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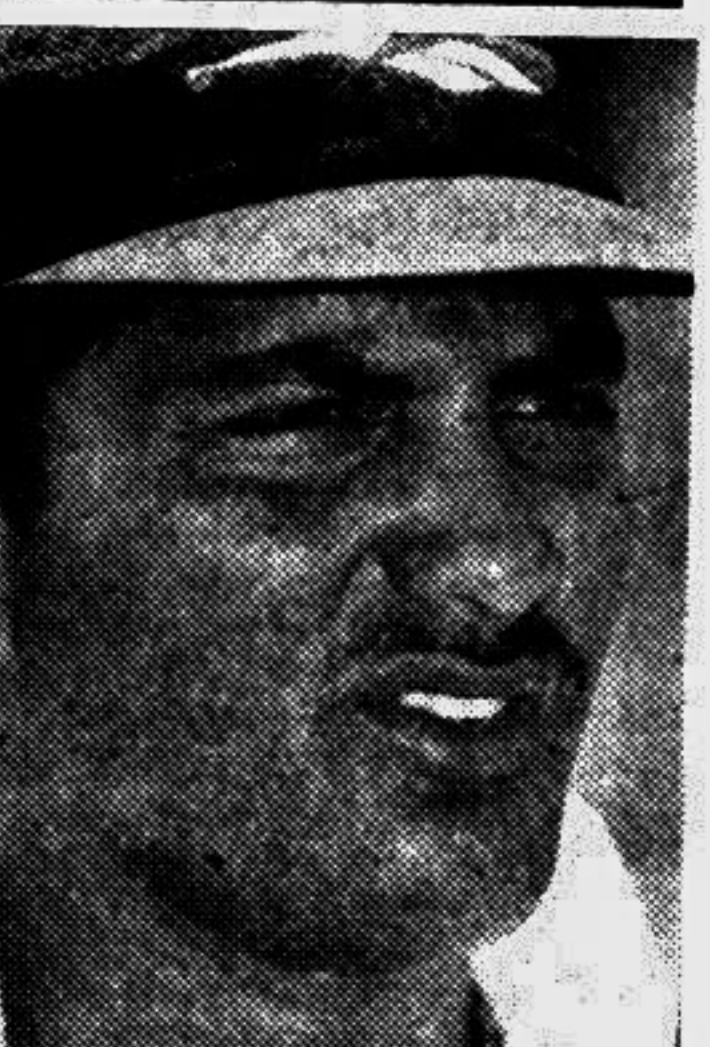
Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 3, '97

- 1 Who are the defending European soccer champions? Borussia Inter Barcelona
2 How many countries will take part in the World Youth Cup cricket? 13 14 15
3 How many titles has Pete Sampras won this year to date? 4 5 6
4 Which nation finished third in the SAFF Championship? Sri Lanka Pakistan Nepal
5 For which team will cricketer Nannu play next season? AKC MSC Biman

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SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin (India cricketer) "I am happy that I achieved my objective in scoring runs in plenty."

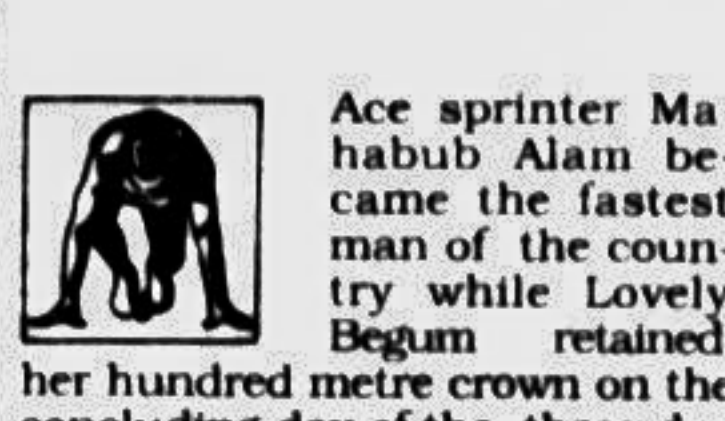
Another foreigner for Arambagh

Sports Reporter Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Sangha are all set to rope in another foreigner to strengthen their line-up for the forthcoming Premier Division football league.

Bangkok risks Asian Games

HONG KONG, Sept 22: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) will deliver a stern final warning to Bangkok at a meeting tomorrow over next year's Asian Games, sports officials said, reports AFP.

Mahabub's magic double



Ace sprinter Mahabub Alam became the fastest man of the country while Lovely Begum retained her hundred metre crown on the concluding day of the three-day summer athletics championships at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Table with columns: Team, G, S, B. Lists medals for various teams like Mozaifur Hossain, Army, BJC, Navy, Airforce, Ansar, Dhaka, Customs, Mgarj, Noakhali.



Mahabub Alam of Bangladesh Navy, who won the 200m gold on Saturday, touches the tape to clinch the 100m gold on the concluding day of the summer athletics championships at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

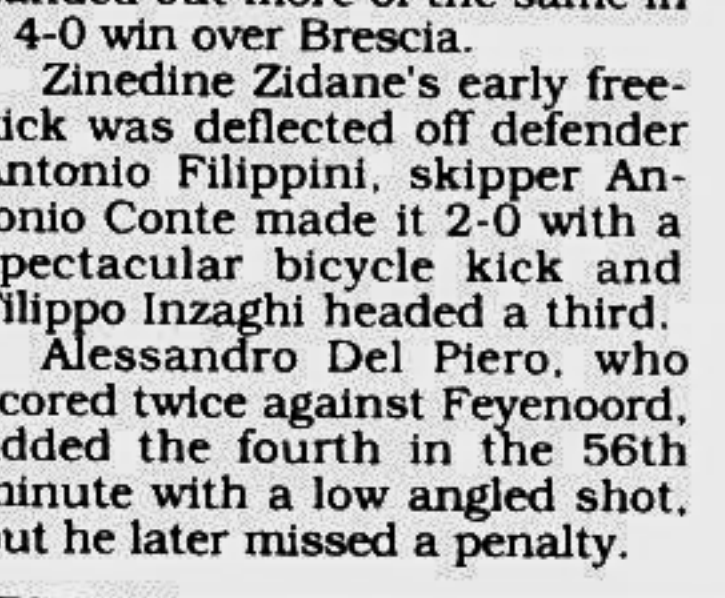
Youri steals the show

MILAN, Sept 22: Ronaldo won his duel with Gabriel Batistuta on Sunday but it was France's Youri Djorkaeff who stole the limelight as Inter Milan beat Fiorentina 3-2 to go top of the Serie A, reports AFP.

Coach Marcello Lippi said: "Juventus are getting better, the team are showing real sparkle and you can tell they're enjoying their football."

Inter, the only side in Italy with three wins from three matches, are trailed by champions Juventus and last season's runners-up Parma, who both turned in convincing victories.

Lazio had previously won every match in league, Italian Cup and UEFA Cup action, but nothing went right for them as they lost at Empoli.



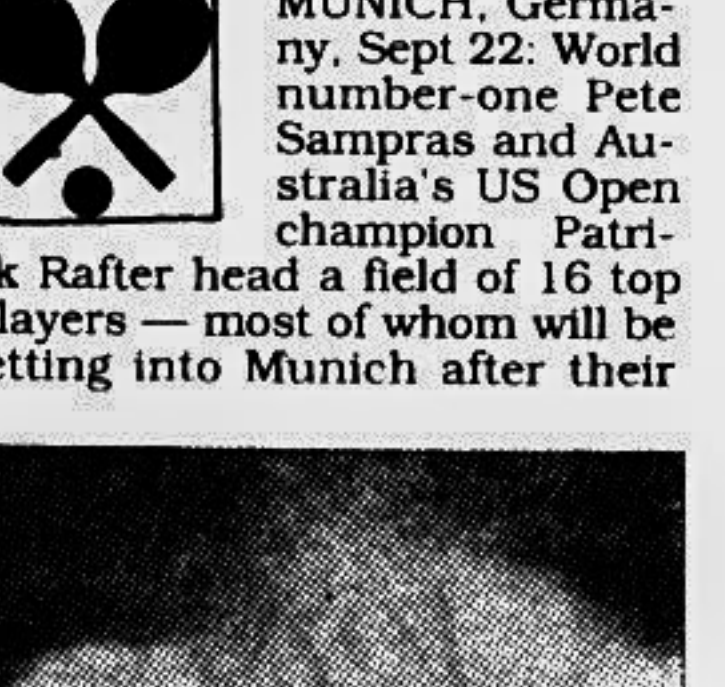
YOURI DJORKAEFF

There was little joy either for AC Milan coach Fabio Capello after his side squandered a 1-0 lead to lose at Udinese.

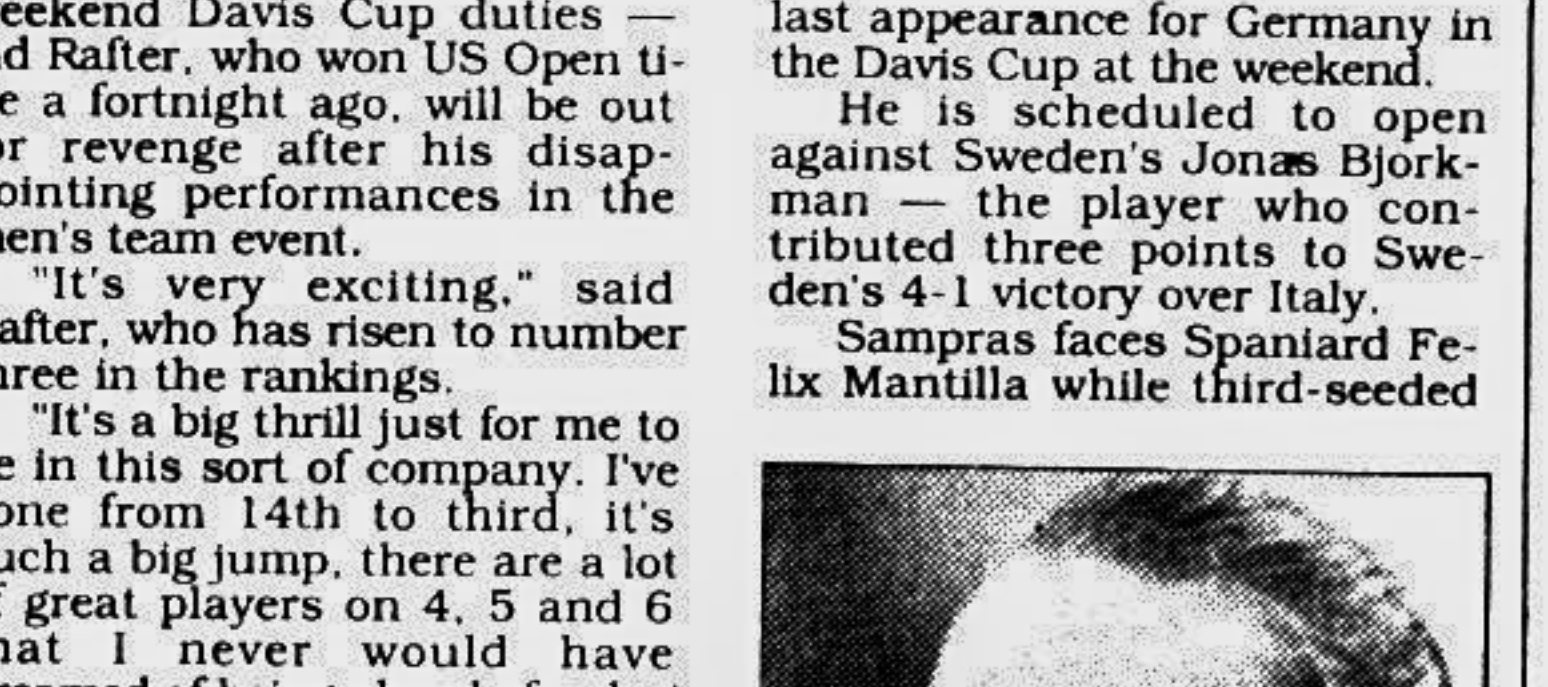
Greats gather in Munich

MUNICH, Germany, Sept 22: World number-one Pete Sampras and Australia's US Open champion Patrick Rafter head a field of 16 top players - most of whom will be jetting into Munich after their weekend Davis Cup duties - old Rafter, who won US Open title a fortnight ago, will be out for revenge after his disappointing performances in the men's team event.

last appearance for Germany in the Davis Cup at the weekend. He is scheduled to open against Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman - the player who contributed three points to Sweden's 4-1 victory over Italy.



PETE SAMPRAS



PAT RAFTER

HK Sixes Akram & Co leave on Thursday

Sports Reporter Akram Khan leads a seven-member Bangladesh cricket team to the Hong Kong Sixes tournament beginning on Sept 27.

The team leaves on Thursday. Seven Test playing countries - current champions West Indies, runners-up India, Australia, England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa - and Bangladesh and host Hong Kong will participate in the two-day round robin league basis meet.

Bangladesh will earn 6,500 dollars as appearance fee.

Mahanagari Cup matches not held

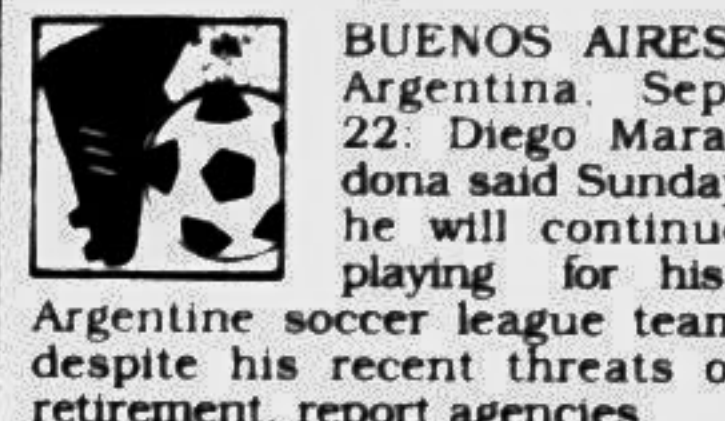
The last two group matches of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament could not be held due to a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Biman under-14 football in October

The Biman under-14 football tournament, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), will begin on October 1 simultaneously at eight zonal venues across the country, reports UNB.

- Following are participating teams and their zones: Jessore zone: Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Satkhira. Barisal zone: Barisal, Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Jhalakati, Barguna and Patuakhali.

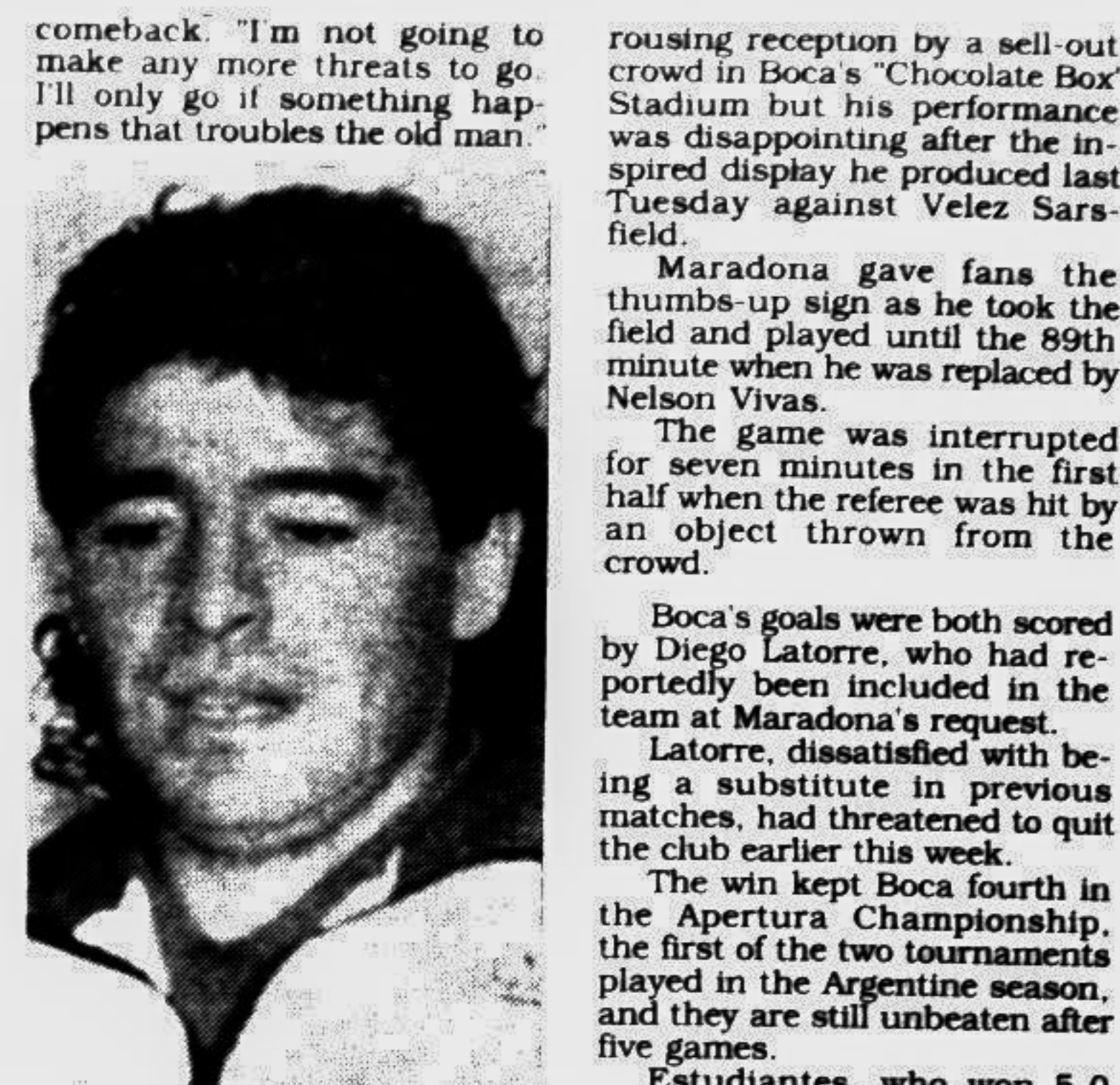
Diego tired but won't retire



Buenos Aires, Sept 22: Diego Maradona said Sunday he will continue playing for his Argentine soccer league team despite his recent threats of retirement, report agencies.

"I'll continue to play because my teammates and Boca fans are counting on me, but I'm a bit tired," the 36-year-old told reporters after the Boca Juniors defeated San Lorenzo 2-1 in a league match.

Maradona, who faces a suspension for drug use and a possible jail term for firing an air-gun at reporters often says he is tired of the press hounding him and threatens to hang up his soccer shoes.



DIEGO MARADONA Maradona was provisionally suspended after failing a doping test taken after the first game of the championship against Argentinos Juniors.



Brazil's Henrique Cruz (L) kisses the U-17 soccer World Cup as teammates celebrate after they defeated Ghana in final in Cairo on Sunday. Brazil won 2-1. AFP/UNB photo

USA, Sweden in Nov finale

WASHINGTON, Sept 22: Playing not only for country but with a chance to humble a US Open champion, Pete Sampras was at his impeccable best.

though, good to be knocked around a little bit. It makes me want to work harder, that is all it does.

Sampras skipped the first round and quarterfinals of the Davis Cup this year. He said he will play in next month's final in Sweden, the site of his last Davis Cup singles defeat - a retirement because of a leg injury against Stefan Edberg in 1994.

The United States will be playing in the final for the 59th time and will be seeking its record 32nd title. The US team last won the Davis Cup in 1995, when Sampras led a 3-2 victory over Russia in Moscow.

Sampras did not face a break point the entire match, did not give up a single point on his serve in the second set and served seven aces and had just one double fault in the 2-hour, 19-minute match. He also faced just one break point in his victory Friday over Philippoussis.

Rafter made a valiant effort to stay in the match through the first set, saving four break points in the fourth game and winning the tiebreaker. But his serve-and-volley game soon deserted him. He netted many easy forehand volleys and even had trouble with his toss, at one point kneeling with his head down to regain his composure after two consecutive wayward tosses.

Beijing Guoan in city

Sports Reporter A 24-member Beijing Guoan football team arrived in the capital late last night to play their Asian Cup Winners Cup second round first leg encounter against Abahani Krira Chakra.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword grid and solutions for Across and Down words.