

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-73

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

1 Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment?

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2 How many warm-up matches will Bangladesh play before the World Cup in 1997?

Four Three Six

3 How many matches has Shahbaz played for Pakistan?

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4 What is the position of Bangladesh in FIFA rankings for June?

137 138 139

5 Who lifted CUTE Premier handball league title?

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SPORTS TALK



Iva Majoli

(Croatian tennis player) "I knew I had the game to win here. This is my favourite tournament. It was just a question of putting it all together."

Prize-giving ceremony

Sports Reporter

The prize giving ceremony of Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee, the organisers of different leagues in the city, was held at a hotel last night.

Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed distributed trophies among the champions and runners-up of different leagues — Premier, First, Second and Third Division — held in 1996.

Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra received the championship and runners-up trophies of the Premier League while Victoria Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society were awarded the First Division league championship and runners-up trophies.

Mohammed Hanif, the president of Bangladesh Football Federation, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and MA Hashem, the chairman of Partex Group, were present on the occasion.

Li meets Samaranch

Sports Reporter

BEIJING, July 2: Chinese Premier Li Peng met with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch here today, reports Xinhua.

The IOC president flew in Beijing Tuesday afternoon after attending the ceremonies for the Hong Kong handover and the inauguration of the Hong Kong special administrative region government around midnight Monday.

Li expressed his thanks for Samaranch's consistent efforts on promoting closer relations between the Chinese Olympic Committee (IOC) and the IOC.

He also extended his appreciation for the IOC's backing of China's policy of "one China".

COC president Wu Shaou, also minister of the Chinese Physical Culture and Sports Commission, and China's IOC executive board member He Zhenliang, were present at the meeting.

Jr Tennis camp

Sports Reporter

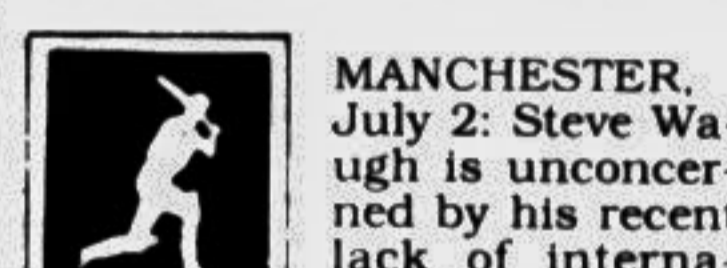
A month-long junior tennis camp, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation, commences at the Ramna Tennis Complex this afternoon.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division league encounter between Usha Krira Chakra and Mariner Young's Club at the Hockey Stadium. — Star photo

Third Test begins today

Steve sees nothing to worry



STEVE WAUGH

MANCHESTER, July 2: Steve Waugh is unconcerned by his recent lack of international runs as he and his Australian colleagues bid to level the Ashes series when the third Test gets underway at Old Trafford on Thursday, reports AFP.

A 'golden duck' in the draw at Lord's and scores of 12 and 33 in the first Test defeat at Edgbaston in well below par for the tourists' vice-captain, who arrived in England with an average of 50.63 from his 89 Tests.

"I've only had three innings in the Tests. And I made a hundred in the county match before the last Test," said Waugh. "The wickets for the first two Tests were up and down. Anyone could have nicked a ball."

"I'm not looking too much into it. In the Lord's Test I waited until 6.00 pm on the fourth day before I got in and it wasn't the ideal situation."

"England were bowling well and our guys were trying to force the pace to set a target."

"I got out first ball and that doesn't indicate good or bad form. I didn't worry about it because anyone can get himself, in that kind of situation."

Old Trafford has been fairly kind to Waugh on his two previous visits and he recalled, "I got 78 not out in the last series and 92 in 1989, so I enjoy playing in Manchester. It's always a pretty good pitch."

Waugh's brother Mark has also disappointed so far in the series, making five and one at Edgbaston and 33 at Lord's after being dropped on nought by Nasser Hussain.

But his 173 against Hampshire at Southampton at the weekend suggested he is back on to prime form.

"Generally we don't bat too long together, but we complement each other well and score quickly when we do make runs," said Steve.

England coach David Lloyd, meanwhile, is calling for a return to the boisterous atmosphere of the first Test at Edgbaston, where England were roared to a nine-wicket victory by a noisy, colourful crowd.

The first three days are already 20,000 sell-out and produced the wettest June since 1879.

That could put Dean Headley in line to make cricket history as the relative dryness of the pitch gives the 27-year-old the best chance of joining Darren Gough and Andy Caddick in the frontline pace attack.

Sharp enough in pace but also likely to get the most from the seaming conditions, the Kent paceman looks set to get the nod ahead of Devon Malcolm and Mike Smith for the one remaining bowling place.

If selected, he would become the first third generation cricketer to play Test cricket — following in the footsteps of his famous grandfather George Headley and also his father Ron.

Both represented the West Indies but Dean in English through and through, having been born and brought up in the west Midlands while his dad had a long county career with Worcestershire.

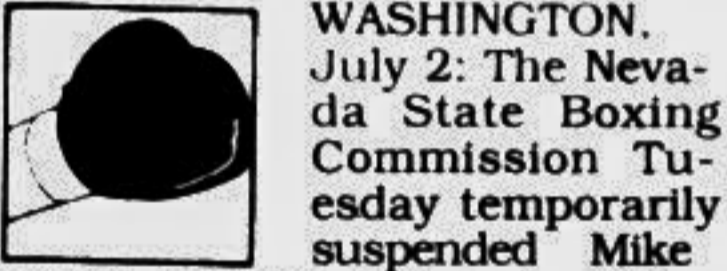
"Perhaps when I was a small kid I used to say I wanted to play for the West Indies, but that was because my dad and granddad both did," Headley said.

"I've never been approached by them, and there is no reason why I should have wanted to play for anyone other than England."

Malcolm will only retain his place if the sun suddenly appears and a heatwave is promised because in recent years Old Trafford has been one of the quicker and bouncier pitches around.

Gloucestershire left-arter Smith will only get a Test debut if England's management feel excessive moisture under the square will produce a slow, low surface which will put a premium on swing rather than pace through the air.

Temporary ban on Tyson



TYSON

WASHINGTON, July 2: The Nevada State Boxing Commission Tuesday temporarily suspended Mike Tyson for biting Evander Holyfield's ear during their heavyweight title bout, report agencies.

The suspension is a preliminary move until the commission meets next week to determine its final action. Tyson was not present at the hearing.

The commission voted 5-0 to serve Tyson with a complaint and sign a waiver that would enable the disciplinary hearing to begin on July 8.

Meanwhile, Tyson's 30 million dollar purse was frozen. By law, the commissioners can only fine Tyson up to 10 per cent of his purse, or three million dollars.

The infamous bout set pay-per-view records, the Showtime network said.

A spokesman for the cable network said preliminary numbers indicate the fight was purchased by between 1.8 and 1.9 million people, breaking the 1.6 million record set by the first Tyson-Holyfield match last November. Final figures will not be available for several days.

The heavyweight title fight on Saturday night carried an average price of 49.95 dollar, although some cable systems charged as much as 54.95 dollars.

Subscribers of Long Island-based Cablevision paid 9.95 dollars per round and got a bargain, charged 29.85 dollars when Tyson was disqualified. The company reported an 11 per cent audience increase from the first fight.

San Francisco lawyer Mark Webb said he planned a class action lawsuit alleging breach of contract by Tyson for not giving

fans their money's worth. The fight will be replayed on Showtime on July 7.

Holyfield said on he was looking to fight again in November but not against Tyson. He said no opponent had

then another fight between the two of them was a possibility provided Tyson worked himself back up to become the number one contender and there was interest in such a fight.

In an earlier interview on the MSNBC cable television network, Holyfield said he backed the Nevada Commission's move to keep Tyson under suspension and hoped the punishment Tyson ultimately receives would be good for boxing.

"I think they handled it properly by taking action against Mike because he's the one that committed the foul," Holyfield said in the interview.

"The commission should do the proper thing to keep other boxers from doing that," said Holyfield, who needed 15 stitches to close the wound in his right ear and will require plastic surgery.

"The word will be passed down that your behaviour is a big part of sports."

Holyfield, dressed in a black sleeveless shirt and leopard vest, and speaking on camera from the Fairburn, Georgia, said he had accepted Tyson's public apology Monday but that Tyson's future in the sport depended on his actions.

"I do accept it," Holyfield said about Tyson's apology. "But I truly believe that time tells everything, the mouth can say anything."



Mizanur Rahman (L) and MA Hamid show off their crests at a reception accorded to them by the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association on the occasion of International Sports Journalists Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Usha clinch second slot

Sports Reporter

Usha Krira Chakra emerged runners-up in the Green Delta First Division league with a 4-2 victory over Mariner Young's Club in their last match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a dull and boring encounter, national centre forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored all the four goals for Usha to celebrate his seventh hattrick in the league while Musa and Rubel reduced the margin for the Arambagh outfit scoring one each in the late second half.

With yesterday's victory Usha raised their tally to 40 points, two adrift of champions Mohammedan Sporting Club who have ensured the title with still one match in hand. If Abahani Krira Chakra, who are already out of the title race, can beat Mohammedans in their last match on July 5, they will also earn 40 points but will remain third position because of the inferior scoring rate.

On the other hand, Mariners, who suffered their third defeat yesterday, completed their 15-match campaign with the fourth spot having 30 points to their credit.

Kamal, who has already created sensation in the local hockey arena with his natural scoring abilities, put the old Dhaka outfit ahead as early as in the fifth minute placing the ball home from a Rahul Singh pass. The stout and speedy forward, who earlier scored six hattricks in the league including a double against Ansars, then scored three more goals in the 12th, 14th and 16th minutes respectively to mark his seventh league hattrick.

With yesterday's four goals, Kamal scored 40 goals in the league while his side celebrated their 11th goal.

After the breather, Mariners, taking the advantage of a tired Usha side, reduced the margin with Musa flicking the ball home from a Biaka pass in the 64th minute and Rubel sounding the board from a Javed pass after four minutes.

ANSARS BEAT VICTORIA

Earlier in the day's first match, Dhaka Ansars recorded their second victory defeating Victoria Sporting Club by a solitary goal.

Babul Miah scored the all-important match-winner 26 minutes into the first half. With yesterday's win Ansars earned seven points from 15 matches and remained second from the bottom of the table. On the other hand, it was the tenth defeat for Victoria which kept them in the 13th position with their previous collection of nine points.

Div III Super league soccer

Sports Reporter

Jatrabari Krira Chakra made a fair start in the Third Division football Super league with a solitary goal victory over Bangladesh Government Press in one of the two matches played on the inaugural day at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Ansars scored the match-decider 20 minutes into the first half.

The other match between Motijheel T&T Club and Mutaul Udayan Sangsad ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ripon put Mutaul ahead in the 20th minute while Kamal levelled the margin after five minutes.

Eight teams are participating in the Super league.

It's all because of biting!

MANILA, July 2: Filipino Tyson fan was shot dead, another was beaten up and a third lost his girlfriend all because of the controversial title fight against Evander Holyfield, a Philippine newspaper said today, reports Reuters.

A Holyfield fan in the northern Philippine town of Munoz shot and killed his drinking partner during a quarrel over the fight last weekend after watching it on television, the newspaper today said, quoting police reports.

A Tyson fan in Munoz was beaten up by a neighbour after he refused to pay a 30,000 peso (1,400 dollars) bet on the fight, it added.

Another Tyson fan, who was courting a village girl in nearby San Isidro, also came to grief.

The girl's father, a Holyfield fan furious at Tyson's ear-biting incident, barred him from seeing his daughter again.

Sports Journalists' Day observed

A discussion was held at National Sports Council auditorium yesterday marking the World Sports Journalists Day, reports UNB.

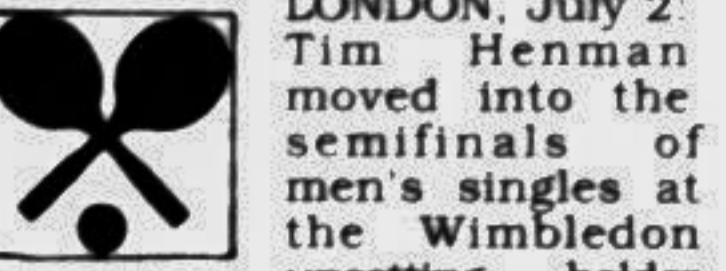
State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader was the chief guest at the programme, organised by the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association.

Noted sports journalist and sports writer Mizanur Rahman and MA Hamid were accorded a grand-reception, acknowledging their contributions in enriching our sports arena.

President of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association ASM Raquibul Hasan and its general secretary Rezaul Karim also spoke on the occasion.

Henman stuns Krajicek

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



KRAJICEK

LONDON, July 2: Tim Henman moved into the semifinals of men's singles at the Wimbledon upsetting holder Richard Krajicek 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 at the Centre Court today.

The unfinished match between "King" Richard and Her Majesty's subject Tim Henman generated tremendous interest in this year's Wimbledon but the partisan crowd did not have to wait long as Henman took only 36 minutes today to wrap up the match that makes him the first Briton to reach the semifinals here since 1961. He now awaits the winner of two unseeded quarterfinalists, Greg Rusedski his compatriot and Cedic Pioline of France.

The bubbling 16-year-old Russian Anna Kournikova makes a dream debut here and has already reached the semifinals by surprising the French Open title holder Iva Majoli of Croatia in straight sets. Kournikova may be three years younger than Majoli but surely miles quicker than her illustrious opponent. A vastly improved player (she is still improving) Anna showed her uncanny sense of anticipation and tremendous power of recovery. The match was punctuated by break of service by both players but at the end Kournikova got better of her tired opponent 7-6, 6-4 who had a three-setter against Romanian Irina Spirlea.

Little known Denisa Chladkova of Czech Republic made life miserable for World No 1 Martina Hingis at the Centre Court today. The scores of 6-3, 6-2 hardly justifies the efforts that the 19-year-old Czech put up against an intelligent

Though the match was over in 59 minutes at 6-3, 6-2 in favour of Hingis the Czech girl twice broke Hingis — once in end set.

LATEST

LONDON, July 2: World number-one Pete Sampras took another step towards his fourth singles crown here today but he was made to work hard for a 6-4, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 fourth-round victory over Petr Korda of the Czech Republic, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old American now plays Germany's three-time champion, Boris Becker, for a place in the semifinals.

Sampras, who hit 27 aces, was leading 6-4, 4-2 when fading light stopped play on Tuesday night.

Third-seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic cruised into the semis when she defeated Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

Novotna, 28, now plays either eighth-seeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario or Nathalie Tauziat of France for a place in the final.

Thern signs for Rangers

GLASGOW, July 2: Sweden midfielder Jonas Thern officially joined Glasgow Rangers from Roma as a free agent on Tuesday, saying his new club could make a long-overdue impact in the European Cup Champions' League, reports Reuter.

The Scottish champions' poor showing in the competition in recent seasons has seen them included in next week's draw for the qualifying round. But Thern expects Rangers to progress much further than that.

"People criticise Scottish football and say it's only about Rangers and Celtic," said the 30-year-old Swede. "But for games in Europe, it does not matter if you play in the strongest league, only that you have a good team."

Fernandez new Tenerife coach

SEVILLE, Spain, July 2: Spanish club Tenerife have signed former Zaragoza coach Victor Fernandez to fill the gap left by the departure of new Real Madrid coach Jupp Heynckes, reports Reuter.

Fernandez last enjoyed success in 1995 when he led Zaragoza to victory over Arsenal in the European Cup Winners' Cup final.

In other developments Real Betis announced on Tuesday that veteran First Division manager Luis Aragones will take over next season from Lorenzo Serra Ferrer.

TEENS OF YESTERYEARS

From Special Correspondent

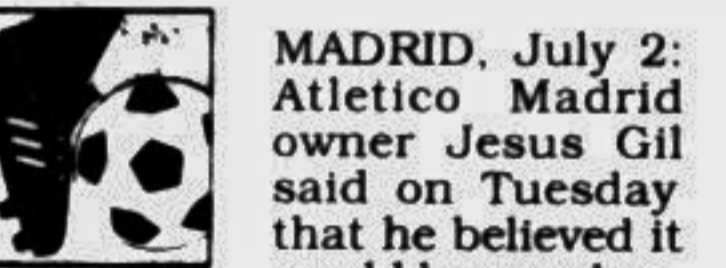
LONDON, July 2: Martina Hingis, Iva Majoli, Anna Kournikova and Denisa Chladkova combine to make Wimbledon history in the Open era, becoming the first quarter of teenagers in the quarterfinal round. Furthermore, Hingis and Kournikova are the first pair of sixteen-year-olds to make the quarters in the same year.

Andrea Jaeger remains the youngest ever Wimbledon quarterfinalist in the Open era at age 15, followed by Jennifer Capriati at age 15 years, three months. (Open era started in 1968)

The youngest quarterfinalists in Open era history include:

Year	Age	Player	Birth date	Wimbledon Finish
1980	15y	Andrea Jaeger	June 4, 1965	Quarterfinal
1991	15 y, 3 m	Jennifer Capriati	Mar 29, 1976	Semifinal
1986	16y	Gabriela Sabatini	May 16, 1970	Semifinal
1997	16y	Anna Kournikova	June 7, 1981	Semifinal
1979	16 y, 6 m	Tracy Austin	Dec 12, 1962	Semifinal
1990	16 y, 6 m	Monica Seles	Dec 2, 1973	Quarterfinal
1997	16 y, 9 m	Martina Hingis	Sept 30, 1980	Semifinal
1984	17 y, 4 m	Manuela Malceva	Feb 14, 1967	Quarterfinal
1989	17 y, 6 m	Arantxa	Dec 18, 1971	Quarterfinal
1972	17 y, 6 m	Chris Evert	Dec 21, 1954	Semifinal
1974	17 y, 7 m	L. Boshoff	Nov 12, 1956	Quarterfinal
1994	18y	Lindsay Davenport	June 8, 1976	Quarterfinal
1985	18 y, 3m	Kathy Rinaldi	Mar 24, 1967	Semifinal
1997	18 y, 4 m	Denisa Chladkova	Feb 8, 1979	Quarterfinal
1982	19y	Bettina Bunge	June 13, 1963	Semifinal
1990	19 y, 2 m	Steffi Graf	June 14, 1969	Champion
1990	19 y, 2 m	Natasha Zvereva	Apr 16, 1971	Finalist
1981	19 y, 4 m	Hana Mandlikova	Feb 19, 1962	Finalist
1987	19 y, 10 m	Iva Majoli	Aug 12, 1977	Quarterfinal
1975	19 y, 11 m	Betty Stove	June 24, 1945	Quarterfinal
1981	19 y, 11 m	Pam Shriver	July 4, 1962	Semifinal

Juninho on road to Spain?



JUNINHO

MADRID, July 2: Atletico Madrid owner Jesus Gil said on Tuesday that he believed it would be very hard for Juninho to sign for any other team, reports Reuter.

Other reports from Spain claimed the deal was already completed.

In England, Tottenham have made a late bid to prise the Brazilian midfielder away from Middlesbrough — an Atletico — and have had an offer of 11 million pounds (18.3 million dollars) accepted by Middlesbrough.

Juninho has not agreed personal terms with Tottenham, and according to reports in Spain, Atletico have already reached agreement with him. They have apparently offered 12 million pounds (20 million dollars) and they expect to hear on Wednesday that the deal is done.

"I believe that it is difficult for him to sign for any other team in the world," Gil was quoted as saying, while a report in the sports daily Marca said agreement had already been reached between Atletico and the Brazilian.

The Spanish press also carried comments from Juninho's father and manager Osvaldo Giroldo saying that he would join Atletico.

Middlesbrough, who say the only deal they have agreed is one with Tottenham, hold the key to any transfer.

But the situation is fluid with Atletico — apparently backed by Osvaldo Giroldo — looking the more likely to win

the battle for his signature — at least according to the Spanish press.

Marca quoted Osvaldo Giroldo as saying: "Juninho will play for Atletico. He is having a holiday in Brazil and next week we will go to Madrid to pass the necessary medical."

"Atletico and Middlesbrough reached agreement on Sunday with my approval. It is true that at the end a great offer came from Tottenham, but my son wants to play in Spain and with Atletico Madrid."

Miguel Angel Gil (director general, son Jesus Gil) has shown us special affection and attention. Juninho already feels himself an Atletico player."

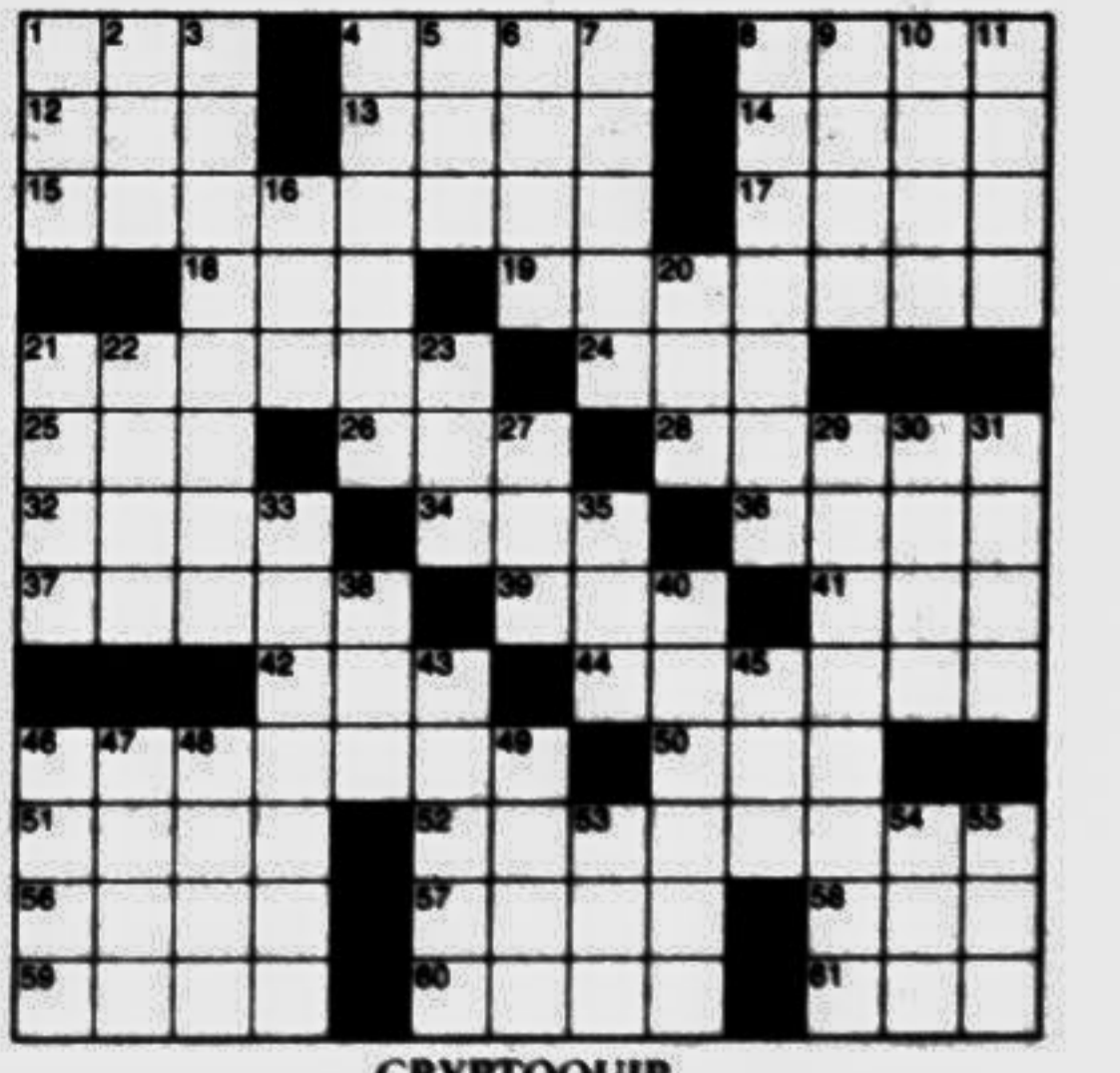
The article also states that Middlesbrough chairman Steve Gibson agreed to the transfer over the phone with Miguel Angel Gil, for a million pounds more than Tottenham's bid.

"We sent a fax yesterday another will answer us tomorrow — Wednesday," said Gil.

But earlier on Tuesday Tottenham appeared to have gained the upper hand in their battle to sign the midfielder when Middlesbrough said they were involved in negotiations only with their fellow English club.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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