

Franz Beckenbauer

(German football legend) "I will not be a candidate. It will be better for Europe if there is only one candidate; otherwise it would split our vote.' While refusing to run for the

FIFA presidency.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN competition-69

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,

May 16, '97 Who was adjudged man-ofthe-final in the 6th ICC

Trophy?

2 Who scored two half centuries for Bangladesh in the 6th ICC Trophy?

Who was the man-of-thematch in the second semifinal of the 6th ICC tournament? Pilot Williamson

How many centuries has Sanath Jayasuriya scored in Test cricket?

5 How old was Denis Compton when he died?

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Bagan to be made PLC

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

CALCUTTA, May 3: One of the Birla Group of Company has evinced keen interest in taking a majority stake in Mohun Began Club which is being converted into a public limited company soon, reports PTI.

The president of one of the Birla Group of Company held discussions with the Mohun Bagan secretary, Anjan Mitra, and a final decision in this regard will be taken in due course of time.

"We have been holding discussions with the company. They are keen to invest but all the financial aspects have to be worked out," Mitra said today but declined to name the specific company.

The management of the Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, one of the oldest sporting institutions of the country, had revived the idea of converting the club into a limited company in a bid to tide over its acute financial crisis.

Mitra said that as a company Mohun Bagan would try to have a capital base offers ten crore. It has been planned in such a way that the present members of the club, who would turn shareholders then, would pick up shares worth Rs 2.5 crore while the rest of the money would be raised from the market.

Mohun Bagan wanted a major firm to take controlling interest by buying a bulk of the Rs 7.5 crore equity and realise the rest of the amount through pub-

Celtic axes manager

GLASGOW, May 3: Scottish Premier Division club Celtic sacked manager Tommy Burns on Friday after three almost barren years at the Glasgow Club, reports Reuter.

The decision, reported on British radio, to release Burns from his contract before it expires at the end of the season comes with city arch-rivals Rangers poised for their ninth

consecutive league crown. Celtic, who have won only one trophy under Burns, are not appointing a successor imme-

Burns' position has grown insecure in the shadow of Rangers' continuing dominance.

Rangers won all four league matches between the teams this season, and Celtic also suffered a surprise Scottish Cup semifinal defeat recently at the hands of First Division Falkirk.

Ctg squeeze into semis

Sports Reporter

Ishtiaq Ahmed hammered a brilliant unbeaten ha-If century to propel holders Chittagong DSA into

the semifinals of the 23rd national cricket championship with an exciting one-wicket victory over Rajshahi University at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: 174 for 9 in 50 overs (Nayan 53. Babu 40. Liton 31. Salauddin 25; Rubel 2/26, Enamul 2/30).

CHITTAGONG DSA: 175 for 9 in 49 overs (Ishtiaq 59, Jahangir Dulu 17, Nurul Abedin 16. Enamul Haque 15; Ehte-sham 3/39, Nayan 3/44, Hasan 2/22).

Result: Chittagong won by one wicket

The Chittagong wicketkeeper who came into bat at number six with his side tottering at 45 for four in reply to Rajshahi varsity's total of 174, remained unbeaten on 59 at the kill to steer the port city outfit home

(175/9) with six balls to spare in the 50-over-aside affair.

The young right-hander who plays for Chittagong Friend's Club, hammered five sweetlytimed boundaries in his 100ball vigil. After the fall of four recognised batsmen - Zahid Razzak(4), Nurul Abedin (16), national skipper Akram Khan (3) and an experienced Minhajul Abedin (7) — Ishtiaq fought a lone battle in his nearly threehour watchful knock. He shared a valuable 42 runs for the sixth wicket with left hander Enamul Haque Moni (15) and then went on to make another priceless 41-run partnership with Jahangir Alam Talukder Dulu (17) for seventh wicket before the latter was out leaving Chittagong on 131 for seven in the 40th over.

Needing a further 44 to win from the remaining ten overs with Chittagong who were about to lose the match as they lost more two wickets in the next six overs adding a further 21. But thanks to Ishtiaq and number eleven batsman Zakir Hossain (8 n.o.) who added the required 232 runs for the last wicket and

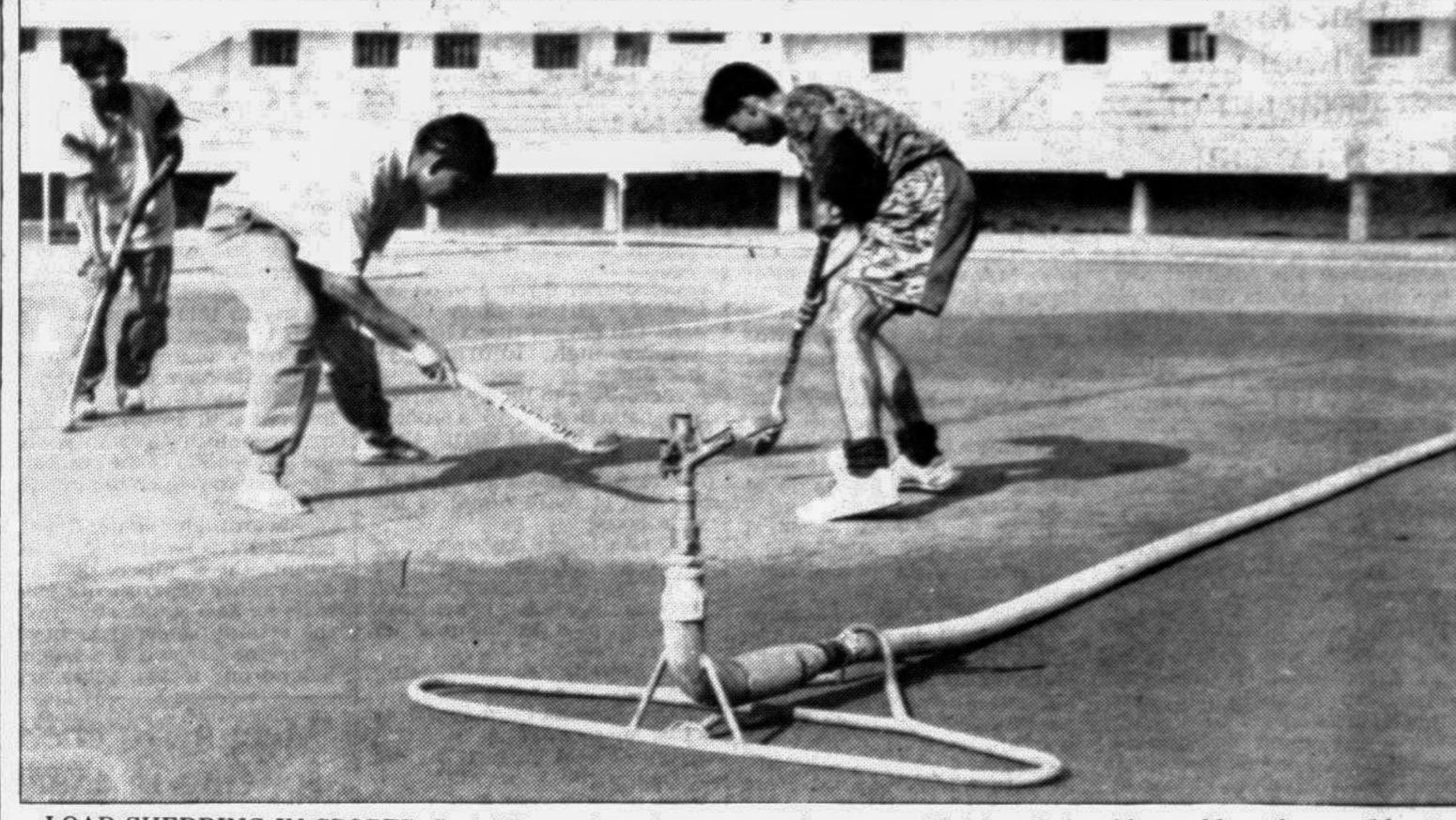
saved their side from a probable

defeat. Mohammed Ehtesham and Nayan of Rajshahi University, who took their side almost near to the victory with their superb bowling, shared six wickets while Hasan took two wickets.

Earlier, opting to bat, Ra-jshahi University innings was built around a magnificent 53 by middle order bat Nayan. In his 58-ball stay at the crease. Nayan hammered five fours. Besides, Babu (40), Liton (31) and Salauddin (25) were the other notable run-getters.

For Chittagong, left-arm spinner Enamul Haque and Rubel captured two wickets each while right arm pacers Hasibul Hasan Shanto, Zakir Hossain and slow medium-pacer Akram Khan took one wicket each.

In the three-day second semifinal scheduled to begin at the same venue on May 6, Chittagong will face either Mymensingh or Dhaka University. In the other semifinal which begins at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium this morning, last year's runners up Biman will take on Dhaka.



LOAD SHEDDING IN SPORTS: Sprinkling, a key element to make any artificial turf playable, could not be possible at the Hockey Stadium yesterday due to the long power lay-off in the capital. As a result none of the two First Division hockey league matches billed for the day could get underway. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Favourites fall in unison



MANCHESTER. England, May 3: Olympic champion Liu Gualiang of China was bea-

ten in the second round of the men's singles Friday night, one of five major seeds eliminated on the same day of the World Table Tennis Championships, reports AP.

Only two days after having helped China win the men's team title, the third-seeded Liu lost 17-21, 21-16, 21-10, 18-21, 21-13 to Yugoslavia's Aleksandr Karakasevic.

Within an hour, fourthseeded Yang Ying, who three days ago helped China retain the women's team title, was beaten in five games by Anne Boileau of France, ranked only 88th in the world.

Both losers appeared jaded after the long team championships campaigns, and Liu appeared particularly vulnerable to attacks into the body and into his pen grip backhand.

Karakasevic, coached by his father Milivoj, a former international, served well and then attacked with flicks and backhand topspins, and made great strides towards victory when he raced to 9-1 in the final game.

Liu pulled it back to 10-16 and then 13-17, but four points in a row brought the world No 109 the best win of his career.

The Yugoslav next plays the China-born Spaniard He Zhewin, and the winner is bound to play an unseeded player because the world No 9 from Germany Jorg Rosskopf went down 21-16 in the final game to the Swedish No 4. Thomas von Scheele.

China had some consolation when the little-known 18-yearold national junior champion Wang Liqin counter-looped brilliantly from half distance to bring down the former world champion from Sweden, Jorgen Persson, 21-14 in the final

Wang now plays another surprise survivor, the Germanybased Englishman Carl Prean. who overcame the Seoul Olympic champion Yoo Nam Kyu, who appeared to have cramps in his right leg, by 1721, 21-15, 21-18, 21-17.

The defeat of Yang Ying was the only major upset in the women's singles, although Japan's world No 8 Chire Koyama (once the world champion from China, He Zhili) had to withdraw through illness.

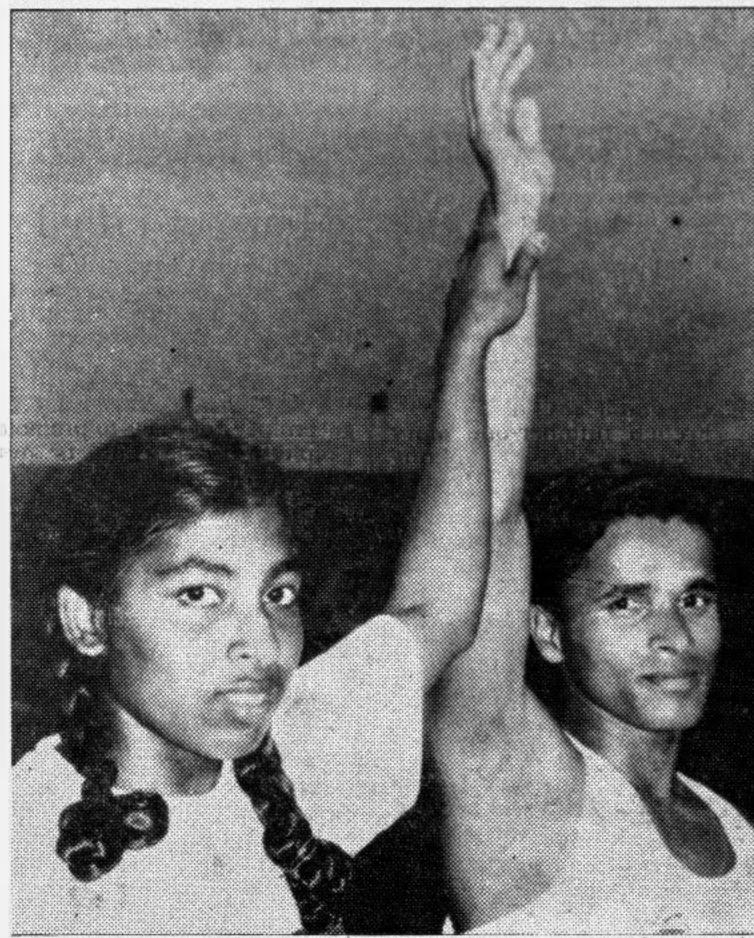
Yang lost 21-17, 11-21, 17-21, 21-11, 21-18 to Boileau, and that may help the progress of the brilliant 18-year-old defender Cheng Hongxia. The Chinese teenager's straight games win over Mihaaela Steff carried her to the third round, only one bracket away from Boileau.

Amidst the upsets, two de-

fending world champions, Kong Linghui and Deng Yaping, both came safely through to the third round, though Kong had to save three game points near the end before beating Richard Vyborny of the Czech Republic 22-20, 21-16, 25-23.

China won all seven titles two years ago in China and is trying to become the first country to defend them all success-

The mixed doubles final is set for Sunday with men's and women's singles and doubles scheduled for Monday on the closing day of the tournament.



Nazmun Nahar of Noakhali and Nizamuddin of Kishoreganj pose after winning the 100 metres (under-16) heats of the Milk Vita 15th national junior athletics championships at — Star photo the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

fitness royale



We all know that one of the most important benefits of exercise is that it reduces our risk of cardiovascular disease. Surprisingly, however, researchers are just beginning to under-

stand why. While fit people have lower blood pressure, lower blood-fat levels and less body fat than couch potatoes, these signs may not be the most notable when it comes to predicting heart disease risk, according to new research. Most of the things I share with you I read, learn from doctors and from my own experience. I try my best to keep up with the time.

The people who exercise have the lowest risk of cardiovascular disease primarily because they have less intra-abdominal fat than their less active peers. People who have least amount of intra-abdominal fat have lower risk of heart disease, even if they aren't particularly active. But then they could develop other problems? One must exercise and eat healthy diet, thin or fat struc-

Why does intra-abdominal fat have such power to cause disease? Once it hunkers down around our internal organs, it releases fatty acids into the blood stream. These fatty acids head for the liver, where they are repackaged as cholesterol and sent out to muck up the arteries. Before you know it, coronary artery disease is on the way. (On the other hand, thigh-fat for example does not circulate the same way. It parks closer to the skin and as many men and women know too well. it pretty much checks in for the

To lower your intra-abdominal fat, exercise is crucial. Don't bother trying to get rid of it with sit-ups on crunches; spot

long haul).

reducing doesn't work. Fortunately, however, this type of fat is relatively easy to lose. You must do an overall body work out and follow a low calorie

So how do you know if your level of intra-abdominal fat puts you at risk? The most accurate way is to have a magnetic resonance imaging or a similar process called computed tomography. Since few people have access to these sophisticated and expensive test its best to just measure your waist line. But do remember when you go abroad and if you can afford it then you must have it done. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Remember sizes wary but I am giving you a rough idea. For women if your waist is smaller than 30 inches you're in the low risk category but if its more than 38 inches, you're in the high risk group. For men, the danger zone is 40 inches and

larger. Keep in mind that these numbers are estimates. If you are particularly tall or have large bones or are very petite, you may have some leeway. Basically you cannot afford to have a pot belly or bulges and tires around the waist

The best way to keep waist size in check is to exercise regularly and eat low fat, balanced diet. That's not a new message, but now you have one more reason to heed it.

I always like to personally instruct my students that way they understand properly and make less mistakes. This exercise works on the whole stomach. Bend knees eases pressure on the back. Elbows should be square with the shoulder. Do not pressurise the neck muscles. Concentrate and work only on the stomach muscles. Slightly lift shoulder off the ground and hold to count 5 and increase to 10. Breathe out as you come up



Models: Trainer & writer with Moushumi.

- photo Shehzad Noorani

Booters' transfer postponed

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) has postponed the inter-club booters' transfer sine die to press home their demand for regaining the Dhaka Sta-

The inter-club players' transfer had earlier scheduled to start from May 5.

The decision, which equivocated the demand of Dhaka Mahanagari Club Association (DMCA), a welfare organisation of the 20 Senior Division outfits, quite expected came after a meeting of the DMFLC last

Earlier, the National Sports Council (NSC), the owner of Dhaka Stadium, allocated the all-purposed sports venue to cricket for the next two years as part of our preparation for the 1997 World Cup cricket.

Ten on top in school chess

Sports Reporter

Ten players with full points were leading table on completion of the second round of the Reliance schools chess tournament at the National Sports Council yesterday.

In the war of wits among sixty boys and girls, Rawnak, Mehdi Hasan, Kamrul Hasan, Rubel, Murad, Shabbir, Farhana, Nafiz Ahmed Masud Rana, Mohammed Ullah and Tanvir recorded their second consecutive victories to join in the crowded top slot.

Dahlin may join Ajax

STOCKHOLM, May 3: Sweden and Borussia Moenchengladbach striker Martin Dahlin is considering an offer to join Ajax, the Swedish daily Expressen reported on Friday, reports Reuter.

"I have had a serious request from Aiax and it seems interesting. (Ajax manager) Morten Olsen has said he wants to buy me," the 29-year-old Dahlin told the daily. Dahlin, a mercurial striker

who combines flashes of genius with periods of ineffectiveness, has said he wants to leave the German club at the end of this season.

"I've told the club I won't be carrying on at Moenchengladbach.... Italy is attractive but Ajax is also a good alternative, I'm keeping all doors open," he was quoted as saying.

Norman in last four

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 3: Sweden's Magnus Norman toppled his second seed in as many nights, ousting fifth seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the 303,000 dollars AT and T Challenge on Friday, reports AFP.

The 81st ranked Norman, who defeated fourth-seed Andre Agassi 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, in the second-round, served 12 aces to beat the former French Open finalist in 94 minutes. Apart from Agassi and Ko-

rda, top seed Michael Chang. second seed Jonas Bjorkman and third seed Jim Courier have all been beaten at the event Norman now faces seventhseeded Australian Jason

Stoltenberg. Stoltenberg, a Wimbledon semifinalist last year, beat Brazil's unseeded Fernando Meligeni who retired after losing three of the first four games with an injured right hip.

In the other semifinal,

ippini of Uruguay. Woodruff beat Australia's Sandon Stolle, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 and Filippini beat Austrian Gilbert Schaller 6-1, 6-2.

TODAY'S MATCHES 23rd National Cricket Championship:

Biman vs Dhaka (DCS) (Semifinal) Dhaka University vs Mymensingh (BKSP) Green Delta First Division Hockey League:

(Venue: Hockey Stadium) Sadharan Biman KS vs Bangladesh Railway (2:15 pm) Mohammedan SC vs Dhaka Ansars (3:45 pm)

Warne twitches warning cluding him memorable "ball of champions of Test cricket.

"I thought I was slowly get-

ting back to 100 per cent in

South Africa," he said. "I feel

I'm not far away now from my

best form and hopefully this



Warne was not as effective last summer after off-season finger surgery, which kept him out of Australia's short tours of Sri Lanka and India prior to last summer's five-Test home series against the West Indies, which Australia won 3-2. He was effective without be-

ney Walsh's Caribbean tourists taking 22 wickets at 27.00, although there were no fivewicket innings hauls. He toiled hard against the South African batsmen without typical success on the February-

March tour of the republic tak-

ing spectacular against Court-

ing 11 wickets at 25.64 in three Tests. However. Warne said here Friday he left his best form returning during the South African Test series, which the Australians won 2-1 to make

them the unofficial world



SHANE WARNE

tour will be a special one for me," he said.

Warne mesmerised England on his first tour in 1993 picking up 34 wickets in six Tests inthe century" to dismiss Mike Gatting around his pads at Old Trafford.

Warne, the most identifiable cricketer in the Australian touring party, has taken a phenomenal 240 Test wickets at 23.94. He was taken five wickets in an innings 10 times and 10 wickets in a Test three times.

The 27-year-old said his finger was no longer causing him any problems and said he was now "cooking with gas.

While confident he will have a big impact in England, Warne said the Australians were prepared for a far tougher contest against the old enemy this time. "I think we are definitely go-

ing to win, but it's going to be a lot closer than everyone thinks it's going to be," he said. They have not a few goers in their side who want to be out

there and want to win." In particular, Warne singled out pace duo Darren Gough and Dominic Cork as the men Australia have to combat if they were to win their fifth succes-

sive Ashes series. The Australians leave for England next Friday, May 9.

Zola enters elite club



LONDON, May 3: Chelsea's Italian maestro Gianfranco Zola is the footballer-of-thevear, completing a hattrick of foreign winners of the Football Writers' Associa-

its 50th year, reports AFP. The 30-year-old has made a stunning impact on the English game, including reaching the FA Cup final with Chelsea, and follows Germany's Juergen Klinsmann (1995) and French ace Eric Cantona (1996) in cap-

tion's (FWA) coveted award in

turing the 350-strong vote. He will be presented with the award at London's Royal. Lancaster Hotel a week next Thursday just two days before Chelsea's Wembley showpiece against Middlesbrough by Sir Stanley Matthews, the original recipient in 1948.

Another pocket-sized overseas star, Middlesbrough's brilliant Brazilian Juninho, earned second place. And the Stamford Bridge

club will hope there is a Wemb-

ley omen in that especially as another of their star forwards, Welshman Mark Hughes finished third, just one vote behind.

But Zola won by a distance, polling twice the total number of votes gained by Juninho and Hughes.

Top English player was Manchester United's David Beckham in fourth place. A delighted Zola, who is

fighting an injury battle after being substituted with hamstring trouble in Italy's 3-0 World Cup win over Poland on

what I am feeling. It is not easy to be voted footballer-of-theyear when there are so many

good players in England." Chelsea's Dutch manager Ruud Gullit, the runner-up to United's Cantona last year, said: "I am pleased for Franco and pleased for the club, let's hope he gets a Wembley winners' medal to go with this tro-

Frans Thijssen the former Ipswich and Holland international who won the FWA award in 1981 will fly in from Malmo where he is now coaching to join the soccer writers' 50th anniversary celebrations.

And 14 other previous winners including Gary Lineker (1986 and 1992), Bobby Charlton and Pat Jennings will honour Zola at a gala dinner. Sir Stanley Matthews, who

won the award for a second time

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in 1963, is one of 29 English-

men to have collected it. There have been nine Scottish winners, four from Northern Ireland, two each from Wales and Germany and one apiece from the Republic of Ire-

land, Holland and France. Now Zola, who joined Chelsea in a 4.5 million dollar move from Serie A giants Parma in November, becomes the first from Italy to win again underlining the impact of overseas players on the British game.

Santoro stops Rios

PRAGUE, May 3: Chilean Marcelo Rios' recent run of fine form came to a halt when he crashed out of the quarterfinals of the 365,000 US dollars Czech Open tennis tournament on

Friday, reports Reuter. Second seed Rios lost to unseeded Frenchman Fabrice

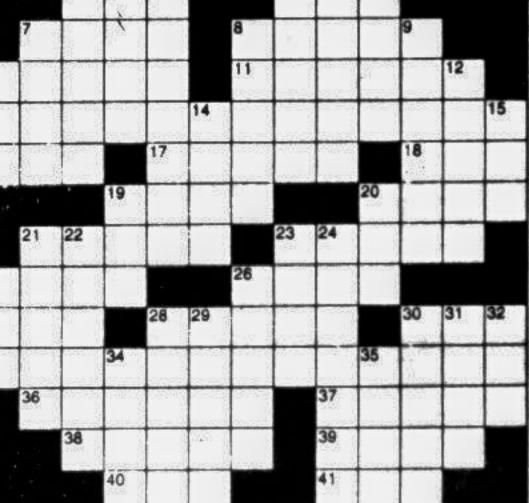
Santoro 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. Rios, coming off his biggest tournament win at the Monte Carlo Open last week, battled evenly with Santoro for the first two sets before being undone by a spate of unforced er-

Ulihrach overcame a slow start against Spaniard Albert Portas, winning 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to remain the highest remaining seed left in the tournament. Fourth seed Cedric Pioline of

Third-seeded Czech Bohdan

France was also stretched to three sets before overcoming Australia's Richard Fromberg

6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Santoro will meet Ulihrach in one semifinal on Saturday, while Pioline faces Spain's Emilio Alvarez, who beat German qualifier Marcello Craca



6-3, 7-5.

BQBU, RSUJ QGLWGZY-WGRS.

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.

CRYPTOQUIP Q W U P V J HXVV HBPVQ

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD THOSE MAGI-CIANS WITH BIG IMAGINATIONS BE CALLED SU-PER DUPERS? Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals K

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Wednesday, said: "Every footballer wants to win a prize like "It is a big honour for me and I feel very lucky, it is hard for me too explain with words CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer 33 Indulges in ploy 12 Does a ACROSS 1 "-- for the a Hallow- 2 "-dore's 4 Bleacher-36 Actress 3 Its capital work Kidman is Dakar 14 Tear

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