DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT Harness Racing is a form of horse racing in which each competing horse pulls a lightweight, two-wheeled cart, called a sulky or racing bike, which is guided by a skilled driver. Two kinds of races are usual, one for trotting horses and one for pacing horses. These two types of horses belong to the same breed, but they are trained to employ different gaits, or running styles. The fastest trotters and pacers can cover a mile in less than two minutes, although they cannot equal the speed of a galloping racehorse ridden by a

jockey. Who bothers? It still would be the fastest form of travel from Uttara to Motijheel.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-88 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Feb 20, 1998

1	How many countries took part in the World Youth Cricket Cup?			
	14	15	16	
2	What is t	he position or rankings	ofKorda at the	

moment? How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played?

Who is the current 100m world champion? Greene

Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league?

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Karina Habsudova (Slovak tennis player)

"We didn't expect too much coming in here. But things worked out well for us."

After winning the Hopman Cup with Karol Kucera in Perth.

BHF picks 25

Bangladesh Handball Federation yesterday picked 25 players to form a national team for the second South Asian Handball Championship to be held in Dhaka in the last week of March this year, reports The players have been asked

to report at the federation office on February 13 at 5 pm. The players are: Rafiqul Is-

lam, Abdul Matin, Jahangir Alam, Mongsha Prue Marma, Sanat Kumar Malakar, Shahjahan Siraj (Rifles). Akram Hossain, Robiul Islam Robi, Rafiqul Islam (Ansars), Sheikh Saad Ahmed Mithu, Shahiduzzaman Bhuiyan (Police), Sultan Hawlader (Biman), Selim Zia Babu, Mostafa Jahangir Khokon, Azad Rahman Khokon, Hasibul Hasan Swapan, Amjad Hossain, Ashrafuddin Bhuiyan Bappi, Saidur Rahman Nayan (Dhaka DSA), Shahinur Rahman Tapu (Jessore), Rashedul Hasan (Rajshahi), Enamul Hasan, Abu Kaiser (Chittagong). Mohammod Ali Jony (Army) and Tajul Islam (Navy)

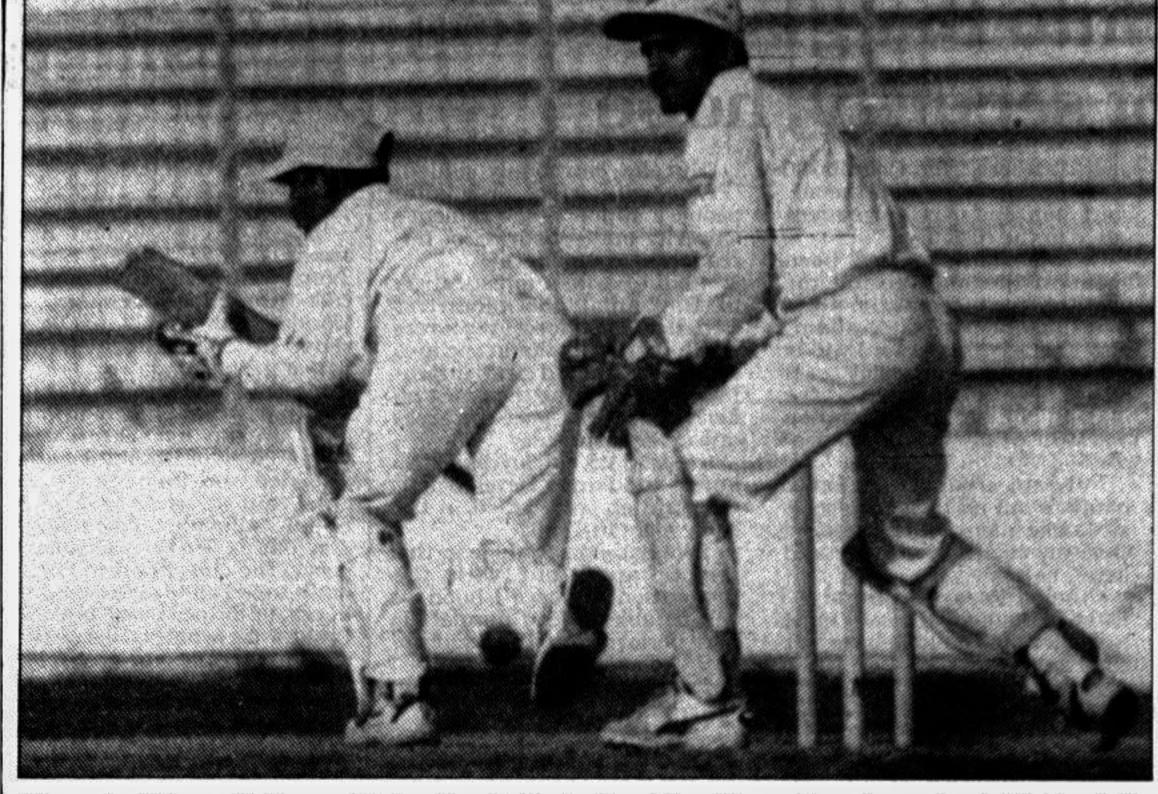
The training is expected to

begin on February 15. TODAY'S MATCHES

Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV Competitions: Bangladesh vs UAE Brunei vs Jordan Oman vs Bahrain

Janakantha Premier Cricket League: Kalabagan KC vs Brothers Union (Dhaka Stadium)

First Division Cricket Super Gopibagh FA vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium).



Biman's Atiaur Rahman flicks the ball during his 45-run knock against Abahani in - Star photo Janakantha Premier league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Biman grounded, AKC take off

Sports Reporter

A careless Biman outfit lost its way in rough weather allowing Abahani Krira Chakra to celebrate their seventh win, albeit shaky, in the Janakatha Premier Division Cricket League at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In perhaps the most clumsy fashion they lost by 22-

The national airlines, who are desperately in search of a victory for a passage to the sixteam Super League, showed no sign of any motivation when, chasing a modest Abahani total of 204 in the stipulated 50 overs, they were bundled out for 182 with 21 balls to spare.

It was a pity the way the shamateur Biman batsmen deposited wicket after wicket against a toothless Abahani attack who, despite their big brother reputation, started as underdogs in the opening match after a 44-day lay-off.

On a placid wicket, which boasts of furnishing 630 runs in the deciding final of the Independence Cup, the all-local Abahani did not pile up enough of a total to pose any apparent threat to the strong Biman batting line-up, which included former Pakistan Test cap Monsoor Akhter.

However, at the end of the day, the moderate target turned into an incubus when as many as six Biman batsmen, oblivious of their commitment to the game for which they are paid. threw away their wickets in the most atrocious manner.

Although Mansoor Akhter. who opened the Biman chase with Athar Ali Khan, was undone by a brilliant piece of fielding when a direct throw from a nimble Naimur ended his cameo innings of 26, the one-way procession actually man coffin by bowling clean the started when Athar departed in the 17th over, leaving his side

at 54 for two. The tall right-hander scored gritty 24 before turning a juicy half-volley into the safe hands of Iqbal at mid-wicket. An unfit Faruque, who is yet to recover from a groin injury. made only nine before offering a straight forward return catch to Abahani's right-arm seamer Colonel.

In photo-copy fashion, Colonel later went on to dismiss middle-order bat Hasanuzzaman a couple of overs after Habibul Bashar committed hari-kiri while chasing a non-existent second run. And Biman were reduced to

JOHANNESBURG.

Reuters): Batsman

Andrew Hudson

has been recalled

to the South Afri-

can cricket team for the first

Test against Pakistan starting

at the Wanderers here on

Friday, coming in for injured

with a string of recent impres-

sive scores in domestic compe-

tition, produced a career-best at

the weekend, scoring 206

against Gauteng Province for

Cronje, who had an opera-

tion late last week to remove

torn cartilage from his right

against Pakistan in Durban at

As expected, the captaincy

reins have been handed to

opener Gary Kirsten while the

return of paceman Allan Don-

ald means that Herschelle

Gibbs, who played against Aus-

tralia in the third Test in Ade-

laide, drops out to fill the role of

Milosevic

the menace

ternational Savo Milosevic

faced his second hefty fine in

three weeks today after refusing

to play for Aston Villa in the

English Premier league, reports

was quoted as saying the 24-

year-old Serb refused to take

his place on the substitute's

bench in his team's 1-0 victory

over Derby on Saturday.

Villa manager Brian Little

LONDON, Feb 9: Yugoslav in-

Daryll Cullinan, who lost

The 32-year-old Natalian.

skipper Hansie Cronje.

his home side Natal.

the end of the month.

twelfth man.

Reuters.

9 (AFP/

86 for five in 26.1 overs. After that sudden slide. wicketkeeper Atiar and Pakistani offie Iqbal Imam tried to repair the damage putting on 51 runs for the sixth wickets. But then the two set batsmen, who were milking runs with little nudges all round the wicket, got

carried away and paid the

penalty for playing adventurous

shots beyond the call of duty. Igbal, who scored a workmanlike 16 off 34 balls, was punished for going for an unnecessary big hit, and ended up offering a simple return catch to slow-left armer Saifullah

Atiar top scored in the match with a run-a-ball 45. But the young right-hander, who was playing confidently and who could have been the saviour of Biman, played the



last villainous role when he went for a needless lofty drive against Safiullah and was caught at the long-on by Zakir.

The departure of Atiar effectively dashed Biman's hopes for a turn-around in the match despite a valiant effort from Mofizur Rahman. He scored 22 off 30 balls before Zakir hammered the last nail in the Biyoung all-rounder in the 47th over.

Earlier, batting first Abahani's score was built around some useful contributions from their top-order batsmen. Opener Azam Iqbal and onedown Naimur Rahman chipped in 38 runs apiece while skipper Akram Khan made 26 and wicketkeeper Khaled Masood

24. But it was an invaluable 24 from lower-order bat lqbal, which eventually decided the fate of the match. Together with Zakir the balding right-hander shared a priceless 26 runs for the eighth wicket to guide Abahani across the 200-mark...

With this win Abahani joins

Woolmer to continue until '99 WC

Hudson back in squad

his form and his place in Aus-

tralia, also finds himself back

in favour while Dave Richard-

son's deputy on the Australian

trip, Mark Boucher, gains his

to come in at number five, open-

ing an innings can be most un-

lock confirmed that Hudson

will not open the innings, and

will bat behind Cullinan at five.

authority at number four, may

be it's a turning point of his ca-

handle the pressure of dealing

with Australian leg-spinner

Shane Warne, but was confident

that he would make a comeback

Warne in Australia, it became a

ANDREW HUDSON

"Darryl had a problem with

against the Pakistanis.

forgiving if you fail," he added.

"I'm delighted to be back."

"It is a new challenge to me

National selector Peter Pol-

"I have watched him bat with

"He has always been a class

second Test cap.

reer," Pollock said

knee, is likely to be back in the act," he added. Pollock admitted

squad for the second Test that Cullinan had battled to

Hudson said

Mohammedans and Surjo Tarun at the top of the table with 17 points each. But Mohammedans, the only unbeaten team in the fray, has a match in hand against Abahani eight.

The defeat left Biman in dire straitas as they have 10 points on completion of their eighth league match. They will now have to win at least two of their remaining three matches against Mohammedans, Brothers and Kalabagan — for a place in the six-team super league.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Metropolis Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani and Bangladesh Biman played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. ABAHANI KC:

Azam st Atiar b Shariful Imran c Sohel b Atahar Naimur b Sohel Akram Khan c Faruque b Sohel K Masood run out (Sajal) Rahul c & b lgbal Salauddin c Mofizur b Shariful lqbal c & b lqbal Zakir run out Colonel c Atiar b Iqbal Saifullah not out Extras: (b-3, lb-3, nb-4, w-14)

Total: (All out in 39.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-19: 2-86: 3-

Bowling:	0	M	R	1
Moftzur	5	0	26	
Atahar	- 6	0	26	
Ziaur	10	0	33	
Shariful	10	0.	35	
Sohel	10	0	46	
lqbal lmam	8.4	2	32	
BIMAN	2004/90	20070	(c-)	
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Mansoor run out Faruque c & b Colonel Habibul run out Hasanuzzaman c Iqbal b Colonel Iqbal Imam c & b Saifullah Atiar c Zakir b Saifullah Mofizur b Zakir Ziaur run out Sohel not out Shariful run out Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-11) Total: (All out in 46.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-54; 3-65; 4-80; 5-86; 6-137; 7-156; 8-163; 9-176; 10-182.

Bowling: 26 Zakir Colonel 47 29 Salauddin Saifullah Naimur 27 Igbal Result: Abahani won by 22

major psychological problem.

Now we are reintroducing him

and hoping he can put that

nightmare behind him," Pol-

live with this problem to the

end of his career and it will re-

ally be up to him to show what

tenure as coach of the South

African cricket team has been

extended until the end of the

Ali Bacher, managing direc-

tor of the United Cricket Board

of South Africa (UCBSA), told a

news conference that Woolmer

would step down after the World

both Bob and the UCB have ac-

extend Woolmer's term was

made at a UCBSA executive

meeting at the weekend. "This

decision was unanimous and

there was very little debate

Bacher said that Woolmer

still had a lot to offer and might

role within the UCBSA after the

tised later this year and the

eventual successor might go on

South Africa's tour to New

Zealand with Woolmer next

year to ensure a smooth transi-

SQUAD

Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Daryll

Cullinan, Andrew Hudson,

Brian McMilan, Shaun Pol-

lock, Mark Boucher

(Wicketkeeper). Lance Klusener,

Pat Symcox, Allan Donald

(12th man: Herschelle Gibbs).

Gary Kirsten (capt), Adam

His position would be adver-

become involved in a different

cepted," Bacher said.

around the issue."

tion, Bacher said.

World Cup.

This is a condition which

Bacher said the decision to

1999 World Cup in England.

that he is back," he added.

Cullinan is really made of now

Meanwhile, Bob Woolmer's

"He will probably have to

lock said.

Nat'l feds' polls from March 10

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council decided yesterday that elections to the thirty-two national federations will be held from March 10 to April 7. The meeting also finalised the schedule of the 29-day long elections.

Chaired by State Minister

for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, the meeting was at-tended by general secretaries of all the national federations. Divisional Sports Associations and District Sports Associations, and the Chief Election Commissioner Syed Abdur Rashid.

The elections will be held in two systems. Seven federations- athletics, cricket, football, handball, kabadi, swimming and volleyball will be in one category while the other twenty-five federations will have a different type of elec-

tions. For elections to the seven federations, six divisions, 64 districts and their affiliated clubs and organisations will have a vote each. For the other 25 federations, the criterion for voting will be based on participation in respective national championships by divisions, districts, clubs and organisations during the last 26 years.

ELECTIONS SCHEDULE March 10: Women Sports

and Body Building. March 18: Swimming, Rowing, Table Tennis, Wrestling

and Boxing March 24: Basketball, Tennis, Carom, Badminton, Foot-

March 27: Taekwando, Kho Kho, Cricket, Kabaddi, Deaf and Dumb.

March 31: Marshal Art. Bridge, Squash, Athletics and Roller Skating.

April 03: Handball, Billiards and Snooker, Chess, Hockey and Cycling. April 07: Gymnastics, Judo

& Karate, Weightlifting, Shooting and Volleyball

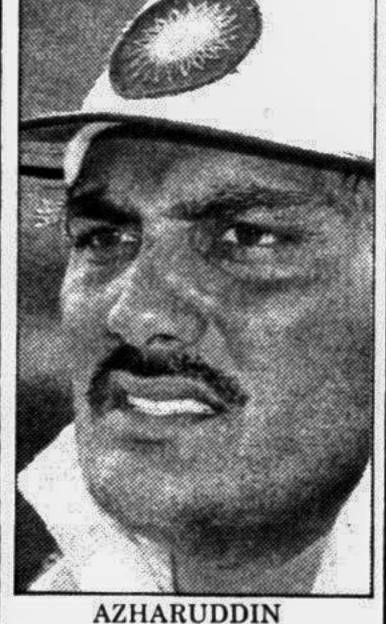
Look before you leap!

NEW DELHI, Feb 9: Indian cricket team captain Mohammad Azharuddin is facing court action after allegedly branding people from the east of the country "thieves" when his cap was stolen, newspapers reported today, reports AFP.

Azharuddin allegedly made the remark Friday when his cap disappeared as he was mobbed by autograph hunters while playing in a tournament in Patna, the state of Bihar.

Newspapers said three lawyers had announced they would sue.

The Asian Age newspaper said Azharuddin had not con tested that he had made the remark, adding he was provoked



AZHARUDDIN

by the loss of a "sentimenta thing" and by abusive language from spectators.

The furious Azharuddin had threatened to boycott the next day's play unless the cap was returned. Police later recovered it from a man who claimed it was a gift from the Indian captain.

Daunting task for Zimbabwe DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Feb

9: Zimbabwe's Murray Goodwin scored an unbeaten half century as the tourists fought to stay in the match against New Zealand A on Monday, reports AP. After their embarrassing 67

all out in the first innings, Zimbabwe were left 204 runs behind as New Zealand declared at 271 for eight. Zimbabwe were 80 for two at

stumps on the second day of the four-day match with Goodwin unbeaten on 50 and Guy Whittall on six. The hosts remained in a

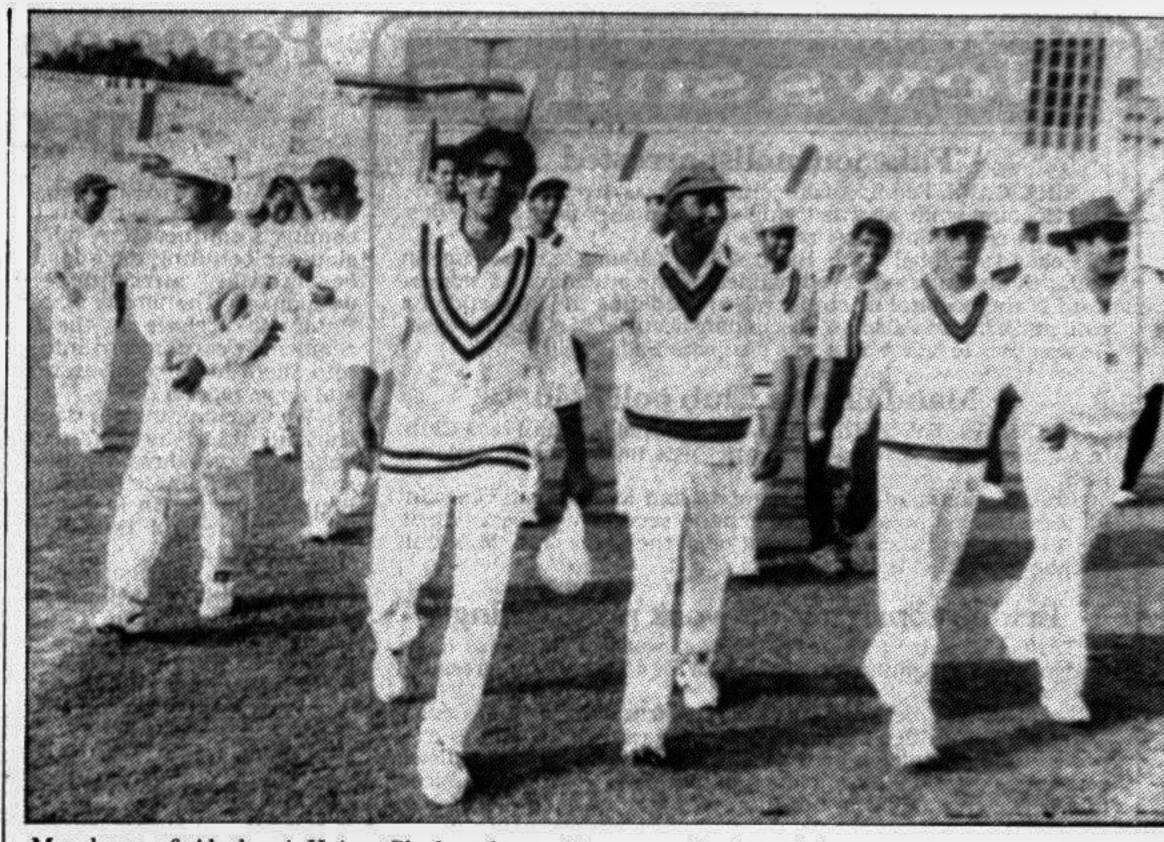
dominant position as Kiwi Test cap Roger Towse scored the third half century of the New Zealand A innings. He was bowled for 69 by

medium pacer Mpumeleo Mbangwa who kept the hosts in check with four for 49 off 31 overs.

Angola astound **S**Africa BOBO DIOULASSO, Burkina

Faso, Feb 9: Defending champions South Africa missed key chances in a 0-0 draw with Angola as Ivory Coast won a 4-3 thriller over Namibia on the second day of the African Nations' Cup, reports AP.

Guinea overcame 1990 Cup champions Algeria 1-0 with a header by Sulemane Oulare in the only other game Sunday.



Members of Abahani Krira Chakra leave the ground after defeating Biman in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Aussie team for India named



Australian cpening batsmin Michael S'ater will return to the scene of his lowest mo-

ment, 16 months after a rash swipe appeared to end his Test cricket career, reports AP. Slater was recalled to the

Australian squad Monday for the three-Test tour of India starting later this month, replacing Matthew Elliott. "I'm ecstatic. To be in the In-

dian tour is sort of getting back to where I want to be, it's fantastic," Slater said. "The opportunity's in front

of me and I want to get over

there and get some runs." Elliott, who has paid the price for a poor home series against South Africa, took over from Slater in November 1996 after Australia's previous tour

to India. Elliott was too upset to talk

to the media on Monday. When Elliott was forced out with injury his position passed to Matthew Hayden, leaving Slater clearly out of favour. He will turn 28 on the day Australia arrives in India. Slater, a revelation on the

1993 Ashes tour to England. was reduced to midweek games as Elliott prospered on last year's winning tour there. He will rejoin resurgent

captain Mark Taylor at the top of the order and Taylor broke the news to his New South Wales teammate by mobile telephone as Slater was playing a round of golf in Sydney.

"I was on the fourth hole," Slater said. "It was a great thrill that he was the guy who let me know. I've played quite a bit of cricket with him and we're great mates.

missing injured strike bowlers

Australia will field a team

SYDNEY, Feb 9: Glenn McGrath and Jason but most of the time I was al-

Gillespie. Medium-pacer Paul Reiffel will hold much of the responsibility with Australia calling up Adam Dale and Paul Wilson for

their first Test squads. Australia is unbeaten in 10 straight series under Taylor but has not won in India or Pakistan for 28 years.

Australia has played just one Test in India in the past 12 years and last won a series there under Bill Lawry in 1969-

Victory on the subcontinent is Taylor's most important remaining goal and his hopes will be boosted by leg-spinner

Shane Warne. Warne, one of three spinners chosen along with Stuart MacGill and Gavin Robertson, missed the previous Test in India because of injury.

Leg-spinner MacGill made his debut in the drawn Test against South Africa last week while off-spinner Robertson returns to the squad for the first time since the tour of Pakistan in 1994.

Robertson has yet to play a Test while batsman Darren Lehmann is the fourth member of the squad who is uncapped. He was 12th man for one

match when he was 19. If Lehmann plays he will break Mark Waugh's Australian record for scoring the most first-class runs before gaining a Test place. Waugh made his debut after scoring 7,508 runs while South Australian

Lehmann has 10,187. "You get down at times but all you can do is make runs for your state when you are playing for it and that is all I was trying to do," Lehmann said of his long

"Obviously you get disenchanted at various occasions

wait.

ways pretty positive. I don't

think you ever give up hope." Australia will leave Feb 20. The first Test is in Madras on March 6 followed by games in

Calcutta from March 18 and Bangalore from March 25. The Test series will be followed by a triangular limitedovers series including Zim-

babwe.

SQUAD

Mark Taylor (capt), Steve Waugh (vice-capt), Greg Blewett, Adam Dale, Ian Healy, Michael Kasprowicz, Darren Lehmann, Stuart MacGill, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Gavin Robertson, Michael Slater, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Paul Wilson.

ITINERARY

Match schedule for the Australian cricket team's tour of India from February to April: February 21: Australian

team arrives Mumbai. 24-26: v Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai at Mum-

March 1-3: v Board President XI at Visakhapatnam. 6-10: First Test at Madras.

13-15: v India A at Jamshed-18-22: Second Test at Cal-

cutta. 25-29: Third Test at Banga-Triangular one-day series

(Australia-Zimbabwe-India) April 1: Australia v India at Cochin. April 3: Australia v Zim-

babwe at Ahmedabad.

April 5: India v Zimbabwe at April 7: Australia v India at Kanpur

April 9: India v Zimbabwe at Cuttack.

April 11: Australia v Zimbabwe at Faridabad. April 14: Final at New Delhi

Spanish soccer scene

MADRID, Feb 9: Real Madrid's latest Brazilian signing Savio proved both hero and villain Sunday, saving the defending champions from a humiliating defeat with a late goal but later missing a penalty conversion in injury time. reports AP.

Real's 2-2 draw with Deportivo de La Coruna in the 24th-round of the Spanish league kept them in the No. 2 spot with 44 points, just one behind leaders FC Barcelona.

A fast game turned frenetic after a goal from Fran Gonzalez gave Deportivo the lead in the 10th minute. Victor Sanchez equalised for Real in the 19th. but two minutes later Brazilian Djalminha put Deportivo ahead

After the break, Madrid's stars missed several opportunities before Savio slipped in the 2-2 equaliser in the 78th minute. But soon after, tears of frus-

tration welled in the young Brazilian's eyes when he missed a penalty conversion and a chance to snatch victory in injury time.

Sunday's draw broke Real's rash of league defeats, by Valencia last week and lowly Salamanca the week before. But it is unlikely to mute criticism of German coach Jupp Heynckes. Meanwhile, Barcelona failed

to prove that thus have fully recovered from a similar rash of disappointments by finishing in a 1-1 draw against second-tobottom Tenerife in Sunday's other major league match. Brazilian ace Rivaldo put Barcelona ahead a minute be-

fore the half time, but Yugoslav Slavia Jokanovic headed the equaliser a minute after the break. Real Sociedad stay at No. 3 with 43 points after drawing 1-1 on Saturday against Athletic Bilbao, who stay at No. 4 with

40 points. Also Saturday Mal-

lorca came from behind to

claim a 2-1 victory over lowly Compostela. Results of other matches: Sporting Gijon 2, Racing Santander 1: Sporting celebrated their first victory this season. beating Racing 2-1 and doubling

their points total to six. A goal from Rodrigao in the

21st minute and a penalty suc-

cessfully converted by Tomas

Hervas four minutes later put

Sporting two goals ahead. Al-

berto Lopez scored a compensation goal for Racing in the 46th. Valencia 1, Valladolid 2: Mid-table Valencia failed to rekindle the sparkle that ac-

Real, losing 2-1 at home to lowly Valladolid. Benjamin Zarandona put Valladolid ahead in the 14th minute and a goal from Victor Fernandez extended the visiting team's lead in the 41st. Valencia could only narrow the gap with a goal from Yugoslav Miroslav

companied the team's recent

victories over Barcelona and

Djukic just before the break. Betis 2, Merida 1: Alfonso Perez headed Betis one goal up in the 36th until Francisco Ruano scored the equaliser for Merida in the 53rd. A goal from Nigerian George Finidi clinched victory for Betis 10 minutes from the whistle.

Espanyol O, Zaragoza 1: A goal from Argentine Cristian (Kily) Gonzalez in the 18th minute was enough to give Zaragoza a 1-0 victory against Espanyol.

Salamanca O, Celta 1: Celta's Juan Sanchez scored the only goal of the match in the 24th minute, sealing victory against lowly Salamanca.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS love token 10 N.Mex. 1 Door-55 "Believe saying..." neighbor

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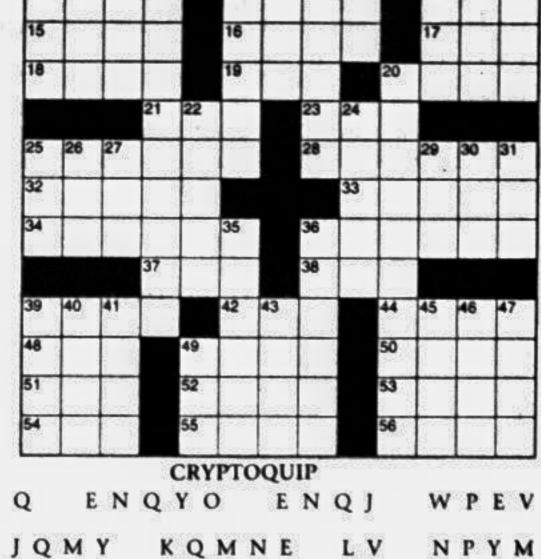
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36 Sculpture

37 Flamenco

medium

Gogh's 9 Verboten Solution time: 27 mins.



Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ILL-MANNERED OPTICIAN MADE A REAL SPECTACLE OF HIMSELF.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals B

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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