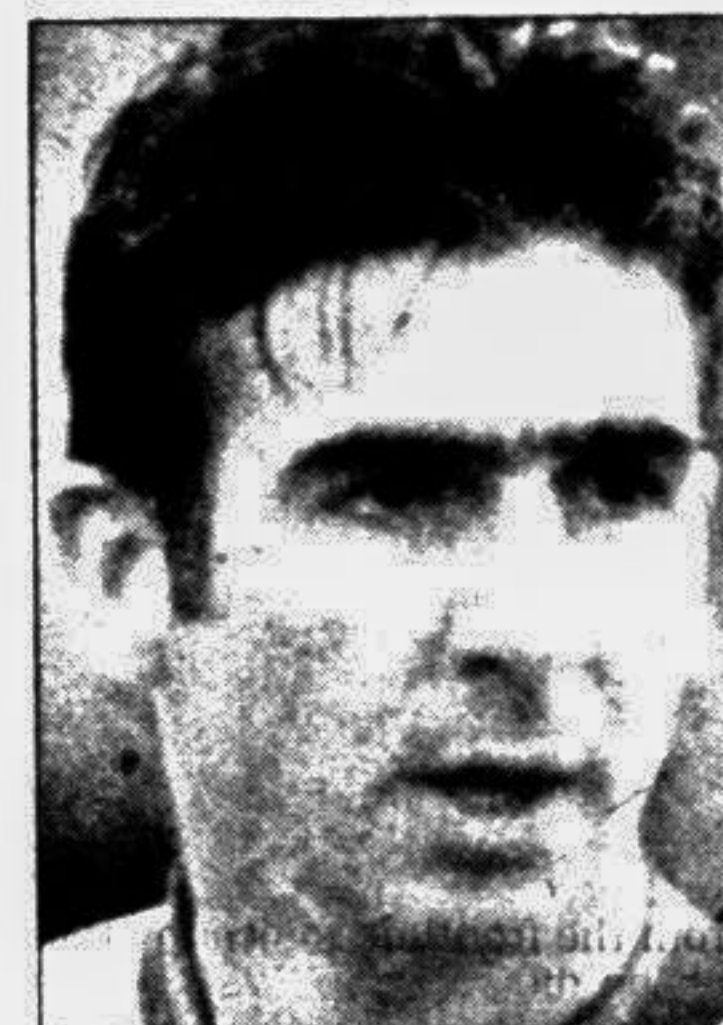
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SPORTS TALK



Eric Cantona  
(French footballer)  
"Does the bird in a cage sing sweetly as the bird who is free?"  
(Commenting on freedom to move)

Malaysia maul  
Philippines

SINGAPORE, Sept 5: Malaysian soccer fans found a new hero on Wednesday in K Sanbagamaran, dubbed "sanba man" by the local media, who netted a hat-trick as his side beat the Philippines 7-0 to take the lead in group B of the Tiger Cup, reports Reuters.

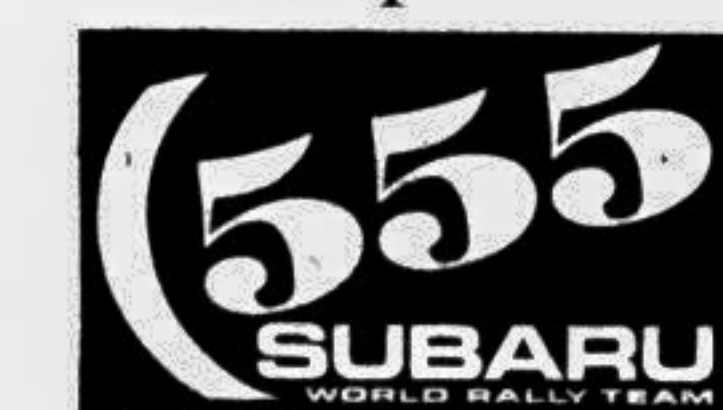
Arch-rivals Singapore, playing in Group B, threatened a goal rout with two scored in the opening four minutes but had to settle for a 3-0 win with the final goal from the ever-green Fandi Ahmad.

Malaysia, now lead Singapore with more goals scored. Thailand, double SEA Games champions, are in third place but have a game in hand.

Sanbagamaran, a crucial link in coach Wan Jamak Hassan's plans to rebuild the depleted Malaysian side after a match-fixing scandal, first scored in the 36th minute.

He followed that up with goals in the 61st minute and in the final seconds of the match.

GP Italy begins  
Sept 8



LONDON, Sept 5: The John Player Gold Leaf F1 Racing Team, led by three times world champion, Jenson Williams, headed to Italy to participate in the Grand Prix of Italy due to be held on September 8, 1996.

He is aiming to spoil the party for Guido Cappellini who is planning to yet score another victory. But the ultimate bet is on Guido Cappellini, but this has only served to inspire Jenson Williams and teammate Paul Blackburn, says a press release.

A feature of the 1996 season has been the success of a number of relative newcomers to the Formula One ranks. Notable among them is John Player Gold Leaf driver Paul Blackburn, in his first season in Formula One.

Guido Cappellini leads the championship with a maximum 120 points and looks certain to retain his title. Only 43 points separate the next 7 drivers which will ensure some highly competitive racing over the remaining 4 Grand Prix.

The Grand Prix of Italy starts on Sunday 8, 1996 with the qualifying session on Saturday September 7.



Mohammedans Alfaz (C) faces a human barrier created by Arambagh booters during their Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the match 2-1. — Star photo

Manik makes MSC smile

Sports Reporter

Nurul Huq Manik scored two spectacular goals to propel title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting to a 2-1 win over Arambagh Krira Sangstha and help maintain their all-win record in the Danish Premier Division football league at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The balding Mohammedan midfielder, in a rare exhibition of his scoring prowess, opened the account with a diving header in the 30th minute and then blasted a sudden, thunderous 25-yarder at the stroke of the break to confirm the black and whites their fifth successive victory in the league.

But, apart from Manik's double strikes, Mohammedans, who spoiled as many as four chances in an entertaining encounter, made a heavy weather of an easy passage before being scraped through with the narrowest margin victory after Yousuf of Arambagh pulled one goal back five minutes from the final whistle.

However, in the clash of the two Mofteel neighbours, Mohammedans, the most consistent team so far in the elite Premier league, lived up to their reputations with a planned attacking soccer. But they had to wait for the cherished goal till 30th minute before an airborne Manik, latching on to a eluding Alfaz floater from the left, headed the ball home past a bemused Arambagh custodian Tony (1-0).

It was Manik's first goal in the league. The workmanlike Mohammedan midfielder, more known for his defensibility than the creativity, celebrated his rare success with another, an express right-footer from about 25 yards that rocketed into the right-hand upper corner of the opponent net (2-0). Earlier, in the eighth minute Alfaz, the make-shift Mo-

hammedan striker, deprived his side of a possible lead when he blasted the ball miles over the cross-piece from an advantageous position.

The dark and dapper Mohammedan stalwart then went on to spoil another chance in the 21st minute, sending a Shabbir cross from the right wide out of the mark.

Mohammedans, who turned out as a spirited side under the tutelage of South Korean coach Mann Young Kang, kept up their good work in the second session with midfielder Arman playing the pivotal role in every attack.

And Manik, who was flying high with two goals already under his belt, almost got the third to complete a unique treble in the 66th minute. But his sure sitter into an empty net past Tony was miraculously saved by defender Faisal from goalkeeping.

Arman, who on that occasion led Manik with a delicate touch of the ball, also got a chance to extend the lead early in the second half. But his scorching left-footer from outside the box was brilliantly saved by a diving Arambagh custodian.

On the other hand, Arambagh, a mediocre team who finished fifth last year, after a not-so-impressive campaign in the

first 45 minutes, came up with more motivation in the post-lesson session.

In the 73rd minute Mahabubur Rahman Roxy, the fleet-footed Arambagh striker, almost found the Mohammedan net with an intelligent right-footer over an on-rushing Mohammedan custodian Ponir, who had unnecessarily rushed to block Roxy exposing his fort.

But thanks to defender Monsur, who rose to the occasion with a goalkeeping save.

But Ponir, a nervous man under the bar despite his reputations as the number one goalkeeper of the country, had little to offer when Yousuf's left-footer from the edge of the box rocketed past him into the upper left-hand corner of the net (1-2).

With his win Mohammedans maintain their solo lead in the 10-team league with 14 points, one short of their possible collection. They had earlier penalised one point by the league committee for their refusal to play against Brothers Union early on August 20.

It was Arambagh's third defeat in the league after their lone victory against Bangladesh Boys and a draw with Fakirpool. They remained glued to their previous collection of five points from as many matches.

Sunny of Arambagh and Rajani of Mohammedans received yellow cards during the match.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Premier Division football league  
(Venue: Dhaka Stadium)  
Brothers Union vs Bangladesh Boys Club (4pm)  
Farashganj SC vs East End Club (6pm)  
Danish First Division football league  
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)  
PWD SC vs BRTC SC (4:30 pm)  
Police AC vs Mirpur Chalanika SC (6:30 pm)

TEAMS:

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Mansur Ali, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Iqbal, Manik, Arman, Shabbir (Kaiser Hamid), Ranjan and Alfaz.

ARAMBAGH KS: Tony, Prodip, Chotton, Faisal, Yousuf Junior (Shamim), Tusher, Roxy, Yousuf Senior, Sunny (Minhaz Babu), Jahangir and Shoab (Apu).  
Referee: R Alam.

Seldon's favourable four

LAS VEGAS, Sept 5: As a 21-1 underdog against Mike Tyson, Bruce Seldon needs a lot of reasons for anyone, including himself, to believe he can stop Tyson's march to regain the undisputed heavyweight championship, reports Reuters.

And, perhaps also with an eye toward boosting pay-per-view sales for their fight on Saturday, Seldon, 29, is offering a litany of explanations this week for why the smart money should be on him at the MGM grand arena.

Seldon (33-3) on Wednesday listed four reasons the 30-year-old Tyson is beatable in their scheduled 12-round fight for Seldon's title. "His lack of timing, his height is two, his reach is three and his frustration is four," said Seldon.

Seldon, who spent 4-1/2 years in a New Jersey prison for armed robbery when he was a teenager, was referring to Tyson's timing suffering from more than four years away from boxing — three due to a prison sentence for rape.

He also was referring to Tyson's more than two-inch (5 cm) height disadvantage against Seldon, who has at least

a six-inch (15 cm) advantage in reach.

By frustration, Seldon, who will receive a guaranteed \$5 million dollars to fight Tyson, said he meant that when Tyson "sees that his opponent is not going to just stand there and let him bulldoze him and his opponent is going to come back at him he changes his character. He loses something."

Implied in that statement is Seldon saying Tyson, working a Saturday shift for at least 15 million dollars, loses heart against a determined opponent. And Seldon also implied that his job will help take away Tyson's heart.

"When I'm in that ring you're not going to get away from it. There's no way to avoid it," Seldon said.

The likable Seldon, whose record is replete with fighters who would have to improve to become tomato cans, is very aware of what ringfighters say about him: great build, good jab, China chin.

The only fighters Seldon has

highly-touted left jab.

Depressed said that calcium deposits in Seldon's arm which were causing the problems have been treated recently, leaving him ready to upset Tyson.

"I want everyone, including Mike Tyson, to think this is just a one-handed fight. I am the most complete fighter that he's fought since his return," Seldon said.

Tyson's first fight after prison was against a woefully inept Peter McNeeley, whom he stopped in the first round in August 1995.

And Buster Mathis Jr last December merely wanted to survive Tyson's onslaught and smothered him in a cheek-to-cheek dance until Tyson stepped to the side and punched out Mathis's dance card and his lights in the third round.

Then Tyson dispensed with Briton Frank Bruno, who looked terrified and hung on for life before Tyson battered him into submission in the third round.

"I have the style of boxing that can give Mike Tyson trouble," Seldon said. "I truly believe I will beat Mike Tyson. I have to think that."

But gamblers who earn their livings figuring out the laws of probability don't.

Atlanta Japan's lesson

TOKYO, Sept 5: A host of operational glitches at the Atlanta Olympics have enlightened the 1998 Winter Games organisers in Japan but they are still uncertain when it comes to security problems, reports AFP.

"Atlanta-style security seemed excessive by Japanese standards but it was understandable after the bombing incident at the Centennial Olympic Park," a spokesman for the Nagano Olympics Organising Committee said Wednesday.

The Japanese style has not been so strict. We will draw up our measures later," said the committee's press chief, Yasuo Ohta, a month after the Atlanta Games closed, tarnished by the bomb blast which killed two and injured 112.

"We have realised again that terrorism could happen at the Olympics," Asata Hara, director of security at the committee, said earlier. He said it was "considerably difficult to prevent an incident in a public place like the Centennial Olympic Park."

Bangladesh take on  
Nepal today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on minnows Nepal in their inaugural Pepsi ACC Trophy group league opener at the RMC ground in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur today.

In the 12-nation meet, a qualifying tournament for the next Asia Cup, Bangladesh, who have been placed in one group along with Nepal, Fiji, Brunei, Japan and Hong Kong, are favourites for the lone slot from the non-Test playing countries.

The Asia Cup which also includes Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India is scheduled to begin in Sri Lanka next year.

Bangladesh are a recognised force among the Asian associate members and the regular visitors in the Asia Cup including the last one held in Sarjah in 1994. But for Nepal it is going to be their maiden appearance in high-profile cricketing meet along with Japan.

Bangladesh, who are expected a tough fight in the semi-final stages, will play their next group league match against Fiji on September 7 before meeting Brunei on the following day.

The strong Bangladesh team will meet Japan on September 10 and will play their last group league match against Hong Kong on September 11.

Meanwhile, as far as the opponent strength is concerned, the group league matches are anything but a limbering-up session for Bangladesh.

BCCB's '96 calendar

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has announced the calendar for the forthcoming domestic season, scheduled to start shortly after the on-going Premier football league.

The inter-club cricketers transfer for the year 1996 will be held from September 22 to 24 and the Damal Summer tournament, season's curtain-raiser, rechristened as Damal Memorial Cricket tournament at an executive committee meeting of the newly appointed ad-hoc body early this month, will commence from October 10.

On the other hand, the Premier Division cricket league involving 12 teams, which will be 50-over-a-side match in the first phase and an 80-over-a-side match in the second phase — super league and relegation league — will start from November 1. The First Division league will also start simultaneously.

Dhanmondi drub Wari

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club registered their first victory in the Danish First Division football league when they outplayed Wari Club 4-1 at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Striker Towhid scored twice in the 26th and 48th minute while Tutul and Moon added one each to the Dhanmondi account in the 28th and 53rd minute respectively. For Wari, Bazul pulled back one in the 70th minute.

With yesterday's win, Dhanmondi raised their tally to six points from five matches while Wari, who suffered their second league defeat yesterday, have five points from as many outings.

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 5: Mehendiganj thana football team beat Agailghara thana football team by 5-0 goals in the Barisal inter-thana football tournament '96 held here at the local stadium today afternoon.

Babul, Kamal, Siraj, Palash and Leo of Mehendiganj thana team netted one goal each.

Tomorrow's play: Muladi thana football team versus Banaripara thana football team.

Quirot plans to quit

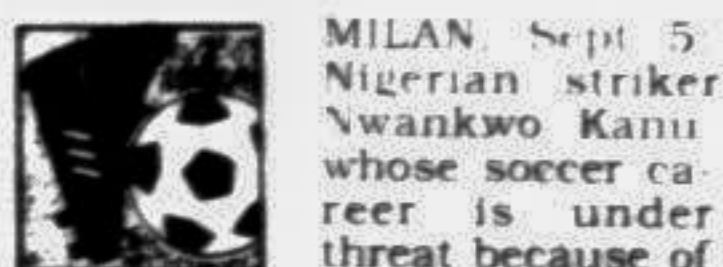


JAEN (Spain), Sept 5: Cuban veteran runner Anafidella Quirot, 800m world champion and silver medalist in Atlanta, announced here Wednesday she will retire from competition after next year's World Championships in Athens, reports AFP.

The 33-year-old Quirot, who was set to compete in today's meeting in Jaen, said she had resolved to call it a day and that Athens would be her final fling.

Of her Olympic performance, Quirot said, "Even though I was after the gold, I am satisfied with my silver medal." She recognised that the winner, Russia's Svetlana Masterkova had been far superior on the day.

Kanu dates with destiny



MILAN, Sept 5: Nigerian striker Nwankwo Kanu whose soccer career is under threat because of a heart problem, said on Wednesday he had not given up hope, reports Reuters.

"My sporting career is not finished. I will go to the best specialists in the world in order to play again," the 20-year-old Inter Milan player told reporters after a second series of tests confirmed the diagnosis.

"For me at the moment, I cannot imagine giving up soccer," he said. "I'll fight to the end before giving up."

Cardiologists said on Monday that tests had shown that the Nigerian had a "valvular insufficiency" and said that in

their opinion he could not play again.

Italian newspapers praised Inter for taking a stance that may have saved Kanu's life, but they criticised his Dutch former club Ajax for failing to notice the condition before he transferred to Milan during the summer.

"Ajax shame," declared the Gazzetta dello Sport, quoting leading cardiologist Bruno Caru as saying that he found it hard to believe that the club had not known.

But Inter president Massimo Moratti told Italian television on Wednesday that he believed Ajax were too big a club to have deliberately misled the Italians.

Milan's Dutch defender Michael Reiziger, himself signed from Ajax over the

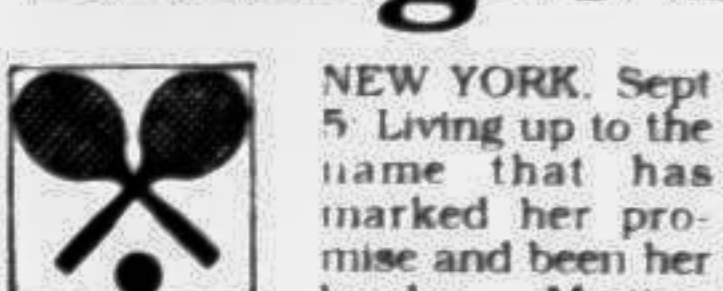
summer, said Dutch clubs had a very different approach to Italian clubs over medical tests.

"It is the player who takes responsibility for his physical condition, not the club," he explained. "I had various tests but nothing like the ones I had when I came here."

Kanu, who twice won the European Cup with Ajax and whose skills helped Nigeria to win the Olympic soccer gold medal in Atlanta, said it was hard to describe the nightmare he had gone through since his problem was diagnosed.

"I only hope that those who support me — the media, the fans — will understand that if I don't want to appear in public it's because before I say anything I want to have a clear picture of my future," the player explained.

Hingis humbles Novotna



NEW YORK, Sept 5: Living up to the name that has marked her promise and been her burden, Martina Hingis danced into the US Open semifinals at age 15 with an all-court attack against Jana Novotna, reports Reuters.

Next up is that other Martina's old nemesis, Steffi Graf. Hingis, named after Navratilova and guided toward a tennis career since birth, beat the No. 7 Novotna 7-6 (7-1), 6-4 to become the youngest Open semifinalist since Jennifer Capriati in 1991.

Two days after knocking out No. 3 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Hingis put on an even more spectacular show of versatile tennis by taking apart Novotna from the baseline and the net.

"I've played so many matches. I wanted to make some points shorter," Hingis said of her net attack.

Hingis, who became the youngest champion at Wimbledon when she won women's doubles with Helena Sukova this summer, is still going at the Open for three titles — singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Why is Hingis playing so much? "I have a lot of fun playing doubles, and I have great partners, so why not?" Hingis replied.

She had to get this one over quickly, she said, because she had a mixed doubles semifinals match to play with partner Christo van Rensburg. That match was scheduled "not before 5 pm" on Court 16. She would be

late, her tardiness excused, because her singles match ended at 5:41 pm.

After a 1-2-hour rest, Hingis joined van Rensburg, but they were beaten by the No. 4 team, Manon Bollegraf and Rick Leach, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Against the net-charging Novotna, the No. 16 Hingis did everything, slugging winners from the baseline, dropping cute, deft volleys, whacking overheads from the net and service line.

All those talents were on display during two brilliant sweeps — a 10-point surge from the first-set tiebreaker to love-40 in the second set's opening break, and an 11-point streak near the end of the second set that virtually clinched the match.

"When she needed it, she came up with a good passing shot or topspin lob," said Novotna, adding that she was surprised by Hingis' 33 charges to the net. Hingis won 19 of those approaches.

"She plays very light tennis, very effortless. And she is guessing right for so many balls, so she is there always on time, and that makes her good."

Hingis slapped a backhand wide on the first point of the tiebreaker to fall behind a mini-break, but that's all she yielded. She won the next seven points with winners from every angle, and plenty of help from Novotna's errors.

"She almost didn't make one mistake," Hingis said. "Especially from the forehand she hit so many winners."

But Novotna couldn't main-

tain that standard in the tiebreaker.

"I thought that I was playing well," Novotna said. "I got a little bit tired and I played a very bad tie-breaker. If I had been lucky enough to win some of her service games at the end of the first set, at four-all when I had some chances..." she played some good stuff when she was down."

Hingis reached the quarterfinals of the Australian open in January, losing to Amanda Coetzer. She said reaching the semifinals against a player of Novotna's stature and with the stadium crowd crowd urging her on, was exciting.

She gave herself a daunting task — a class with top seed and defending champion Steffi Graf, who won her 40th straight Grand Slam match Wednesday.

Hingis beat Graf at the Italian Open in May, but Graf has won their other three encounters, including a fourth-round win this year at Wimbledon.

"I am in the semis now," Hingis said. "I have nothing to lose against her and I did very well in this tournament. I will try my best."

West Ham won't let Bilic go

LONDON, Sept 5: English Premier league side West Ham have rejected a lucrative offer for Croatian midfielder Slaven Bilic, reports Reuters.

According to newspaper reports Tottenham Hotspur are willing to pay 2.5 million pounds sterling (\$3.9 million dollars) for Bilic.

"If you have world-class players there will constantly be inquiries and, yes, we have had one for Slaven," West Ham managing director Peter Storrle said. "But I can't say which club it is, and anyway, we have turned it down."

"If Slaven left it would have to be on the basis that we wanted to let him go, and that is not the situation."

While Bilic looks set to stay at West Ham, Dean Holdsworth may be leaving fellow Londoners Wimbledon.

The striker, valued at around 4.0 million pounds (6.3 million dollars) has put in a transfer request after being dropped for his side's league match against Leeds last week.

"As far as I'm concerned, if he wants to go I will not stand in his way," Manager Joe Kinnear said after the match. "You can't compete with egos so I'll just sit by the phone and wait for offers."

Spain scuttles Faroes

TOFTIR (Faroe Islands) Sept 5: Group favourites Spain had little difficulty trouncing the Faroe islands 6-2 in a Group six World Cup qualifying match on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

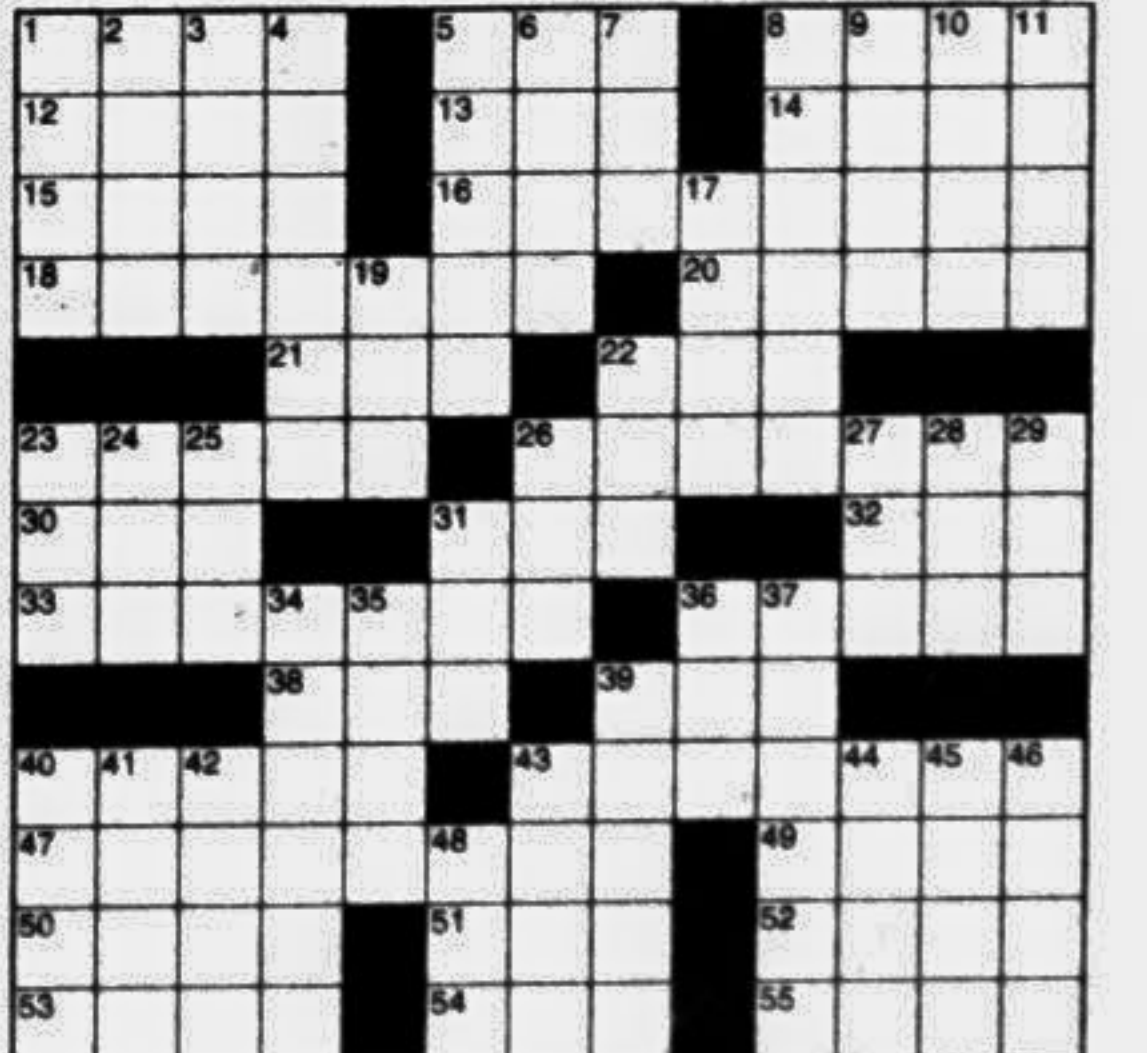
But the plucky homeside withstood their mighty opponents for more than half an hour and even managed an early second-half equaliser.

Luis Enrique Martinez put Spain 1-0 ahead after a frustrating 37 minutes for the visitors who might have expected an easy ride.

Local hero Todi Jonsson quickly equalised at the start of the second half to keep the game.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 New Mexico colony  
5 "A mouse!"  
8 Mr. Lugosi  
12 Emanon  
14 Herby competitor  
15 Beehive State  
16 Midway meal, in part  
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20 Cats' hangout  
21 Angler's need  
22 Grand N.S.  
23 Silver, e.g.  
24 Vacuum bottle  
30 Overseas ally?  
31 Sundial notation  
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33 Midway dessert, often  
34 Parahander, maybe?  
35 Inseparable  
36 Quite a way away  
40 "Cat on a hot tin roof" role  
43 Takes a sapsap of sand  
47 Meal container  
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53 Charon's waterway  
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7 "Tiki"  
8 One who wails  
9 Satan's specialty  
10 Big hits  
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24 Ostrich's cousin  
25 Lagniappe  
26 Reason for overtime  
27 Blend  
28 Harlem room  
29 Offspring  
31 Mamie's man  
34 Tailbone  
35 Egyptian cross  
36 - Mahal  
37 Character assassin?  
39 Good as new  
40 Lesage's Gil  
41 Hardly the pick of the litter  
42 Race place, for short  
43 Vagrant  
44 Heart  
45 Cat  
46 Toboggan  
48 Do a super-market task



CRYPTOQUIP

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T D K L Q F R Y O O Y K Z I F U L T  
R Y F O Q N L R F Y K Q I Q  
Z L K Q A F

Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE ASPIRING YOUNG ASTRONAUT REALLY AND TRULY HAD HIGH HOPES.

Today's Cryptquip clue: O equals M

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.