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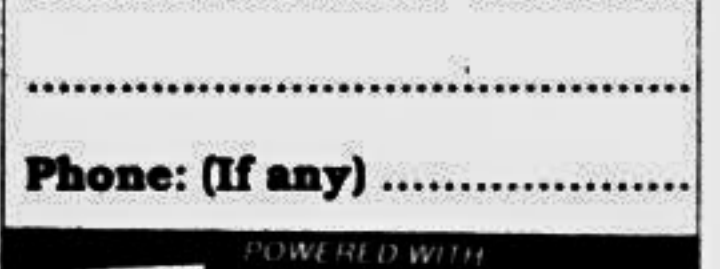
- 1 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan? Sacchi Capello Tabarez
- 2 Who lifted the Legg Mason Classic tennis title this year? Korda Chang Wheaton
- 3 Which is the new club of Roberto Baggio? Bologna Atletico Vicenza
- 4 Who won the All Sports 7th schools kabaddi title? Millat Rifles Nawabpur
- 5 Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Federation Cup football? Iqbal Al-Amin Sohag

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SPORTS TALK



Boris Becker

(German tennis superstar) "I don't feel like I have it anymore to win a Grand Slam (event)." After losing to Pete Sampras in the quarterfinal at the recently concluded Wimbledon championships.

Pistone, Magpies strike the deal

LONDON, July 26: Inter Milan defender Alessandro Pistone on Friday completed his 4.3 million pound (6.5 million dollar) move to English Premiership club Newcastle, reports AFP.

The Italian under-21 international, who has signed a four-year contract, will return to his club next week after wrapping up affairs in Italy.

Pistone, 22, arrived in the north east on Thursday under a veil of secrecy, but Newcastle manager Kenny Dalglish was happy to talk on Friday when the deal had been completed.

Pinto not for sale

LISBON, July 26: Benfica have rejected an offer from a Spanish club worth an estimated 14 million dollars for striker Joao Vieira Pinto, reports Reuters.

"Joao Pinto is not for sale," club vice-president Antonio Figueiredo told local radio TSF from the Netherlands where Benfica are preparing for the coming season.

Figueiredo declined to identify the Spanish side but local press reports said it was Barcelona.

Club captain Joao Pinto recently signed a "life" contract with the Lisbon club who have spent heavily over the summer on strengthening their team.

Carbajal to hang his gloves up

PHOENIX, July 26: Michael Carbajal, badly bloodied in his loss a week ago, is calling it quits as a fighter after a decade during which he held three major titles, reports AP.

"It's over," said Carbajal (45-4, 30 knockouts), who traced his decision to what he saw when he watched a videotape of his defeat to South African Jake Matlala in Las Vegas.

Matlala opened big cuts over Carbajal's eyes, winning the International Boxing Association light flyweight title when the fight was stopped in the ninth round.

"I looked slow," said Carbajal, who turns 30 Sept 17. "The speed just wasn't there anymore."

Friendly soccer

STRASBOURG, France, July 26: England international Ian Wright slotted home a second-half winner as Arsenal came from behind to beat Strasbourg 2-1 in a pre-season friendly here on Friday, reports AFP.



Sri Lankan opener and man-of-the match Marvan Atapattu sweeps one during his unbeaten knock of 84 against India in the Asia Cup final in Colombo yesterday. —AFP/UNB photo

Lions' party on another cup

COLOMBO, July 26: Street celebrations broke out in the Sri Lanka capital Colombo as the country's cricket team blazed away to win the Asia Cup by defeating four-times champions India, reports AFP.

Men and women danced on the streets and spectators at the overcrowded Premadasa Stadium hugged each other as Arjuna Ranatunga's team pulled off a storming eight-wicket win in the final of the sixth Asia Cup tournament.

Fire-crackers went off across the city, and in the provinces as the match was covered live on national television and radio.

Savouring the Indian thrashing was former Pakistan prime minister Benazir Bhutto who watched the match from the VIP Lounge of the Premadasa Stadium.

Bhutto handed over the World Cup to Arjuna Ranatunga when the Sri Lankan team won the title in March last year after defeating Australia.

The former Pakistan leader is currently in Sri Lanka at the invitation of Sri Lanka president Chandrika Kumaratunga's estranged brother Anura Bandaranaike.

A Sri Lankan who placed a 10,000 rupee (172-dollar) bet on

a Sri Lankan win was jubilant: "I had no hesitation in placing my last penny on the Sri Lankan side," he said. "Only a miracle could have helped India to win."

Most Indian journalists here were not surprised by Sri Lanka's stunning performance. "I know why India lost. It is simple... they don't know how to play. But the Sri Lankan team is also hopeless. They don't know how to lose," quipped one Indian reporter.

At the packed stadium, live bands played non-stop as Sri Lankans kept the runs flowing and enthusiastic spectators bought beer for fellow spectators.

The street celebrations were reminiscent of last year's spontaneous outburst of joy when Sri Lanka won the World Cup, residents said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup final between India and Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium Saturday:

INDIA

Ganguly c De Silva b Dharmasena 34

Siddhu c Muralitharan b Sanjeeva 10

Dravid c Mahanama b Vaas 7

Tendulkar c Kalpage b Muralitharan 53

Azharuddin c Muralitharan b Dharmasena 81

Jadeja run out 22

Singh c De Silva b Vaas 9

Kumble not out 7

Karim not out 1

Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-5, nb-1) 15

Total (for 7 wks) 239

Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-51; 3-59; 4-168; 5-215; 6-225; 7-234

Did not bat: V Prasad, N Kul Karni

Bowling

Vaas 8 1 32 2

Sanjeeva 9 1 44 1

Dharmasena 10 1 54 2

Muralitharan 10 1 38 1

Jayasuriya 10 0 46 0

Kalpage 3 0 16 0

SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Siddhu b Kul Karni 63

Atapattu not out 84

De Silva c and b Ganguly 6

Ranatunga not out 62

Extras: (b-10, w-13, nb-2) 25

Total: (for 2 wks in 36.5 overs) 240

Fall of wickets: 1-137; 2-144

Did not bat: P Mahanama, L de Silva, R Kalpage, K Dharmasena, C Vaas, M Muralitharan, S de Silva

Bowling

Prasad 8 0 43 0

Singh 3 0 26 0

Kumble 8 0 54 0

Tendulkar 3 0 20 0

Kul Karni 10 0 48 1

Ganguly 5 0 25 1

Jadeja 1.5 0 8 0

Dravid 2 0 6 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Marvan Atapattu.

Man-of-the-series: Arjuna Ranatunga.

Egyptians extend lead

BEIRUT, July 26: Syria posted its best performance yet at the Pan Arab Games, picking up eight gold medals Friday to leap to the fourth place in overall standings. Top-ranking Egypt surged ahead with 12 more golds, reports AP.

Syrian wrestlers won five titles, while two more golds came in karate and one in the pool.

Syria's tally is now 14 golds. Egypt extended its lead with 94. Algeria picked up six more golds on Friday to stay second at 38. Morocco is third with 18.

Also Friday, Games officials announced that two of Lebanon's top karate contestants were seriously injured in a car crash outside Beirut and couldn't compete.

Lebanese athletes Yehia Yahfoufi and Katia Ajami were hospitalized following the crash late Thursday while they were returning from the Bekaa Valley, an official statement said.

Yahfoufi was a contender in the men's 83 kilograms (182 pounds) event, while Ajami was to have contested the women's 50 kilograms (110 pound) category.

The statement said they suffered serious injuries, but no other details were available.

An Arab Games committee issued final rulings on drug-related charges.

The committee upheld the judges' decision to strip a Saudi athlete of his gold medal in men's discus after his urine sample tested positive last week.

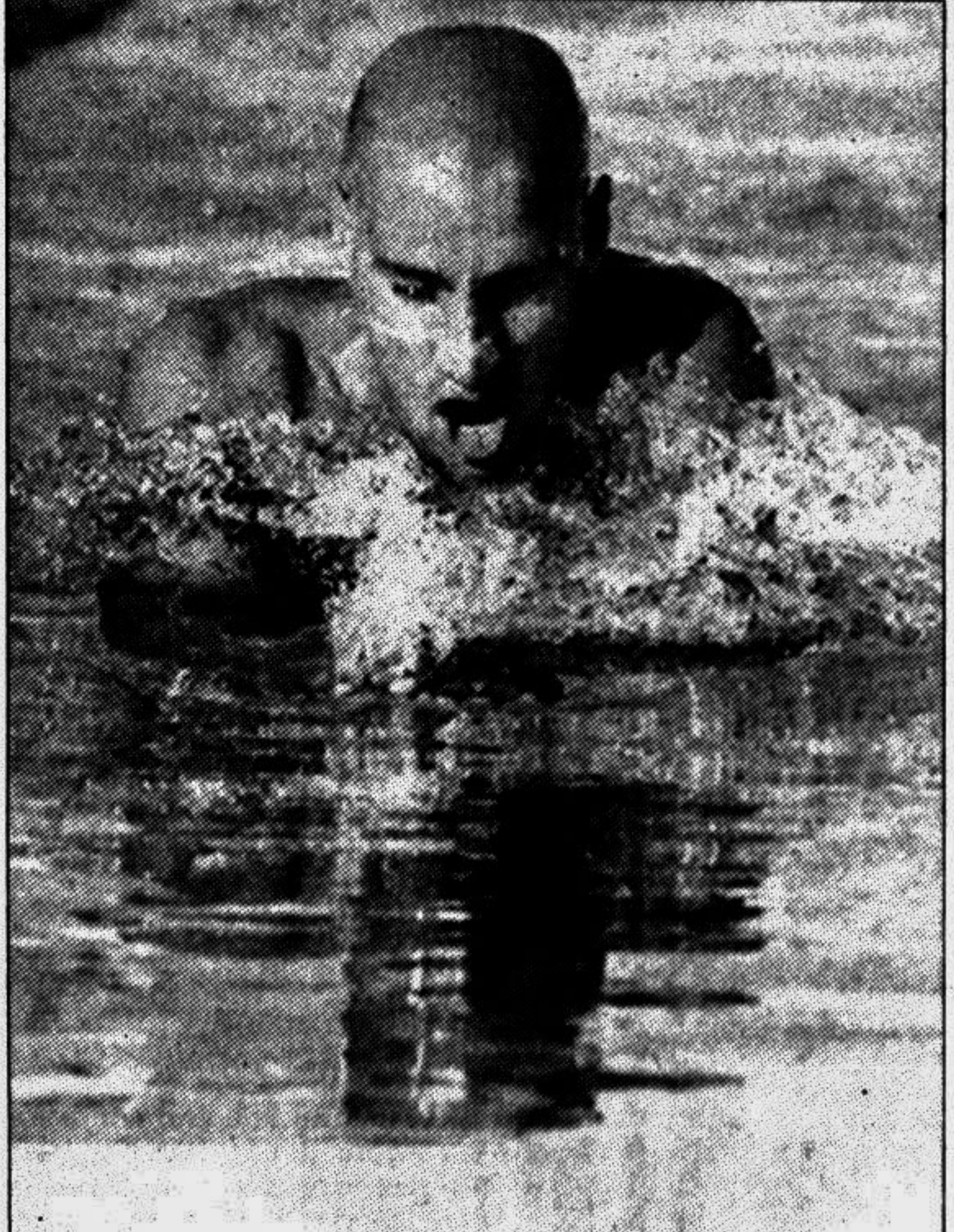
Smith's effort goes in vain

BELFAST, July 26: Triple Olympic gold medalist Michelle Smith failed in her world record bid at the Irish Open Championships here on Friday before a packed stadium.

The Irish star won the 200 metres butterfly in 2 mins 8.15 secs. But that was nearly a second outside the European record of 2:07.18 and three seconds short of the 16-year-old world mark of 2:05.65 held by American Mary Meagher.

In her first competitive race since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, Smith, who had been offered a bonus of 20,000 pounds (30,000 dollars) if she broke the world record, always looked sluggish.

Nevertheless, Smith still won the race — her only one at the championships — easily, finishing over 13 seconds ahead of Sally O'Herlihy Smith entered the race as preparation for the European championships in Seville, Spain, from August 14-24, where she is the defending champion in the 200m butterfly and the 200m individual medley.



Egyptian swimmer Shames Eddine powers through the pool to win the gold medal in the 200m breaststroke at the Pan-Arab Games in Zahleh, Lebanon on July 26. —AFP/UNB photo

Walsh remains in charge

ST JOHN'S Antigua, July 26: Fast bowler Courtney Walsh has been appointed captain of the West Indies cricket team to tour Pakistan later this year, reports Reuters.

Walsh, 34, retains his position ahead of brilliant but temperamental 27-year-old batsman Brian Lara, who is widely regarded as captain-in-waiting.

Walsh has led the West Indies team in their last four-test series but this will be his first tour to Pakistan as captain.

West Indies will play a four-way limited-overs tournament and three Tests in November and December in Pakistan before going to Sharjah for the Charity Benefit Fund Series.

The Jamaican fast bowler, who replaced the retired Richie Richardson after the World Cup last year, has led the side to winning series against New Zealand, India and Sri Lanka, while losing 2-3 to Australia.

Kambli, Mongia called up

MUMBAI, July 26: Rookie Rajasthan opener Gagan Khoda was chosen today to join the Indian squad in Sri Lanka along with three other players with Test experience — Vinod Kambli, Nayan Mongia and Rajesh Chauhan — for the remaining part of the tour to Sri Lanka, reports PTI.

Mongia, surprisingly left out of the original 14 sent for the first part of the tour featuring the four-nation Asia Cup, would replace Syed Saba Karim as the wicket keeper.

Off-spinner Chauhan, back in the national squad after a three-year gap because of an alleged kink in his bowling action, will fill in the spot left open by Hyderabad office Noel David.

Sachin's school friend and middle-order batsman Vinod Kambli, whose omission for the Asian Cup along with that of Mongia raised a storm and Khoda, who won a place in the Indian squad for last May's Independence Cup and did not play a single match, would join the squad as the team's 15th and 16th members.

Selection committee chairman Ramakant Desai, while announcing the changes in the Indian squad, said the decisions were taken after he had telephonic consultations yesterday with skipper Sachin Tendulkar and manager Ratnakar Shetty, in Sri Lanka, and his other four colleagues on the selection committee, in other parts of India, today.

Kent ride on Strang

LONDON, July 26: Zimbabwean leg-spinner Paul Strang finished with six wickets as Kent squeezed out a four-run county championship victory over Middlesex at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuters.

Strang added four scalps to the two he claimed on Thursday for a six for 88 return.

Kent's win was particularly tough on Middlesex captain Mark Ramprakash who made an unbeaten 113 after his side began the day 134 for five — 127 short of their victory target.

When Jacques Kallis and Keith Brown were out in successive overs for the addition of only 23 runs Kent looked home and dry.

First Richard Johnson and then Angus Fraser helped their skipper Angus Fraser to within 25 of their target.

They were almost steered home by the last wicket pair of Ramprakash and Phil Tufnell. But Tufnell eventually popped up a catch to Trevor Ward at silly mid-off.

Chris Tolley claimed the first hat-trick of his career for Nottinghamshire at Grace Road on an eventful day which ended with Leicestershire set a victory target of 258.

Tolley finished with career-best figures of six for 61 as Leicestershire were dismissed for 26, giving Notts a lead of 75.

But after reaching tea in the reasonably healthy position of 85 for two Notts collapsed to 182 all out.

Kanu cleared for playing

MILAN, July 26: Inter Milan's Nwankwo Kanu whose career looked over after heart surgery, was cleared to play football again on Friday and will join Ronaldo on Sunday against Manchester United, reports AFP.

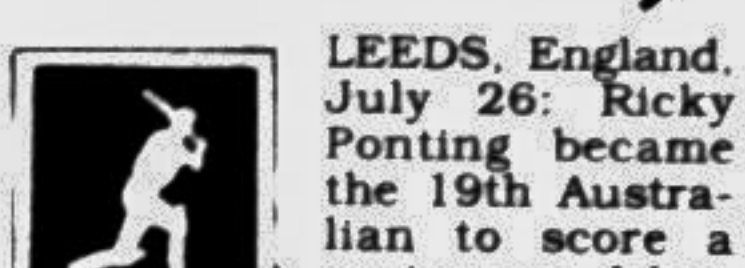
Kanu, the star of Nigeria's victorious 1996 Olympic football side, had surgery in the United States last November after a pre-season medical test revealed a congenital heart disease.

After more than four hours of talks with the Argentine Football Association (AFA) at the Labour Ministry, the players' union failed to reach an agreement and the meeting was adjourned until Monday, meaning weekend league matches will be suspended.

"I tried my best (to avoid the strike) but I lost," idol Diego Maradona told his manager, Guillermo Coppola, as he left the Labour Ministry.

Players last Tuesday voted to strike until troubled First Division side Deportivo Espanol agreed to allow six players whose contracts expired on June 30 to move to other sides.

Elliott, Ponting hit tons



ELLIOTT ... 164 n.o

home side out of the fourth Test at Headingley, report agencies.

Ponting, resuming the day on 86, rushed to his maiden Test century with three boundaries and completed it with a single off Robert Croft.

After fast bowler Jason Gillespie had routed England for 172, the fifth wicket pair took Australia to 373 for five at lunch on the third day.

The tourists who started the day 86 runs ahead, extended it to 201 when rain forced an early lunch, three minutes before the scheduled break.

The pair slaughtered the despairing England attack for 268-run before Ponting (127), skied a hook and was caught by Mark Ealham at gully off Darren Gough, armed with the second new-ball.

Elliott, unbeaten on 164 at

the break was joined by Ponting with the visitors in desperate trouble. Australia lost the first four wickets for 50 runs in under an hour before tea on the second day.

While Elliott resigned to play second fiddle, Ponting, the adventurous right hander vindicated his selection over an out-of-form Michael Bevan, reaching the century off 165 balls.

It was Ponting's second century in three first-class innings on tour.

The 22-year-old Tasmanian was unceremoniously dumped after just six Tests during which he scored three half centuries.

Ponting in his comeback Test after being dropped in December, drove, hooked and pulled most of 50 in 36, the third in 68, the fourth 50 in 39 minutes and in all took 264 minutes for the 268-runs.

The only blemish in Ponting's 202-ball innings came after he had reached the century. Ponting on 109 charged off-spinner Croft missed the delivery, but wicketkeeper Alec Stewart failed to stump him.

Elliott and Ponting relived the heroics of Allan Border and Steve Waugh in the corresponding Test in 1993.

Border and Waugh added an undefeated 332 runs for the fifth wicket to set up an innings and 148-run win.

Elliott has so far struck three sixes, being patient for most of the morning while Ponting and Ian Healy (27 not out) did the scoring.

Elliott and Healy have added 55 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket. Healy's innings has included five boundaries.

On Friday, fast bowler Jason Gillespie and Elliott left Australia well poised.

Gillespie confirmed his emergence as a world-class quick bowler by taking a career-best seven for 37 to help dismiss England for 172.

Elliott then continued the

torment by scoring a brilliant unbeaten 134 — his highest score in nine Tests — which helped take Australia to 258 for four and the lead.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at lunch on the third day of the fourth Test between England and Australia here at Headingley on Friday:

ENGLAND: First innings 172 (J Gillespie 7-37)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 258-4)

Taylor c Stewart b Gough 0

Elliott not out 164

Blewett c Stewart b Gough 1

M Waugh c and b Headley 8

S Waugh c Crawley b Headley 4

Ponting c Ealham b Gough 127

Healy not out 27

Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-30) 42

Total: (5 wks in 95.2 overs) 373

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-16; 3-43; 4-50; 5-318

To bat: S Waugh, P Reifel, J Gillespie, G McGrath

Bowling: O M R W

Gough 28 5 104 3

Headley 21 1 105 2

Smith 18 2 69 0

Ealham 10.2 3 24 0

Croft 16 1 45 0

Butcher 2 0 14 0



Brazilian star striker Ronaldo holds a scarf of his new club, Inter Milan, at the club's headquarters in Milan on Friday. —AFP/UNB photo

Ronaldo's Inter debut today

MILAN, July 26: Brazilian Ronaldo arrived in Italy on Friday and said he was looking forward to looking horns with coach Fabio Capello for a second consecutive season — this time on the Italian's home turf, reports Reuters.

Ronaldo was expected to make his debut for his new club Inter Milan on Sunday when they take on English champions Manchester United in a friendly at the San Siro.

Ronaldo will play for Internazionale next season while Capello will coach city neighbours AC Milan. Last year the world-footballer-of-the-year played for Barcelona while Capello guided their arch-rivals Real Madrid to the Spanish league title.

"Capello is a great coach, a great tactician," Ronaldo told a news conference at Inter headquarters.

"Even so, it would be a great feeling to beat Capello's Milan

to the Italian league title. I'm psychologically prepared and I think I can help this Inter side with the league."

Ronaldo, whose transfer from Barcelona to Inter was subject to weeks of wrangling between the two southern European giants, said he had not spoken personally to officials at Nou Camp since he left.

"I've just kept in touch with some of the players and fans," he said.

But he made a special point of thanking the Barcelona board for the short time he spent there — a single season in which they won the Cup Winners' Cup, the Spanish Cup and finished second in the league.

"I'd like to thank everyone at Barcelona," he said. "I had a great season with them and it has good to win a couple of trophies."

Ronaldo's 27.5 million dollars world record transfer to the San Siro was put on ice for weeks after the Spanish Football Federation refused to issue a transfer certificate for him.

They said the withdrawal clause which allowed the Brazilian to buy out his contract was valid for domestic transfers only.

Soccer's world governing body, FIFA, eventually cleared the move but insisted the two clubs agree a transfer fee before the end of July. If they fail to do so, FIFA will impose a fee.

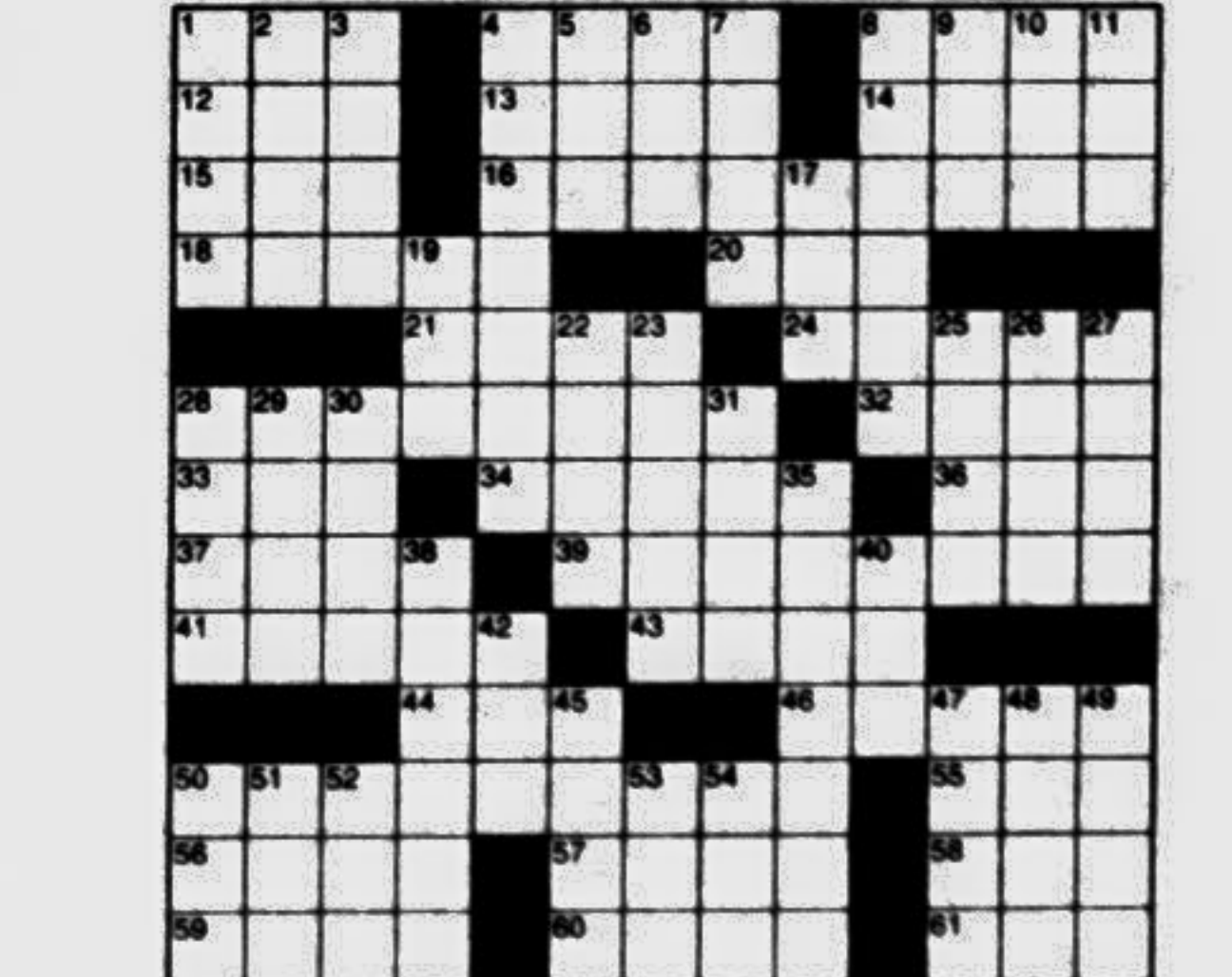
"I just wanted everything to be sorted out as quickly as possible," Ronaldo said when asked how he had felt during the complex negotiations over his future. "I just wanted to come to Inter as soon as I could."

Around 1,000 fans waited outside Friday's news conference to greet the 20-year-old striker, who arrived sporting an Inter scarf, a baseball cap and a gold earring.

Some supporters hung to the iron window railings on the 17th century mansion which serves as the club's downtown headquarters. Others packed balconies on nearby buildings to catch a glimpse of their new idol.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Chum
- 4 Not fully dry
- 8 On the rocks
- 12 Sapporo sash
- 13 It's all in your head
- 14 Pig container?
- 15 Shell-game need
- 16 Potassium nitrate
- 18 Knapsack
- 20 Pouch
- 21 Serve the DOWN
- 24 Specialty study
- 26 Collar eponym
- 32 Rubik's challenge
- 33 Former First Daughter
- 34 African capital
- 36 Stylish, in the 1960s
- 37 Semple the sherry
- 39 Zerk's instrument
- 41 Held true
- 43 Squad
- 44 Mainlander's memento
- 46 Prairie schooner
- 50 Becomes silent
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 Particular
- 57 Garfield's pal
- 58 "6 Rms. — Vu"
- 59 It may be a proper subject
- 60 Act the shark
- 61 Lad
- 62 DOWN
- 1 Band in Boston
- 2 Help a
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- 3 Make-up artist?
- 4 Provide amusement
- 5 Daughter of Lord Byron
- 6 Brooks or Gibson
- 7 Margarine servings
- 8 Emetic agent
- 9 Portable bed
- 10 Scratch (out)
- 11 — Rosen-kavaller
- 17 Shriver of tennis
- 19 Mimic
- 22 — and
- 23 Assailed
- 25 Checkers capture
- 26 Penetrating wind
- 27 1981
- 28 Movie by Gibson
- 29 Send forth
- 30 Textual glitch
- 31 Clementine's shoe size
- 35 Gave rise to
- 36 Miraculous
- 40 — Yankee Doodle
- 42 Moines lead-in
- 45 Matinee VIP?
- 47 Raiments
- 48 Buckeyes' place
- 49 Near-black
- 50 Wrestler's coup
- 51 "Who am — argue?"
- 52 Little, in Lyons
- 53 Wasteful poem
- 54 Take the trophy



CRYPTOQUIP

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JFI QVFQ JQGRWP XFPAI

TJ VGO XVGXGRFQW

Yesterday's Cryptogram: NOW I'M TOLD THAT THE WEARISOME PLUMBER WAS NOTHING BUT A BIG DRIP.

Today's Cryptogram clue: X equals C

The Cryptogram 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.