# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT, although many of you okay us . . . , all right I thought baseball was similar to softball, but actually there are several differences.

A softball, made of a stlky fibre called kapok, is larger than the regulation baseball. A baseball, about 9 inches in circumference, has a cork centre that is wrapped in layers of rubber and string. It is covered by pieces of leather that have been tightly stitched together.

The bat used in softball may

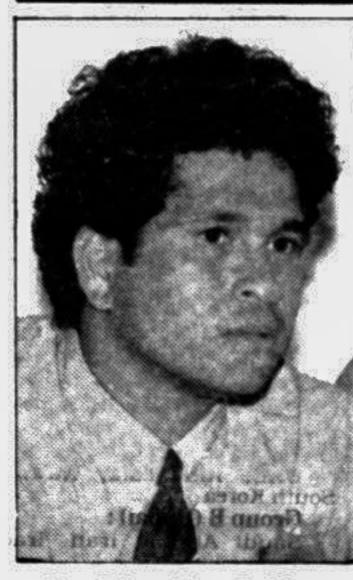
not be more than 34 inches in length. Baseball bats, usually made of aluminium or of springy wood, such as ash, may be no more than 42 inches long. Infield measurements in

softball are shorter than those in baseball

Softball has three major classifications: fast-pitch. slow-pitch (which is especially popular in the American Midwest), and modified-pitch. I know of no such classification in baseball. But, I have been wrong before.

Several aspects of softball's rules of play also differ from baseball. First, pitching in softball is underhand. A second difference may be in the number of players. Until 1947 a softball team consisted of ten players - the nine that comprise a baseball team plus an extra outfielder called a shortfielder or rover. The ten-player team is still used in slow-pitch softball. but fast-pitch and modifiedpitch play use nine-player teams. A third difference of play is that in slow-pitch softball neither bunting nor base stealing is allowed, although they are permitted in fast-pitch and modified-pitch.

#### SPORTS



#### Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian cricket captain) "Batsman like Boycott and Gavaskar would always play cautiously, the same cannot be expected of the likes of Azharuddin and Vivian Richards who always go for their shots.

(Disagreeing with a surprising questioneer that Azharuddin, who scored 109 and 52 in Calcutta Test against South Africa, had got out to rash shots).



Sports WHiZZ KID competition-58

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes: 8 pm December 6, 1996)

Who won the Sharjah

Champions' Trophy? Pakistan New Zealand Sri Lanka Who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title? Holyfield Leonard Tyson Which country will stage the 2002 World Cup football

final?

South Korea France Who scored the Danish Premier Division football league second hattrick?

Nakib year?

Which team has won the SMAH kabaddi league this Dilkusha SC Azad SC Victoria SC

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TODAY'S MATCHES Premier Division cricket

Abahani vs Victoria SC (Dhaka Stadium, 9 am) Biman vs Gulshan Youth (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, 9 am) Danish Premier Division

football league: Farashganj SC VS Bangladesh Boys Club (Mirpur Stadium, 5:30 pm) **Danish First Division foot**ball league:

Wari Club vs Sadharan Bima (Mirpur Stadium, 3:30 pm) Police AC vs BRTC SC (Army Stadium, 3 pm)

## Sanwar MSC's saviour

Sports Reporter

Defending cham-

pions Mohamme

dan Sporting Club

began their cam-

paign for retain-

ing the Premier

cricket league title with a shaky

five wicket win over promotees

Lalmatia Club in the inaugural

match at the Dhaka Stadium

The holders, smarting under

their debacles in two warm-up

tournaments before the league

including the season's curtain-

raiser, the Damal Smriti tour

ney, seemed to have hardly re-

BRIEF SCORES

in 50 overs (Amir Uddin 46.

Shoven 22, Nahid 21 n.o.

166/5 in 48.5 overs (Sanwar

51 n.o. Shipon 38. Bulbul 27

covered from disappointing

spell when, facing a modest

Lalmatia total of 162 in their

share of 50 overs, lost half of

their wickets with the score-

board reading at 98 m 36.2

beaten half-century from San-

war Hossain as Mohammedans

reached home and dry with

at number six with all the

recognised batsmen of the star-

returned to the dressing room.

almost single handedly guided

his side to victory with a pol-

The lithe right-hander, who

joined Mohammedans this year, in his 65-ball vigil at the

crease featured in two vital

partnership to stymie a kicking

with Sujon before the latter re-

tired hurt after scoring only

eight. Sujon, who injured his

hamstring while taking a

cheeky single, was carried off

the ground much to the horror

of a moribund Mohammedan

Sanwar, who had earlier did

one better with the cherry, then

propelled his side to victory

without further damage muster-

ing the required runs with left-

hander Mustadir Litu who re-

mained unbeaten on a 15-ball

edly the unofficial man-of-the-

match, cracked four off Lalma-

tia's new-ball bowler Korshed

Alam in the penultimate over to

collect the winning run and as

well as to celebrate his match-

Sanwar, an useful off-spin-

ner. was also in the thick of

things while restricting Lalina-

tia to a modest total scalping

four deliveries has effectively

dashed Lalmatia's hopes of a

late thunder when former na-

His two wickets in space of

winning half century.

two for 36 runs.

But it was Sanwar, undoubt-

After the departure of Sujon,

He shared some 30 odd runs

studded Mohammedan line-up

Sanwar, who came into bat

only seven balls to spare

ished 51.

Lalmatia.

team.

But thanks to a brilliant un-

the match by five wickets.

MOHAMMEDAN SC:

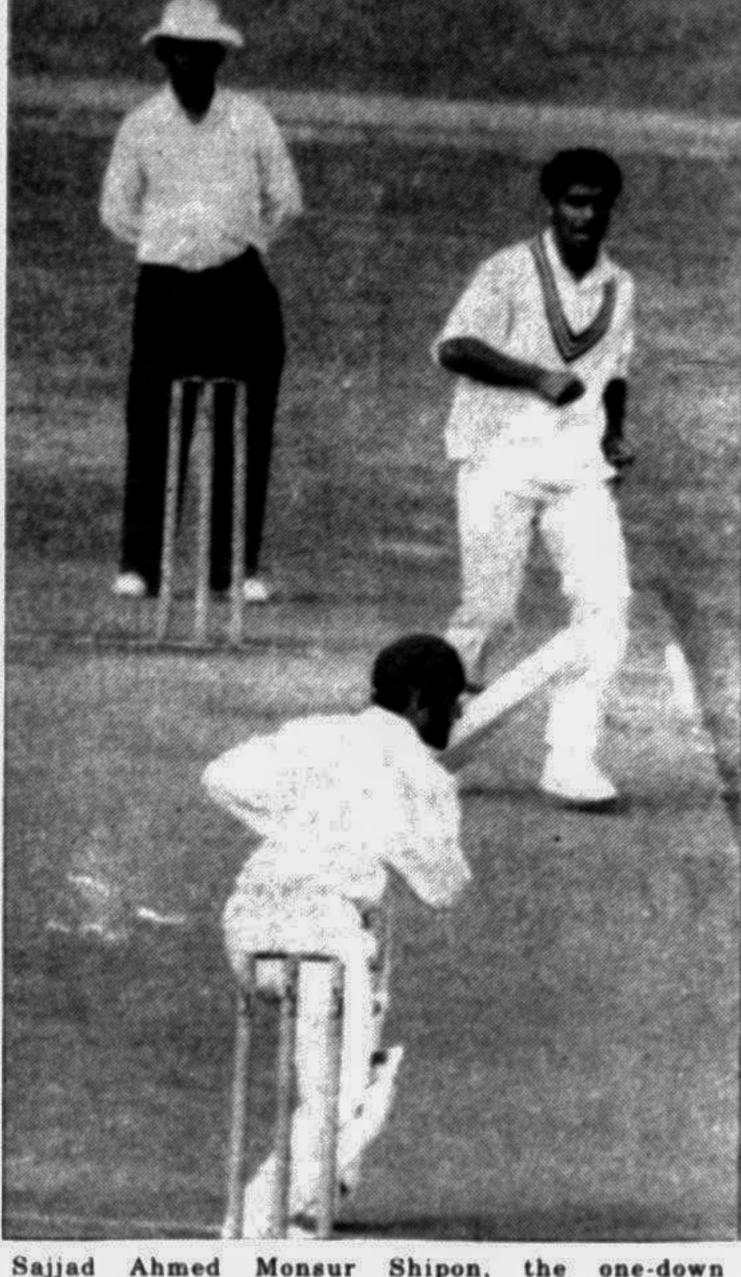
Result: Mohammedan won

Shanto 2/30, Sanwar 2/36)

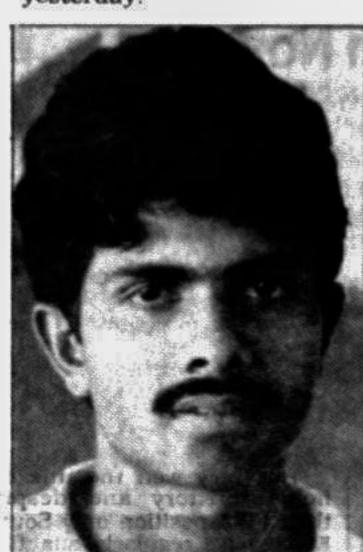
LALMATIA CLUB: 162/7

vesterday.

Nahid 2/28)



Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon, the one-down Mohammedan batsman, square cuts during their Premier league opener against Lalmatia at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo



SANWAR... allround show tional opener Shanto and Korshed were dismissed in the 48th

Earlier, a gritty 46 off 93balls from Pakistani Amir Uddin and a patient 22 by skipper Shovon helped Lalmatia cross the 100 mark against some accurate bowling from Shanto and Nannu, who conceded only 23 runs in his ten nagging overs to bag one wicket.

But Mohammedans, facing a simple task of scoring a little more than 3 runs per over, got off to a disastrous start, losing both of their openers after garnering 13 runs on the board.

Shipon and skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul then shared 50 runs for the third wicket before both were dismissed in quick succession. Shipon scored a painstaking 38 off 105 balls while Bulbul contributed a sedate 27. And when experienced Nannu returned after scoring only three offering a simple catch at cover off Nahid, who also got the prised scalp of Bulbul. Mohammedans were in a

#### dire strait with 98/5. Hill gets into hot water

BOMBAY. India. Dec 3: Anthony Hill, who only recently returned from a four-month ban from international squash, faces the possibility of another after

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quitting his first round match with Egyptian Amir Wagis in the 105.000 US dollars Mahindra International on Monday, reports Reuter. The eight-seeded Australian

walked out when the referee awarded a penalty point against him at the start of the third game for throwing his racket. "Aren't you've been going to

give me a warning?" Hill demanded of New Zealand official Gavin Whyte. "No warning." said the referee. who was then given a contemptuous gesture with the racket as Hill stormed

The angry player had just enough composure to shake hands with his opponent who had already profited from Hill's fretfulness about the refereeing decisions and the irregular contour of one of the walls and had taken an unexpected two games

The racket-throwing incident had happened on the last point of the second game in which Hill twice had game points to level the match 1-1 but had twice been fortunate not to

Once he swore three times. adding: "It's impossible to play squash here," and once he whacked the ball hard at the glass back wall in line with the market and referee and glared

at them. These incidents may well have influenced Whyte in his decision to penalise Hill for slinging his racket half the length of the court and into the glass wall after losing five

points in a row from 14-12 up. The New Zealander waited till the players had gone off court and returned for the start

#### DU cricket

Islamic History defeated the Education and Research Ins-Otitute by 6 wickets in the interdepartment cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Batting first, the Education and Research Institute were all out for 114 runs in 25.2 overs. Yasin scored highest 30 followed by Monir who made 13. Jewel and Sumon of Islamic History bagged four and two wickets respectively.

In reply, Islamic History reached their target hammering 115 runs for four wickets in 21.5 overs with Sumon scoring match highest 34. Rashid captured two wickets for the losers.

of the third game, and then annotinced to Hill that he was 1-0 down before even hitting a ball. The volatile Aussie then de-

cided he had had enough. Hill will have his behaviour reported to the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the players governing body which is likely to be considering also a report of his part in a controversial match with Pakistan's Zubair Jahan in last month's World Open in Karachi.

If he is deemed to have brought the game into disrepute, or to be guilty of aggravated behaviour. he is likely to accumulate enough disciplinary points in 1996 to get an automatic ban.

The incident led to the disqualification of the fourthseeded Englishman Chris Walker. who was caught out by the shortening of the time schedule caused by the brevity of the Hill match.

Walker, a World Open semifinalist last month. turned up late for his first round match with Pakistan's Zarak Jahan and now faces a 100 pounds (160 US dollars) fine from the PSA.

The third seeded former title holder Brett Martin also went out. The Australian, apparently suffering from knee problems, gained only 10 points from the Egyptian number four Omar El Borolossy.

A disabled kid aided by his mother makes an attempt to throw the ball into the basket during the annual sport of the Kalyani, a special school of the Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation, at the Dhaka University Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

#### C'wealth chess Brothers off the mark begins today

CALCUTTA, Dec 3: A host of top ranked chess players of the world, including six Grand Masters, will vie for top honours in the Commonwealth Open Chess championship to be held at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here from December 4 to 14, reports PTI.

This is the first time that the lea-gue with a convincing sechampionship is being held in ven-wicket victory over pro-

Dibvendu Baruah (India) Niaz Murshed (Bangladesh). Kevin Spragget (Canada), Tony Kosten (England), James Plas kett (England) and Collin Mc-Nab (Scotland) were the six Grand Masters who have confirmed participation in the prize money championship.

Apart from the Grand Masters, as many as nine International Masters five Interna tional Women Masters will take part in the championship or ganised by the West Bengal Chess Association under the aegis of Commonwealth Chess Association.

More than 40 players from nine countries have confirmed participation in the meet to be played in the FIDE Swiss League system, accorded to the organizers

The winner will be richer by Rs 1.08,000, while there will be a separate cash award of 18,000 for the champion in the women's section.

Pravin Thipsay, Lanka Ravi, D V Prasad, R B Ramesh, P Konguvel, Ziaur Rahman, K Murugan and Watu Kobese were among the International Masters who have confirmed participation.

#### Pak-NZ first one-dayer today

Sports Reporter

Pakistan take on visiting New Zealand in the opening one-day international of the three-match cricket series at the Gujranwala today.

Pakistan, who levelled the two-match Test series on Dec 1 after having lost the first Test in Lahore, are expected to be without their skipper Wasim Akram who missed both the Tests due to niggling shoulder.

With rookie fast bowler Mohammad Zahid, who set a Pakistani record by scalping 11 wickets in his debut Test in Rawalpindi, the hosts are likely to field yet again a bunch of fresh bloods in their famed pace line-up.

#### **England 175/9**

HARARE, Dec 3: England were 175 for nine when bad light forced an early closure on the opening day of their fourday match against a Zimba-bwean side Mashonaland at Harare Sports Club today. reports Reuter.

Sajjad wins

a slugfest

desh national junior champion

won his 2nd match against U

Win Myint of Myanmar in an

exciting encounter in the first

session of ACME-BBSF Presi-

dent Cup snooker champi-

onship at the Gulshan Club Bil-

liards Room yesterday, says a

frames. Sajjad changed his

strategy and took next four

frames to win the match 4-2

(24-51, 39-69, 74-24, 61-31, 41-

31 and 48-28). U Kyi Soe of

Myanmar won 4-0 (56-19, 69-

36, 68-40 and 49-47) against K P

Akbar Ali of Bangladesh in the

other match of the first session.

santha Boteju of Sri Lanka re-

tained his supremacy to win 4-2

(40-77, 80-18, 55-73, 63-40, 92-8

and 90-7) against Wong Kok Wai

of Malaysia with breaks of 58

and 62 in the 2nd & 6th frames.

In the other match, Susantha's

father, Henry Boteju lost to

Kwan Poomjan of Thailand 0-4

(12-99, 44-80, 33-50 and 26-76).

It may be mentioned here that

Henry Boteju was the champion

in the first BBSF President Cup

snooker championship held in

1987 and the proud father of

Susantha Boteju, the current

Mohammad of Pakistan pro-

duced some brilliant game of

snooker to win 4-0 (88-18, 62-

17. 66-16 and 80-35) with two 54

breaks in the first and fourth

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phites won their respective

Purabi Insurance First Division

basketball league matches at

the Dhanmondi Basketball

Sangha recorded a 51-31 vic-

tory over Lalbagh Sporting

Club. The winners led the first

In the first match, Surid

In the day's other match,

Josephites swept aside Rangers

Kalyani sports

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Protibondhi Foun-

dation yesterday celebrated the

"Universal Disability Day" with

its annual sports competition

at the Dhaka University Sta-

State Minister for Foreign

Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury

attended the function as chief

guest while Harun-ur-Rashid.

Director of Social Service De-

partment accompanied as spe-

Kalyani, special school of

Gymnasium yesterday.

Club scoring 63-34.

half 27-20.

dium.

cial guest.

Surid Sangha and Jose-

In the third session, Saleh

Sri Lanka No. 1 player.

frames.

In the second session, Su-

After losing the first two

press release.

Syed M Sajjad, the Bangla-

three Indian selectors watching the match as the South ACME-BBSF snooker Africans hammered them at

to Rapid Vienna for their final Champion's League Group C outing needing a win to book a quarterfinal place, reports AFP.

against Fenerbahce — the first time the Red Devils' Old Trafford fortress had been breached in 40 years of European competition — and holders Juventus have left United clinging on as they bid to reach the knock-out phase

A 2-0 triumph in Turkey six weeks ago looked to have sent the Premiership champions on quences.

Eric Cantona, on target in to hit the target since.

worth around 3 million dollars to the club, United are desperate to see off Rapid, but they cannot expect a Viennese waltz with the Austrians playing for their battered pride as group wooden with his skipper Farooque Ahmed and built on a vital third wicket stand of 96 runs before he was out in the 39th over leaving his team on 160. four runs short of the target. In his almost three-hour

Jahangir then partnered

Sports Reporter

Srikant Kalyani off a Shamsul

Huda delivery in the 21st over.

stay at the crease. Jahangir smite a huge sixer and four sweetly timed boundaries. He reached his fifty taking on only 69 balls

Skipper Farooque and Halim Shah then guided their side to the victory mark facing further two deliveries without any damage.

Farooque, the then skipper of Bangladesh's ICC mission in Kenya in 1994 scored an useful 46 inclusive of one six and five fours while Halim Shah, the right-handed middle-order, remained unbeaten on nought without facing a single ball.

Earlier, put into bat first in the morning, Surjo Tarun, were bundled out for 163 in 46.2 overs with opener Rawnak Islam Tutul scoring highest 29. cessful seasons with defending champions Mohammedan Among others, lower middle

order bat Rafigul Islam collected 15 runs while Srikant Kalyani. Ehsan and Shamsul scored 14 runs each for the

Former national left arm medium pacer Golam Nowsher Prince and left-arm spinner Saifullah Jem captured three wickets each for the Gopibagh boys conceding 30 and 19 runs respectively while Pakistani right arm pacer Baker Rizvi

and left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Moni bagged two wickets

The winners will face Victoria Sporting Club next on

#### December 6. Div II qualifying

cricket Sports Reporter

Young Cricketers Club and Maghbazar Jubo Sangha won their respective Lotus Kamal Second Division cricket league qualifying matches yesterday. Young Cricketers defeated Postal Cricket Club by four wickets at the western strip of

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Batting first Postal Cricket Club were all out for 130 in 34.4 overs with Moniruzzaman hammering highest 40. In reply. Young Cricketers reached home playing only 27 overs with four wickets in hand.

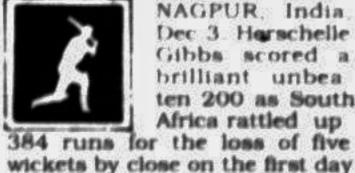
Ashigul scored a brilliant 55 for the winners followed by Badshah who contributed 43

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Club ground. Maghbazar Jubo Sangha handed Ekota Samaj Kalyan Sangsad a six-wicket defeat

Chasing a meagre 78 to win the winners reached their win ning mark in the 13th over losing four wickets. Earlier, in the morning.

Ekota were bundled out for 77 in 19.2 overs.

# Gibbs gives 'em a horror



Dec 3. Herschelle Gibbs scored a brilliant unbea ten 200 as South Africa rattled up

Wicketkeeper-bat-

sman Jahangir Al-

am scored a gutsy

half-century as la-

st year's runners-

up Brothers Uni-

on Club got off to a flying start

in the Premier Division cricket

motees Surja Tarun Club at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

In a low-scoring affair.

Jahangir, the former national

opener who joined the Gopibagh

BRIEF SCORES

SURJO TARUN CLUB

BROTHERS UNION

Result: Brothers Union

163 in 46.2 overs (Tutul 29

Rafigul 15: Jem 3/19. Prince

CLUB: 164 for 3 in 38.3 overs

(Jahangir 58, Farooque 46

Wahidul 21, Bidyut 20, Biplab

outfit this season after two suc-

Sporting Club, scored a bril-

liant 58 off 80 balls to propel

his side to an easy win over the

one-down bat with Brothers

were on 34 for one in 13.2 overs

during their chase of 164 runs

to win. Jahangir added 30 runs

for the second wicket along

with opener Wahidul (21) before

the latter returned to the dress-

ing room after being caught by

Coming in on to the crease as

Club won by 7 wickets.

west Dhanmondi outfit

3/30: Moni 2/15. Rizvi 2/35)

vesterday

against an India A selection today, reports Reuter. Gibbs, 22, hit four sixes and 28 fours in an impressive display of attacking batsmanship as the home side toiled.

Gibbs, who opened the innings, put on 215 runs for the fifth wicket with Derek Crookes.

tient 76 off 177 balls, was out when he miscued a lofted drive off paceman D Ganshe to Navjot Sidhu at mid-on. Wicketkeeper Dave Richardson was batting on 10 at close with Gibbs. The first day's play provided valuable batting practice for the

third Test which starts in Kanpur on Sunday, India and South Africa have won one match each in the three-Test series. The home side's bowlers would have disappointed the



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from the southern state of Kar-

nataka, home of India's two

other Test pacers Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad. was promising as he picked up three wickets, two of them in the space of three bails. He finished with figures of three for 69 of 23 overs. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the first day of a three-day match between India A and South Africa on Tuesday: **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings

Cronje c Jadeja b Bahutule Gibbs not out Commins c Kapoor b Sharma Cullinan e Dharmani b Ganesh McMillan c Dharmani b Ganesh Crookes c Sidhu b Ganesh Richardson not out Extras: (lb-8, nb-2, w-2)

Total: (for five wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-78; 2-123; 3-141; 4-141; 5-356. To bat: L Klusener, N Boje, F de Villiers, P Adams Bowling (to date)

Sharma

INDIA A: W Raman N dhu, V Kambli, A Jadeja, S Sarath, R Nayyar, P Dharmani, S Bahutule, A Kapoor, S Sharma, D Ganesh

### Alex counts on Cantona



PARIS, Dec 3 Manchester United's quest for a second European Cup triumph hangs in the balance

as Alex Ferguson's men travel Successive home defeats

for the first time.

their way, but a poor league run has pushed them down to fifth place, while those two Champions' League flops could now have catastrophic conse-Crucial to United's hopes is the form of French playmaker

Fenerbahce but who has failed With a place in the last eight

spoonists. They also have a 2-0 defeat in Manchester to avenge. Manager Ferguson will have

one eye on developments in

Turin, where Juventus play

Fenerbahce. The Turks will qualify at United's expense if both Wednesday's games end in Ferguson dismisses the theory that Juve will just go through the motions having al-

ready won the group. "I am confident Juventus will give it their all," he said. "We must look for a win in

Vienna and I am confident we will go through." A bonus for Untied is the re-

turn of centre back Gary Pallister from injury. But if United have their problems as they chase the trophy which has become their holy grail, they are by no means

the only side whose hopes of European Cup glory rest on a knife edge. AC Milan also have it all to prove as they welcome back former coach Arrigo Sacchi, who resigned Monday as coach of the Italian national side to

return to the club whom he made European and World champions in 1989 and 1990. Sacchi, hit by a barrage of criticism since Italy's Euro '96 flop, quit and immediately replaced Uruguayan Oscar

Tabarez, who threw in the towel

in Milan after Sunday's humil-

iating defeat by struggling

Piacenza. Milan, five times European champions, the last in 1994. face Rosenborg at the San Siro Stadium knowing they cannot afford a third Group D defeat if they are to make the quarterfinals as that would send the

Norwegians through. Sacchi's side will be shorn of Liberian striker George Weah, as the FIFA world player-ofthe-year is suspended following his altercation with Porto captain Jorge Costa two weeks ago

in Portugal. Porto, who have already sewn up Group D, finish with a

clash in Gothenburg. Four-time European champions Ajax, like Milan, are in the doldrums having lost at home last month to Auxerre. The Dutch press slammed that performance as "toothless".

In fact, Group A has proved the tightest of all with Ajax. Grasshoppers Zurich and Auxerre all on nine points.

Ajax travel to Zurich for their final showdown having already lost at home to the Swiss. And with Auxerre favourites to beat Rangers in France, anything less than a win for Louis van Gaal's side

may well not suffice. At least Frank de Boer, badly missed against Auxerre, returns as does Nigerian striker Tijjani Babangida.

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer Purabi b'ball

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hogs

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CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals C 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



MYSSQD YPNSVO BSZGM QTVVSQJ. QZVVEGC Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I PRESUMED THE PIG'S VERY FAVORITE FAIRY TALE OF ALL IS HAMSEL AND GRUNTEL.

words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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