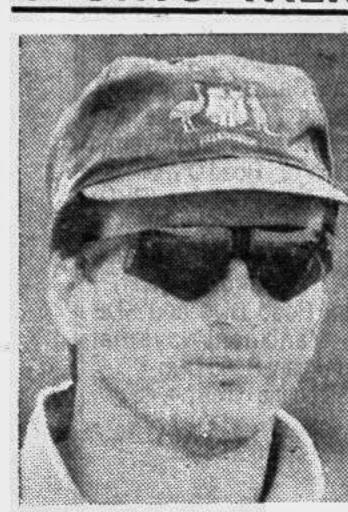
DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That there are three major organisations that govern pro-fessional tennis — the ITF, the ATP and the WTA. The ITF has jurisdiction over the four socalled Grand Slam tournaments — the just-concluded Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia; the French Open in Paris; the Lawn Tennis Championships, commonly called Wimbledon, in London; and the US Open in New York City — as well as over the Grand Slam Cup, a season-ending event in-volving the most successful players each year in Grand Slam events.

The ITF also governs the Davis and Federation cups, annual international competitions held between national teams. The ATP Tour (formerly the Association of Tennis Professionals), located in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida, has jurisdiction over the men's professional events except the Grand Slam tournaments. The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour, located in Saint Petersburg, Florida, governs women's professional tennis.

I am not concerned with the number of tennis associations; rather I am puzzled how professional men and women could end up in two different associations despite the Florida sun.





Steve Waugh (Australian cricketer) "Being dropped is always a huge moment in your career."



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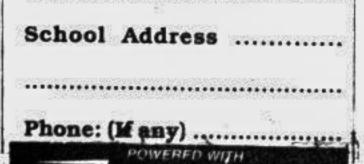
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Fernando Redondo (L), Real Madrid's Argentine star playmaker outfoxes Fernando of Valencia during their Spanish First Division league encounter in Madrid on Feb 2. Valencia shocked the giants 2-1. - AP/UNB photo

Africa's nations renew rivalry

edition of country showpiece, reports

JOHANNESBURG. Feb 3: The African Nations' Cup comes of age this week in Burkina Faso with the 21st the biennial 16-

Apart from Olympic champions Nigeria, suspended for refusing to defend the title in South Africa, the giants are present, including World Cup qualifiers Cameroon, Mrocco, South Africa and Tunisia.

Morocco are the popular choice to lift the trophy because they can field a settled side, employ an experienced coach in Frenchman Henri Michel, and have been ranked No 1 in Africa since last May.

But the 41-year history of the competition is littered with upsets and the lions of the atlas could face formidable challenges from holders South Africa, Cameroon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Tunisia and Zam-

The four previous tourna ments staged in west Africa were won by countries from the region and footballers used to

Mehdi's eyes on Europe

HONG KONG, Feb 3: International midfielder Mehdi Mahdavikia looks set to lead the second wave of Iranian players moving to Europe after the World Cup finals later this year,

reports Reuters. Mahdavikia, who plays his club football for Tehran side Piruzi and was with the national side in Hong Kong for a four-team tournament, said he was likely to join a number of

compatriots in Germany. He has been linked with a possible move to European champions Borussia Dortmund and confirmed that the club had been in touch with his club and the Iranian federation about a

possible transfer. Iranians Ali Daei, Karim Bagheri and Asian player-ofthe-year Khodadad Azizi are already playing in the Bundesliga and the belief is that Mahdavikia would also settle well

in Europe. Also likely to leave Iran following France '98 are goalkeeper Nima Nakissa and midsielder Hamid Reza Estili.

Nakissa, who like Mahdavikia plays for Piruzi, is currently the reserve goalie for the national side and has attracted the interest of relegationthreatened Cologne who currently have Azizi on their

Anderlecht of Belgium have also made enquiries about the player while Estili's agent has been speaking to clubs in Ausfirst-class accommodation and facilities may struggle here.

While the organisers have spared no effort to host a memorable 22-day event, Burkina Faso is one of the poorest nations in the world and cannot hope to match the glitz of South Africa two years ago. Ouagadougou, the capital

city in the heart of the landlocked country, and the southwestern town of Bobo-Dioulasso play host to teams from the north, west, centre and south of the continent.

The Chinese-built, 40,000seat August 4 Stadium stages the opening ceremony, they first game between Burkina Faso and Cameroon Saturday. and the final on February 28. Matches in Ouagadougou are

divided between the National Stadium and the smaller Municipal Stadium while Bobo-Dioulasso boasts the new. French-built Omnisport Sta-Crowds at games not involv-

ing Burkina Faso are expected to be much larger than in South Africa, where only fixtures featuring 'bafana bafana' (the boys) drew big attendances. Expectations are high that the finals could match those of

1984 in Ivory Coast, where the 'indomitable lions' of Cameroon won what is widely regarded to be the most exciting of the 20 tournaments. If the presence of stars guarantees success then Burkina Faso can hardly fail as veter-

ans, established internationals and young hopefuls strive to capture the attention of specta tors and a worldwide television audience. The 'old guard' includes

Abedi Pele of Ghana, who col-

lected a winners' medal in Libya

16 years ago, and fellow-midielder Kalusha Bwalya from Zambia, the strongest team never to have finished first.

Noureddine Naybet of Morocco and Hani Ramzy of Egypt in defence, Moussa Saib of Algeria and Zoubeir Beva of Tunisia in midfield, and 'Paulao' of Angola and Patrick Mboma of Cameroon in attack are proven performers.

No continent encourages youth more than Africa and much is expected of strikers Benni McCarthy of South Africa, 'Akwa' of Angola and Ibrahim Babayoko of Ivory

Only Group B, where fourtime champions Ghana and 1996 runners-up Tunisia should have the measure of the ill-prepared Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) and limited Togo, appears clearcut. A dramatic improvement by

Burkina Faso since the arrival of French coach Philippe Troussier could spell problems for Cameroon and Algeria in Group A with Guinea the outsiders. Ivory Coast borders Burkina

Faso and the 1992 champions can expect huge support in Group C against South Africa. without a win in seven matches. potential giantkillers Angola and dark horses Namibia. Every tournament has a group of death and a pool con-

taining Morocco, Zambia and Egypt certainly fits the bill with Mozambique completing the Group D line-up. Each team plays its three opponents once on a league sys-

tem with three points for a win and one for a draw and group winners and runners-up advance to the quarterfinals.

Argentina's WC warmups

BUENOS AIRES, Feb 3: Argentina will begin their World Cup preparations by playing Romania in a friendly interna-tional in Mendoza on February 19 — the Argentina Football Federation confirmed here:

Monday, reports AFP.

Argentina's other international matches before the World Cup will be against Yugoslavia (in Mar del Plata on Feb 24). Bulgaria (in Buenos Aires on March 10), Ireland (in Dublin on April 22). Brazil (in Rio de Janeiro on April 29), Cameroon (in Buenos Aires on May 14) and Chile (in Buenos Aires on May

Valencia spoil Real's plans

MADRID, Feb 3 (AP/Reuters): Valencia pulled off a surprise 2-1 victory over defending league champions
Real Madrid on Monday, allowing FC Barcelona to stay atop
the Spanish First Division.
It was Madrid's second loss

at home this season. The team stays No. 2 with 43 points, one less than Barcelona who won their 23rd-round game Sunday

2-1 against Sporting Gijon. Valencia now have 31 points and are at No. 1 in the 20-team division.

Playing on a rain-sodden pitch. Real were out of luck from the start. In the fourth minute, Valencia's Gaizka Mendieta drove the ball home from the penalty spot following a foul by defender Manuel Sanchis on Romanian Adrian Ilie. llie himself scored in the 17th minute to give Valencia a 2-0

Yugoslav Pedrag Mijatovic had penalty saved by Valencia's Spanish international goal-

keeper Andoni Zubizarreta. Croat frontrunner Davor Suker pulled one back for Real with a 68th minute penalty but the home side were never able to get on top. on Sunday.

It was only a ninth win in 21 league matches for Valencia.

Tragic

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb 3 A rowdy street celebration following a Venezuelan baseball team's championship win left four people dead and 12 injured. police said Monday, reports AP. The celebration broke out in

Barquisimeto, 355 kilometres (210 miles) southwest of Caracas, and neighbouring towns on Sunday after the Cardinals defeated the Caracas Lions in game seven of the Venezuelan professional baseball league fi

Two people were killed by bullets fired by fans and two other victims were run over by vehicles.

Venezuela's baseball league is one of the top winter training grounds for US Major League Baseball prospects and players. This year they included Mark Whiten and Luis Sojo of the New York Yankees and Edgardo Alfonzo of the New York Mets.

The Caribbean Series with Championship teams from Venezuela, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico starts Wednesday in the Venezuelan coastal city of Puerto La Cruz.



Portuguese international Paulo Sousa (L) receives the award for being the best Portuguese soccer player of the 96/97 season from national team coach Humberto Coelho in Lisbon on Feb 2. — AP/UNB photo

To tackle or not to tackle?



MILAN, Feb 3 (AFP): "Who wants to end up like Ciro Ferrara, with a broken leg and no chance of the Wor-

ld Cup finals?" That's the question which Italian club coaches are hoping their players won't be asking themselves too often in the coming weeks after the Juventus and international defender ruled himself out of France '98

The next few months are crucial for Serie A sides, who are vying for the league title, the Italian Cup and all three European Cup competitions.

Their coaches, some of whose jobs could be at stake. will be expecting them to risk everything in the headlong rush towards a trophy.

However, a great many players here in the Serie A, whether they're European, South American or African, are also expecting to play in the World Cup finals soon after the season ends.

Ferrara's total commitment to the Juventus cause, seen in the 50-50 ball he lunged for on Sunday against Lecce, means that he is now certain to watch the finals at home on televi-

How many will now want to follow his example? Who really

wants to rip a thigh muscle two weeks before flying to France? The fear of missing the tournament of a lifetime in a single

tackle is very real. However, players and coaches claimed this week that there were even greater fears for the players - failure to get picked in the first place, or the risk of an even more serious injury by holding themselves

Pierluigi Casiraghi, who will lead Italy's attack at France '98, said: "I'm sorry for Ferrara, but no player who's line for a place at the World Cup finals should be influenced by incidents like

"In this game, injuries can happen at any time, even in training. A footballer should just concentrate on playing football. End of story.

And he added: "The moment you start being frightened of getting hurt, that's just when you can really get seriously inured." Juventus coach Marcello

Lippi, whose team is packed with internationals and is on course for the league title, the European Cup and the Italian Cup, also hopes there will be no Ferrara-effect on his team-"All the Serie A players are

true professionals, and are used to the fast and physically demanding football that's being played today." Lippi said.

They know the risks. I don't think that what happened to Ferrara is going to make people start taking things easier, or make them reluctant to throw themselves at a loose ball. Fear always increases the risks of getting hurt."

Inter Milan's latest hero. Uruguayan striker Alvaro Recoba, also believes that players will still give everything in the months ahead. But he also reckons the injury issue may yet re-surface, this time as an excuse.

"In Italy, even friendlies are played at 100 per cent," said the 21-year-old, whose country failed to qualify for France '98.

"So I don't think the World Cup finals will influence the way people play. I've got the example here from my teammates - Ronaldo, Youri Djorkaeff and Ivan Zamorano will be among the stars of the tournament. They never hold anything back. They're just like Ferrara.

"They may play well, or they might not play well in some matches, but I've never seen them back off from the ball." "I think this talk about the

World Cup influencing players might often be used as an excuse, as a way of covering things

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Rally of Sweden Feb 6-8 the base required for a good The combination of Subaru from the four leading manufac-

engineering. Pirelli technology and driver skill netted the 555 Subaru World Rally Team and Pirelli their first-ever victory in Sweden in 1997 and, according to pre-event testing, a second successive win could be just around the corner. Kenneth Eriksson, the man who won the international Swedish Rally for the 555 Subaru World Rally team last year, will be joining both Colin McRae/Nicky Grist and Piero Liatti/Fabrizia Pons on his home territory, providing invaluable knowledge and experience as the team bid for outright victory, says a press release.

Recent uncharacteristically warm weather has caused much consternation for the rally organisers, but a welcomed bout of heavy snowfall has provided

winter rally. The Swedish Rally (6-8 February) is one of Colin McRae's favourite events and the Scot is pleased to return to a rally that has a more predictable surface. In an event notoriously won by the Scandinavians, Colin has an impressive record that includes six finishes from seven outings, three on the podium. 1997 was a fascinating rally in which the lead was never held by any driver for more than five consecutive stages and, but for a spin on the final day, the Scot could have taken his first win in Sweden and/or a decisive 1-2 for the team.

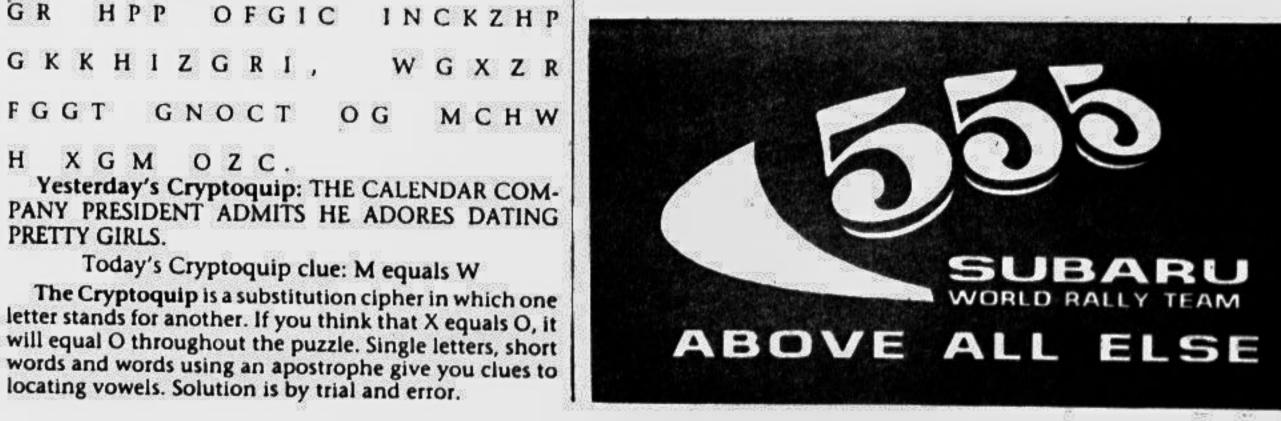
In his first full season in the World Rally Championship. Piero Liatti's knowledge of some of the events is limited. but the enthusiastic and skillful Italian will doubtless demonstrate his ability to adapt accordingly. One outing in Sweden in 1996 is the only experience Piero has of competing on snow, but one fastest stage time that year proves he is capable of rising to the chal-

Born and bred locally, there are few with more experience of the rally than Kenneth Eriksson. The Swede has competed in his home event no fewer than thirteen times and has three wins to his credit (1991, 1995 and 1997). Victory by him and co-driver, Staffan Parmander, last year gave the 555 Subaru World Rally Team their fourth consecutive World Championship rally victory and Pirelli's first-ever win in Swe-

As Monte Carlo demonstrated, competition will be tough with top-class entries

turers. Tommi Makinen - the only leading driver to retire in Monte Carlo — will be keen to return to winning ways and with one victory in Sweden under his belt, the Finn is sure to be in the heart of the action. His Mitsubishi team-mate, Richard Burns, has never competed in Sweden, but as the young Briton's performance in Monte Carlo demonstrated, he is quite able to match the best of them. Victory last month was a fitting return to the World Championship scene by Toyota and double World Champion Carlos Sainz, and he and Didier Auriol will doubtless be hoping to match the 555 Subaru World Rally Team's run of victories this time last year. In the Ford World Rally team. Juha Kankkunen holds the most knowledge of this winter rally and some top results from his five attempts will stand the Finn in good stead. By contrast. his teammate, Bruno Thiry, has limited experience with only one outing to his credit.

The 1998 International Swedish Rally starts on Friday. February 6 and covers a total distance of 1,433 kilometres. This year is one of the shortest routes in the event's history and the 19 stages, run over 381 competitive kilometres, take the crews northwest of the rally headquarters in Karlstad to Borlange for one overnight halt. With approximately 300,000 spectators following the action, the International Swedish Rally is the largest annual sporting event in Sweden and sure to provide a magnificent spectacle of world-class action.



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals W 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.

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