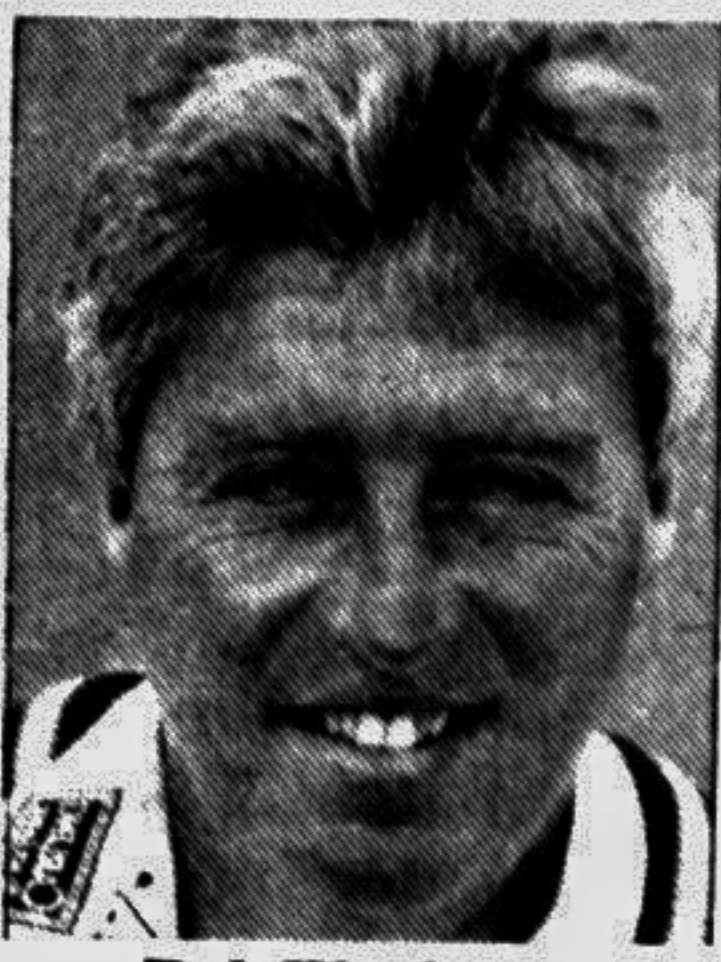


Column One SPORTS TALK



Bob Woolmer (South African Cricket coach) 'We have planned this series strategically and every individual is given a task to meet.'

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Antonio retains WBA crown

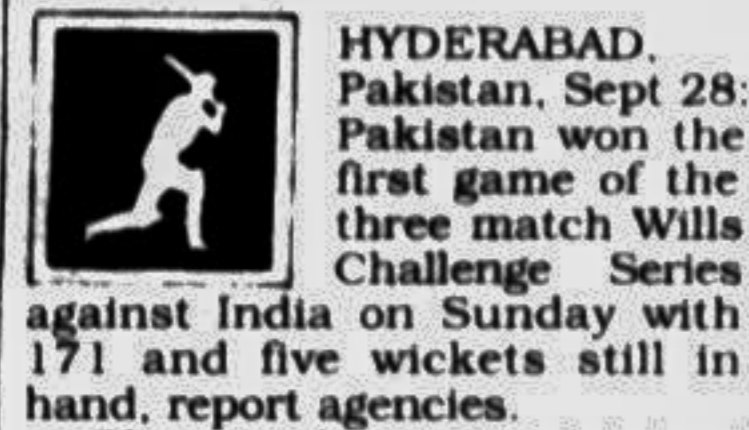
CARACAS, Sept 28: Antonio Cermeno of Venezuela retained his WBA super-bantamweight title on Saturday night with a unanimous points decision over his compatriot Jose 'Cheo' Rojas, reports AFP.

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

- 1. Tender Notice No : 33/EE/WD, Dhaka/1997-98.
2. Name of work : Supply of parts and spare parts for repairing Toyota Car Model-E, E-90, UN-63-4943 of R&H, Equipment Control Division, Dhaka under R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
3. Estimated cost : Taka — As per schedule.
4. Earnest money : Taka — 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost should be submitted as per the usual govt. rules.
5. Time for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuing work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : R&H, Directorate enlisted general class contractors as per financial & Zonal ability.
7. Offices where tender & schedule to be had at : Can be purchased at Tk 510/= (non-refundable) per set including Bangladesh Form No-2908 from Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
8. Officers & officials to receive tender & schedule : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
9. Last date of selling tender : 12-10-97.
10. Last date & time of receiving sealed tender : 13-10-97 up to 12:00 Noon.
11. Date & time of opening sealed tender : 15-10-97 at 12:30 PM.
12. Date of lottery (if applicable) : 15-10-97 at 1:00 PM.
13. Head of expenditure : 2-Repair.

Md. Humayun Rashid Khalipha Executive Engineer, R&H (Mechanical) Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

Pakistan outplay India



HYDERABAD, Pakistan, Sept 28: Pakistan won the first game of the three match Wills Challenge Series against India on Sunday with 171 and five wickets still in hand, report agencies.

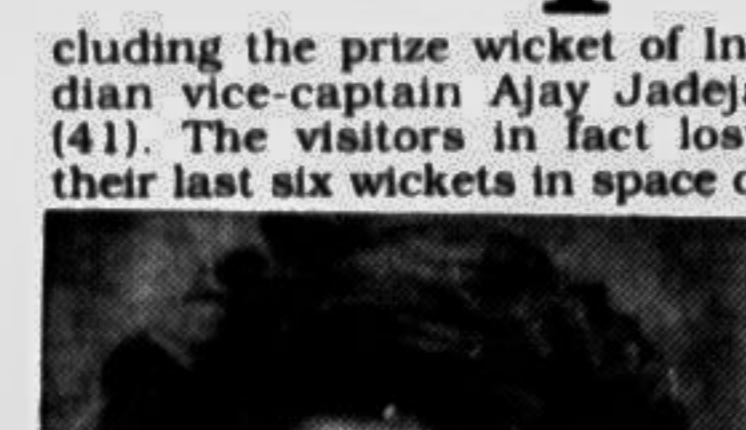
The explosive Pakistani opening pair of Saeed Anwar and Shahid Afridi delighted more than 10,000 spectators present at the Niaz Stadium with their big hitting. After restricting the visitors to 170, the home team galloped to victory with more than five overs to spare.

Indian off-spinner — Rajesh Chauhan — was hit to all parts of the ground. Chauhan was hammered for 22 runs in the first two overs while Kulkarni, who too was pulled for two consecutive boundaries by Anwar, had the Pakistani captain leg before in his second over.

Anwar's 30-run knock off 29 balls which included four fours and a six off Chauhan, laid a solid foundation of 70 runs off 78 balls with Afridi.

Afridi too became Kulkarni's prey after he tried to sweep the left-arm spinner and was adjudged leg before after scoring 45 with the aid of five fours and a towering six.

Pakistan lost Salim Elahi (8) and Ijaz Ahmed (22) cheaply while Hasan Raza was brilliantly caught by Tendulkar in the first slip off Kulkarni, who



AAQUIB JAVED ... m-o-m 14 deliveries with the addition of only four runs.

The Indian disaster began in the first two overs of pace ace Waqar Younis. Younis, fresh from his triumphant return from the county championship in England where he guided Glamorgan to the title, had Saurav Ganguly caught at square leg before the left-handed batsman had opened his account.

He then found a gap between the bat and pad of Tendulkar (2) through a perfect incoming de-

cluding the prize wicket of Indian vice-captain Ajay Jadeja (41). The visitors in fact lost their last six wickets in space of his 31-run effort when the wicketkeeper dropped him with the total on 51 off the bowling of Azhar Mehmood. Singh was also lucky when Anwar dropped a skier off unlucky Mehmood.

Jadeja and Dravid then rescued the innings after the visitors were 77 for four by the half way mark. Both batsmen batted sensibly and put on 89 runs for the fifth wicket off 129 balls. However, the sloppy Pakistanis gave another chance, this time again Moin dropping Dravid at the total of 121 in the 37th over, bowled by part-time left-arm spinner Ijaz Ahmed.

But with the return of Aaqib, who remained wicketless in his first two spells, the Indians found it difficult to cross the 200-run barrier. Aaqib ignited the collapse when he bowled Jadeja in the 47th over. Saqlain then removed Saba Karim (0) and Chauhan off his successive deliveries with Ijaz taking an identical catches at backward square leg.

Aaqib then ran through the tail-enders when he finished off the innings — still one over still remaining to be bowled in the Indian quota of 50 overs. He also had a hat-trick opportunity.

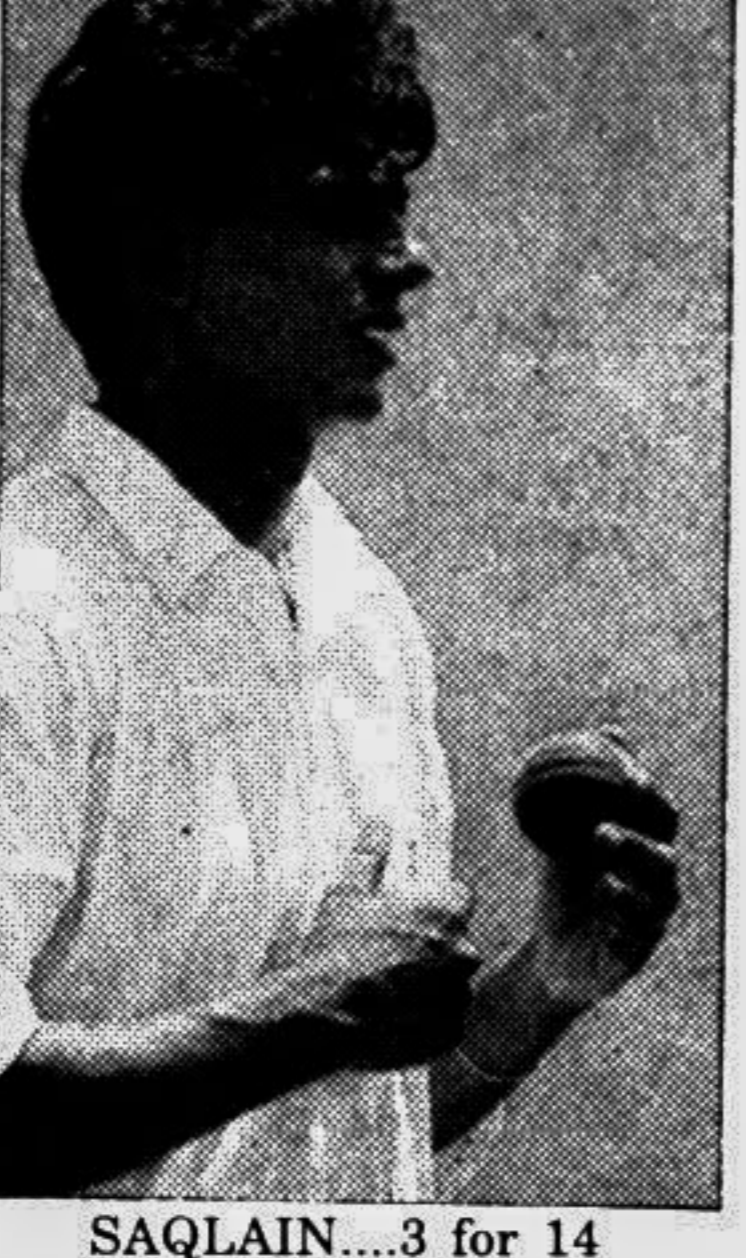
The second match of the three-match series will be played at Karachi on Tuesday with the last match being organised under lights at Lahore on Thursday.



TIMBER! Indian left-handed batsman Robin Singh looks at his shattered stumps after being outfoxed by Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq during their inaugural match of the three one-day series at the Niaz Stadium in Hyderabad, Pakistan yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table for the match between India and Pakistan. Includes batting and bowling statistics for both teams.



SAQLAIN...3 for 14

RU aquatic

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Sept 28: The inter-hall water-polo and swimming competition of Rajshahi University will begin from tomorrow.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque will inaugurate the meet. A total of ten halls will take part.



The foreign quartet of Abahani Krira Chakra (L-R) — Odiumbo, Roshan Perera, Anatoly and Reefat — are in a jovial mood at Dhanmondi Club tent yesterday. Abahani will take on arch-rival Mohammedan Sporting Club today.

Mahanagari Cup semis today

Abahani KC will meet their traditional foes Mohammedan SC in the second semifinal of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament at Mirpur Stadium today, reports UNB.

The match kicks off at 5 pm. In the first semi at 3 pm. Muktiyodha Sangsad KC will face Brothers Union at the same venue.

Bangladesh Television will telecast the games. Rate of tickets are: Gallery Tk 25 and VIP Tk 50.

Damal Smriti cricket now from Oct 10

Damal Smriti cricket tournament, the curtain-raiser of the local cricket calendar, has been deferred again by nine days, reports UNB.

Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) in a meeting yesterday evening decided to begin the meet on October 10.

The meet, which was originally scheduled to begin on September 26, later rescheduled for October 1.

The meeting also decided the prize money of the tourney. The champions will receive Tk 50,000 while runners-up Tk 30,000. There is also Tk 3,000 cash award for the best fielder, top scorer and highest score of the meet.

Beside, man-of-the-match from the second round will be awarded Tk 2,000. Twenty-two teams, split into six groups, will compete in the first phase. Six top finishers, split into two groups, will play in the second round.

Following are the groups: Group A: Abahani KC, Victoria SC and City Club. Group B: Agrani Bank, Wari Club, GMCC and Dhanmondi.

Group C: Mohammedan SC, Surja Tarun and Railway. Group D: Kalabagan KC, Azad SC, Gulshan Youths and Bangladesh Boys.

Group E: Ajax SC, Brothers Union, Gopibagh Friends and Orient SC. Group F: Lalmitia SC, Bangladesh Biman, S Bima and Wanderers Club.

Pepsi becomes '99 World Cup cricket sponsor

New York-based Pepsi Cola Company has signed a deal with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to become a global partner of the ICC Cricket World Cup building on the company's ongoing support of the enormously popular sport, said a press release issued here yesterday.

This alliance makes Pepsi a main sponsor of the event to be held in England in May and June 1999, and gives the beverage giant use of the Cricket World Cup name and registered trademark in brand advertising and promotions, field board signage and presence, and pouring rights at all stadiums.

Pepsi is currently sponsoring the forthcoming series between India and Sri Lanka (November-December 1997) and India vs Australia (February-April 1998). Earlier this year, the company sponsored the Pepsi Independence Cup, and the Pepsi Asia Cup. Pepsi currently sponsors all international matches played in India, and is currently working with many of cricket's leading players, such as Mohammad Azharuddin and Rahul Dravid.

Barca keep on winning

MADRID, Sept 28: Barcelona maintained their two-point lead over Real Madrid at the top of the Spanish league championship on Saturday as both sides scored comfortable away wins, reports Reuter.

Two goals each from Luis Enrique and Rivaldo gave Barcelona a 4-1 win at Sporting Gijon, while Raul and Fredrag Mijatovic did the honours for Real in the 2-0 win at Valencia.

But another title contender, Atletico Madrid, had to struggle for a 3-3 draw at home to Celta Vigo.

Barcelona quickly went 2-0 up, and despite a Ricardo Bango strike shortly before half-time, Luis van Gaal's side had no problem increasing their lead after the break to keep up their 100 per cent record.

For Real, striker Raul was again instrumental after the champions had looked in trouble during a goalless first half.

Real took control after Valencia's Javi Navarro was sent off for his second bookable offence after 63 minutes, and the young international scored the first with a fine effort before setting up former Valencia striker Mijatovic for the second.

Real, with 10 points from four games, are two ahead of surprise outfit Celta, who were 2-0 up at Atletico with less than 20 minutes on the clock.

Atletico pulled back with a goal from teenage signing Jose Mari, and two from former Juventus striker Christian Juri, the second from a penalty.

But sloppy defending let Celta in for an injury time equaliser, and Atletico are now languishing five points behind Real.

One side that got their title challenge under way on Saturday was Deportivo Coruna. The winless Galicians came back from 1-0 down to thrash Racing Santander 4-1.



South Korea's ace striker Choi Yong-Soo stumbles over Japan's Norio Omura during their World Cup qualifier at the National Stadium in Tokyo yesterday. South Korea won 2-1.

Koreans keep Japs at bay

South Korea 2 — Japan 1

TOKYO, Sept 28: Lee Min-Sung fired home a long range goal four minutes from the end to seal a 2-1 comeback victory for South Korea over arch-rivals Japan in their World Cup qualifying battle here today, reports AFP.

The capacity 56,704 crowd in the Tokyo National Stadium were stunned to silence by Lee's shot which put South Korea top of Asian qualifying Group B with three victories from three matches.

United Arab Emirates beat Uzbekistan 2-1 on Saturday and are second with two wins and a draw, while Japan, five points behind the Koreans, now face a mammoth task to reach next year's finals in France.

Motohiro Yamaguchi scored early in the second half to make Japanese fans believe they were on the way to a victory that would completely change the group.

But Seo Jung-Won headed an equaliser in the 83rd minute and Lee's winner three minutes

later meant it was the 5,000 heavily guarded Korean fans in the stadium who were celebrating.

The two sides are longstanding soccer rivals, even though they will co-host the 2002 World Cup finals, and Korean coach Cha Bum-Kun had vowed to inflict a humiliating defeat in Tokyo.

After conceding the first goal Cha said the team had looked rocky and he had ordered them "to stay calm."

After a goalless first half, tension rose and both sides committed niggly fouls.

Naoki Soma fired one shot onto the right post, while South Korea's Hong Myung-Bo saw a header punched away by Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi in the 64th minute.

Japan took the lead seconds later. Yamaguchi stole the ball and having found into the penalty area and nearly tripped attempting one shot, lobbed the ball over Korean keeper Kim Byung-Ji into the net.

Japan then played too defensively and paid the price against a Korean side looking to reach a fourth straight World Cup finals.

See headed the ball from the middle of the goal area despite having three Japanese defenders around him.

Three minutes later, Jang Hyung-Seok set up Lee for a shot past the diving Kawaguchi.

South Korea have now beaten Japan 33 times. Lost nine games and the two have drawn 14 times since their first encounter in 1954.

GROUP B STANDINGS

Table showing Group B standings for the World Cup qualifiers, listing countries, points, wins, draws, losses, goals for, and goals against.

Arsenal sail, M United fail

LONDON, Sept 28 (Reuter): When George Graham was managing Arsenal to two league champi-

onships, there were some things fans could generally count on.

One was that the team would be mean-minded in defence, allowing few goals to enter their net, and parsimonious in attack with trademark 1-0 wins.

Another was that the chant of "boring, boring Arsenal" would be heard at some point.

The old habits die hard. On Saturday, Arsenal fans at their Highbury ground could be

heard cheerfully belting out the old chant as their team dealt West Ham a 4-0 thrashing.

Naturally, they were joking and loving it. Arsenal have been playing entirely unlike the Gunners of old this season and Saturday was no exception.

Under French manager Arsene Wenger, they lead the scoring chart with a total of 22 goals in nine matches. They also head the Premier league by one point and are the only unbeaten club in the top flight.

Leeds, now under Graham's management, seemed to have taken on some old Arsenal traits.

Without a home win all season, they were unadventurous in attack and looked dull.

"Heard the one about the Leeds United credit card?" quipped a soccer writer in Saturday's Guardian newspaper. "It's the one with zero interest."

But on Saturday, Graham showed that he can still motivate his men to great things as Leeds beat champions Manchester United with a classic old-style Arsenal 1-0 result that brought a smile to the Scot's face.

It was the first defeat of the season for Manchester United and their first away goal conceded.

For Graham it was a welcome break after a 1-0 defeat to a tired-looking Leicester the previous week ended with boos and whistles from the crowd at Elland Road.

Saturday's goals were a mixture of the old and new, with Ian Wright again popping up among the scorers alongside attacking Dutch newcomer Marc Overmars.

While Wright was celebrating his 182nd career goal for Arsenal, there was no joy for his Aston Villa friend and England colleague Stan Collymore.

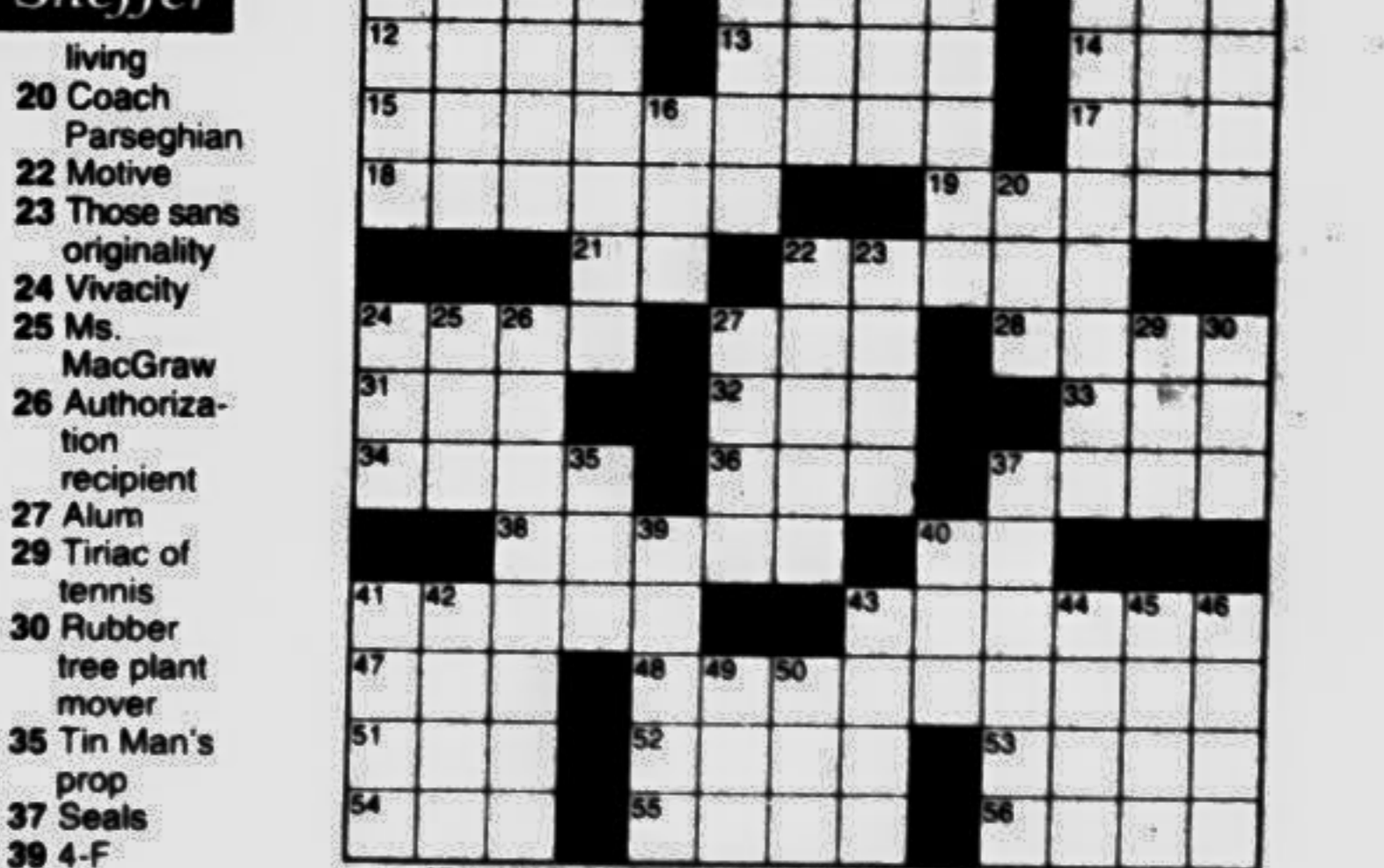
The former Liverpool striker, signed for seven million pounds (11.2 million dollars) in the close season, reportedly asked Wright to help him regain his scoring touch after just one goal in nine matches.

Wright suggested he should watch old videos of himself scoring to regain his confidence.

The tip failed to do the trick. Villa drew 2-2 with Sheffield Wednesday but Collymore was off the mark.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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