

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That angling is a popular sport in Australia where the largest marine animal killed by hand harpoon was a 97 feet blue whale at Twofold Bay, New South Wales.

Trout fishing is very good in the tributaries of Samina, Liechtenstein. In Canada angling is one of the most popular, widespread and indeed oldest of sports. Great Britain has many angling competitions and ladies are actively involved.

Ireland is often called a "sportsman's paradise" referring mainly to its unrivalled fishing and game facilities. Angling is also extremely popular in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Portugal, Andorra and Iceland.

SPORTS TALK



Gail Devers

(Olympic 100-metre gold winner sprinter)

"Use me as an example. Whatever you want to do, if you have faith, it can happen."

(Said of her gritty recovery from Graves Disease to win the gold for the second time in a row).

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Seles, the Miss America!



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A great champion in the ego-centric world of big-time tennis, Seles thrived in the unique Fed Cup team atmosphere...

Three times in the past five years the United States had reached the final only to be thwarted by Spain's Barcelona bashers...

This year Seles rode to the rescue, with her two-fisted groundstrokes blazing. She won the opening and championship-clinching matches...

"Two years ago the women said we've got to get Monica to play when she comes back..."

"I said that means one of you may not be on the team and they said 'we don't care'..."

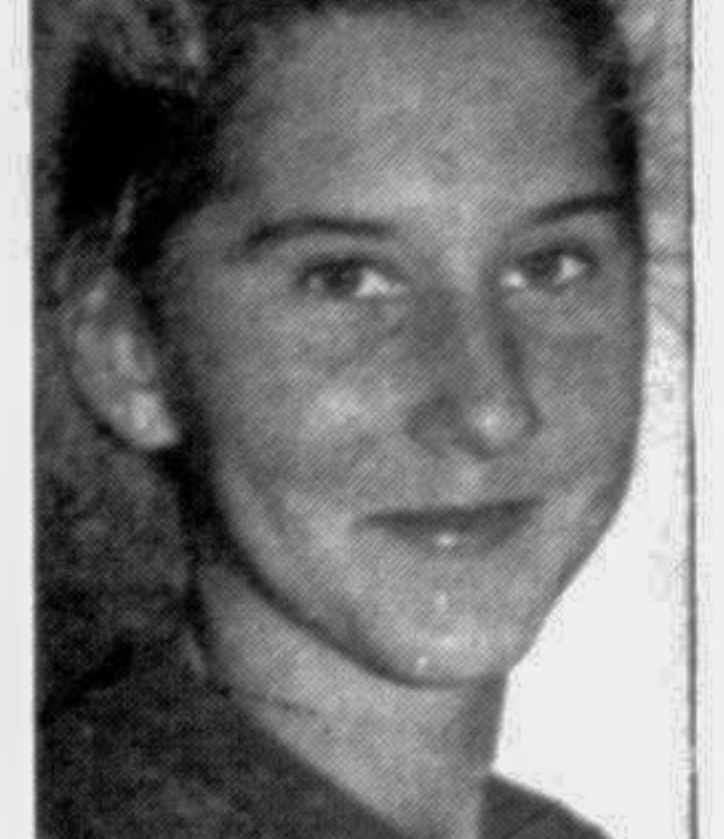
"It's wonderful that they feel that strongly about it and (Seles) certainly has changed the equation..."

"Something of a longer earlier in her career, Seles was

downright rattled by the fear of letting her new friends down. It added a tension she said she had not experienced in major matches before...

"It's very different... having your teammates behind you cheering you on..."

"This means so much to me because it's the first time I've done anything on a team."



MONICA SELES

"When I first got to Nagoya (for the semifinals) I wasn't sure what to expect because I've never been on a team..."

"I could tell after one minute that she was going to be a great team player..."

"All of us are very psyched that it's back in the States..."

"We should try to do it again next year."

Bosnian way of gratitude

BOLOGNA, Oct 1: Olympic president Juan Antonio Samaranch, athletics chief Primo Nebiolo and skier Alberto Tomba have all been invited to receive a prize here for their efforts to help war-torn Bosnia...

Top Bosnian sports officials plan to reward them at a special ceremony on October 7, the eve of Bosnia's World Cup qualifier against Croatia...

Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, has provided IOC funds to help re-build sports facilities in Bosnia...

"It has made a difference for Lindsay being around Monica. If you saw Lindsay practice a year ago compared to now you wouldn't believe the difference..."

Davenport admitted to being pleasantly surprised by Seles' selflessness in practice.

Along with Tomba, other personalities whom the Bosnians wish to reward are opera singer Luciano Pavarotti and officials from FIFA, UEFA and the Italian Football Federation.

Soccer legend Michel Platini has been invited to attend the ceremony as a representative of 1998 World Cup hosts, France.

Italy will have offered to host all of Bosnia's home matches in their World Cup qualifying campaign.

Soccer's 'Eton College' wins a reprieve

The Dutch soccer team Ajax Amsterdam has produced an impressive list of world-class players through its highly-respected soccer school. But, as Gemini News Service reports, the "Bosman verdict" curbing clubs' rights to transfer fees, has sparred a financial crisis that hangs over the academy's future.

Peter Hayes writes from York, England

A renowned youth development academy run by Ajax Amsterdam, the current World Cup champions of soccer, has been saved from closure — for the time being.

The 160 young members of the Dutch club's football school — nicknamed the Ajaxian — breathed a collective sigh of relief after a crunch meeting in September agreed to carry on, despite a financial crisis caused by new legal curbs on player transfer fees.

The school, and its related scouting network, is highly respected internationally as a means of nurturing young talent. Its running costs are estimated at two million dollars a year, however, and fears remain that the "Bosman verdict" in the European Court of Justice may lead to its scaling back.

No other European club can claim to have developed more world-class players than Ajax, and no other club spreads its net so wide to look for potential stars.

Clarence Seedorf (not with Real Madrid), Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal), Bryan Roy (Nottingham Forest) and Aaron Winter (Inter Milan) comprise a small selection of Ajax graduates now playing at the top level.

The school also launched the careers of Marco Van Basten and Johan Cruyff — both voted European-footballer-of-year at their respective peaks.

However, the Ajax "way" has always been as much about financial necessity as achieving soccer success.

As Dutch league football has never been particularly lucrative, Ajax has long been seen as a "selling club," bringing players to general attention, and then cashing in, usually just before their peak years.

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the club's European Cup triumph in 1995 did nothing to alter this ruthless philosophy. Within weeks, middle dynamo Sendorf had been sold to Italian side Sampdoria for 6.75 million dollars (which later sold him on to Real Madrid for 5 million dollars).

However, the court ruling won by Belgian footballer Jeannot Bosman last year has changed all this. It set a legal precedent in Europe, which has begun to take effect in recent months, enabling out of contract footballers to move to clubs outside their national borders on a free transfer.

For Ajax, the consequences were soon apparent. In July, their international midfielder, Edgar Davids, 23, moved to AC Milan without generating a fee. Although he had been at Ajax for more than 10 years, there was no financial return for the club's investment in his development.

The club found that, as the Bosman ruling became accepted international transfer practice, 12 of its top players were nearing the end of their contracts.

Officials tackled the problem by selling off some players and agreeing new contracts with others.

But the biggest unresolved question concerns Patrick Kluyvert.

The 20-year-old international striker is currently the most sought-after young player in Europe. He could generate a fee of many millions of dollars but, as the situation stands, he will be a free agent when his contract expires next May.

Ajax could try to sell Kluyvert before then, but he could simply reject the move — choosing to sit out his contract to gain better personal terms.

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Muster to put up a fight

VIENNA, Oct 1: Thomas Muster will join an Austrian delegation at an ITF meeting in London next week to explain their Davis Cup team's walkout from a World Group qualifying tie in Brazil this month...

The Austrian tennis federation (OTV) said on Monday, reports Reuters.

OTV general secretary Peter Nader said the International Tennis Federation took the unusual step of inviting representatives from both affected countries to a meeting in London on October 7 to discuss the incident.

Thomas Muster expressed his wish to attend so we chose him as one of our representatives because he was directly involved in the incident," Nader said.

"We don't know what to expect from the meeting, we hope that either the tie can be repeated on neutral ground or that we are handed the victory," Nader said, he did not believe the ITF would ban Austria from Davis Cup competition.

The OTV has prepared a 30-page report criticising the crowd behaviour in Sao Paolo, the surface of the court and toe quality of television coverage.

Other OTV representatives at the ITF meeting will be Nader himself, vice-president Christian Ransmayer and Muster's coach and Davis Cup non-playing captain Ronald Leitgeb.

Edberg indisposed

LYON, France, Oct 1: Sweden's Stefan Edberg, ranked 20th in the world and set to retire at the end of the year, has pulled out of the Lyon indoor tournament, event organiser Gilles Moretton said Monday, reports AFP.

"Edberg has a fever and doesn't feel he can play this week, even though his first match is only scheduled for Wednesday," Moretton said.

Edberg, who had been seeded seven, was to have faced Renzo Furlan of Italy in the first round.

He was then scheduled to meet Davis Cup final opponent Arnaud Boetsch of France in the second round if Boetsch wins his first round encounter with Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev.

Tulio gets into his stride

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 1: Brazilian striker Tulio ended his goal drought in style by scoring four times as Botafogo hammered Bragantino 5-0 in the Brazilian championship at the weekend despite having two players sent off, reports Reuters.

Unbeaten Palmeiras returned to the top of the table but needed a controversial last-gasp penalty to beat Sao Paulo, who had three players shown the red card.

Tulio, scorer of 50 goals for his club last year, had not got on the scoresheet for four matches until Sunday's encounter.

He ended the barren spell in the 25th minute, turning inside two defenders and scoring with a shot which sneaked in at the near post.

The second came from a penalty just before halftime and the other two in a three minute spell during the second half, making him top scorer in the competition with 10 goals.

Botafogo, who won for the third game in a row and moved within one point of the top eight, had defender Moises and midfielder Franca dismissed near the end along with Bragantino's Rubens, all for second bookable offenses.

Sao Paulo's defeat led to renewed protests against coach Carlos Alberto Pereira with fans once again chanting the name of Tele Santana, who abandoned the job earlier this year.

Columbian international Freddy Rincon gave Palmeiras a first half lead before his compatriot Victor Hugo Aristizabal equalised with a bicycle kick.

Singapore plans big

SINGAPORE, Oct 1: Singapore plans to build 257 million US dollars worth of sports centres and stadiums to promote a healthy lifestyle among its three million citizens, reports AFP.

It is a long-term national programme to make available a wide range of sports activities and schemes to the individual, the family and the community," Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said.

The 55-year-old premier, who plays tennis twice a week, and nine holes of golf weekly, said Sunday the programme would promote sports "to compete against other leisure products for people's time."

It aims to double the percentage of Singaporeans who play a sport at least once a week to 50 per cent by 2005. It will try to increase the percentage of people who exercise, at least thrice a week to 15 per cent by 2000.

Swimming centres with a sports complex, indoor facilities and running tracks will be made available within three kilometres (1.2 miles) of every resident, The Straits Times said.

Citizens can try a range of sports from Wushu and tennis to rugby and martial arts.

The first two of 15 regional sports and fitness centres will open today. Four new stadiums will also be built in the next three years.

The proportion of Singapore's population aged 65 and above will double to 14 per cent in 24 years, Goh said, explaining that "sports for life" was designed to enhance the quality of life in an ageing society.



Star striker Patrick Kluyvert holds aloft the European Cup in 1995: Now Ajax may lose him without a fee

Mixed bag on Tyson trial

ALBANY, New York, Oct 1: Mike Tyson was ordered by a federal jury Monday to pay his former trainer Kevin Rooney more than 4.4 million dollars, a ruling denounced by the heavyweight champion and his activist supporters, reports AP.

Rooney had sued Tyson for 49 million dollars, claiming the boxer had broken a lifetime contract by firing him in 1988.

Outside the courthouse, about two dozen demonstrators brought to Albany by New York City activist Al Sharpton to support Tyson chanted "No Justice, No Peace!"

An all-white jury has just robbed Mike Tyson of human status," Sharpton said of the decision by the jury of five women and three men.

Tyson, who is black, promised he would appeal what he called a "peculiar and unjust" verdict. But he would not comment when asked if he thought the decision was racially motivated.

Tyson also indicated he would have given Rooney 4 million dollars if he had just asked for it without suing.

Rooney said he was satisfied with the award of 4.415.651 dollars.

"I never expected 49 million dollars," Rooney said. "You can't take blood from a stone. They came in with what they feel is a just verdict and I'm not going to argue with it."

During the trial, Rooney could produce no written contract with Tyson to train the boxer. But he argued that the arrangement was established by Tyson's mentor, the late Cus D'Amato, when Rooney started to work with the teenager in 1982.

D'Amato died in 1985. Cayton testified that he and Jacobs, who took over Tyson's affairs after D'Amato died, continued the arrangement.

In its verdict, the jury determined that Tyson had broken a contract and unjustly fired Rooney. They did not determine the duration of the contract, and ruled that Rooney should not get any money from future Tyson fights.

Tyson said he had fired Rooney after being angered by the trainer's televised comments about Tyson's marriage to actress Robin Givens and his contract dispute with former manager Bill Cayton.

The jury deliberated about nine hours last Thursday and Monday, coming back into court twice to hear evidence again — once to see Rooney's televised interview that triggered the firing and another to hear Tyson explain his decision.

Deng's delight

HONG KONG, Oct 1: Olympic champion Deng Yaping won the inaugural women's table tennis World Cup singles title on Monday with a straight-games win over Chinese compatriot Yang Ying, reports Reuters.

Deng, gold medalist in both singles and doubles at the Atlanta Olympics, defeated 19-year-old world number six Yang 21-18, 21-18, 21-17 in an entertaining match which was largely a stroll for the top-ranked Deng.

She was overwhelming favourite to win to 22,000 US dollars first prize, the richest on the women's circuit, after Taiwan's Chen Jing and China's Qiao Hong, the Olympic silver and bronze medalists, turned down invitations to compete.

Deng said after her win she would cut back her international playing commitments and give preference to her university studies.

She said the time was ripe for China's new generation, led by Yang and third-place finisher Wang Chen, to challenge for the major titles.

"I am very happy that the young ones are coming up now. In the future China will be relying on them," Deng said. She said she would concentrate on her business management studies at Qinghua University in Beijing but would definitely defend her world title in Manchester next year.

"I am going to study a lot more but I will be taking part in the World Championships," she said. "But I have not decided about the Asian Games (in 1998 in Bangkok). That is too far ahead."

In the semifinals Deng overpowered Sweden's Marie Svensson, the 1994 European champion, 21-13, 21-14, 21-11 while Yang defeated compatriot Wang Chen, the world number five, 21-18, 21-15, 21-5.

Wang took third place, taking advantage of lapses in Svensson's game to win the play-off 23-21, 21-15.

Olympic champion Deng Yaping poses with the trophy after winning the inaugural Women's World Cup table tennis championship in Hong Kong on Sept 30. —AFP/UNB photo

Notice Inviting Tenders No. 6 of 1996-97

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved eligible E/M. contractors of PWD according to their financial limit for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned and as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Jessore/Magura/Kushtia/Faridpur/Rajbari/Narial/Meherpur/Chudanga PWD Division in their respective offices upto 12.00 Noon of 14-10-96 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with name of work superscribed on it.

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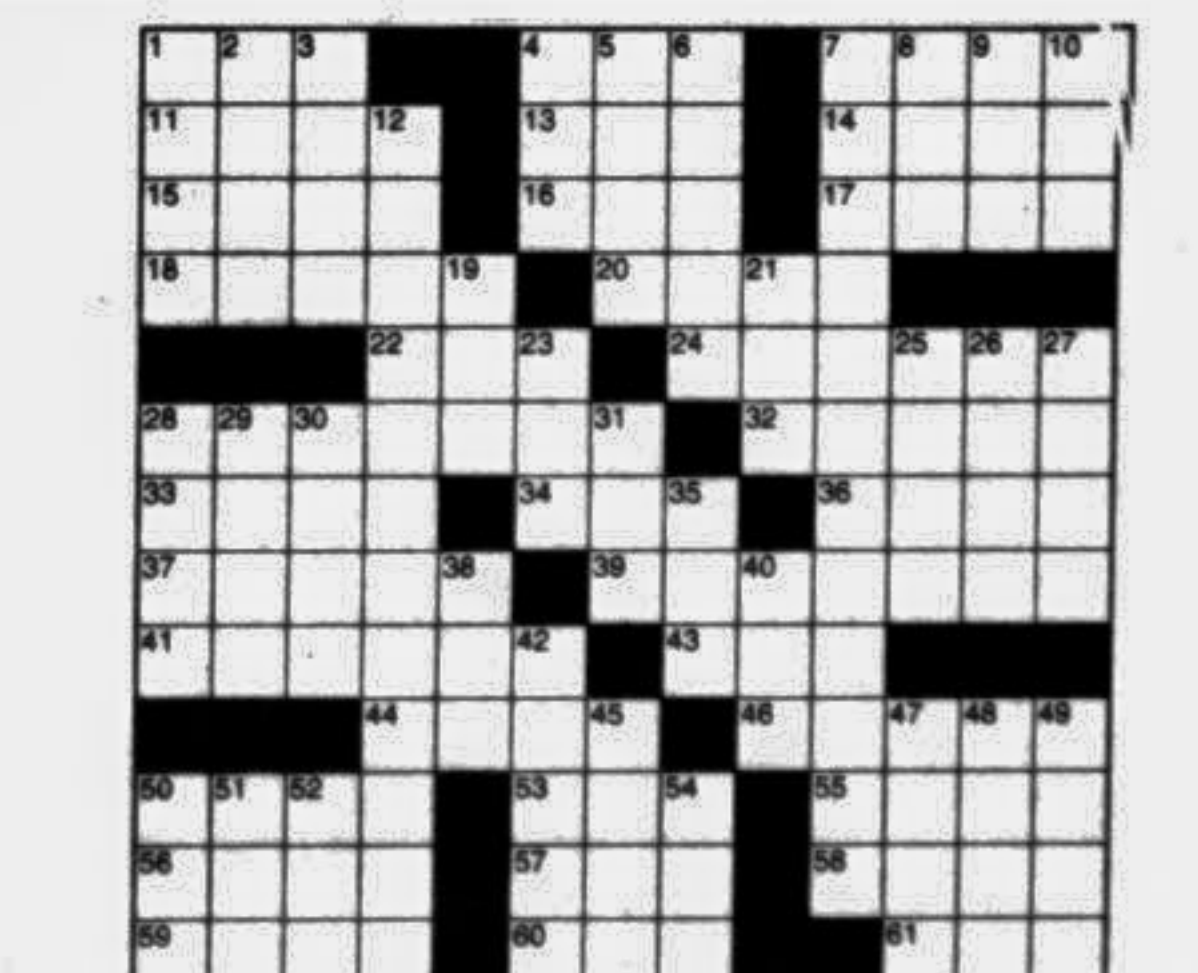
Item of work, tender notice, description of terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of undersigned and all the Executive Engineers under Jessore PWD Circle, Jessore on all working days during office hours upto 13-10-96 on payment of usual charges (Non-refundable).

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CRYPTOQUIP UH MEEKFN RMUX ELKE PHX WFXYPMDN NEPKX MLX WDFW KFPMDYDRKX Saturday's Cryptoquip: I LIKED CRUSHING ALL THOSE BIG ROCKS; IT OFTEN MADE ME FEEL BOUND. Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals R. 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.