

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Italian footballer Gianfranco Zola (32), as a skilful attacking player, has made a major impact on English football since his £4.5 million transfer to Chelsea from Parma in 1996. He was born in Sardinia, and played for Nuorese and Torres before making his debut in the Italian first division with Napoli in 1989. Understudying and then replacing Diego Maradona, he emerged as one of Italy's most promising young players. He made his full Italian debut in 1991, but it was not until his £5.5 million transfer to Parma in 1993 that his talent fully blossomed. In 102 appearances for the club he scored 49 goals, including 19 in the 1994-95 season when Parma won the UEFA Cup. In 1997 he played in the FA Cup final, and was voted the English Football Writers' Association Player of the Year. Zola may be one of the players to watch in France '98.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-90

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on March 20, 1998

- Who won the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess title?

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| Rajib | Nguyen | Raktim |
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- How many ODI centuries have been scored by Pakistan opener Saied Anwar?

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| 13 | 14 | 15 |
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- Who keeps wicket for South Africa?

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| Symcox | Kallis | Boucher |
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- Emerging tennis star Anna Kournikova is

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- Who lifted the girls' singles title of the 12th Bangladesh International junior tennis championships?

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| Uzma | Radhika | Struti |
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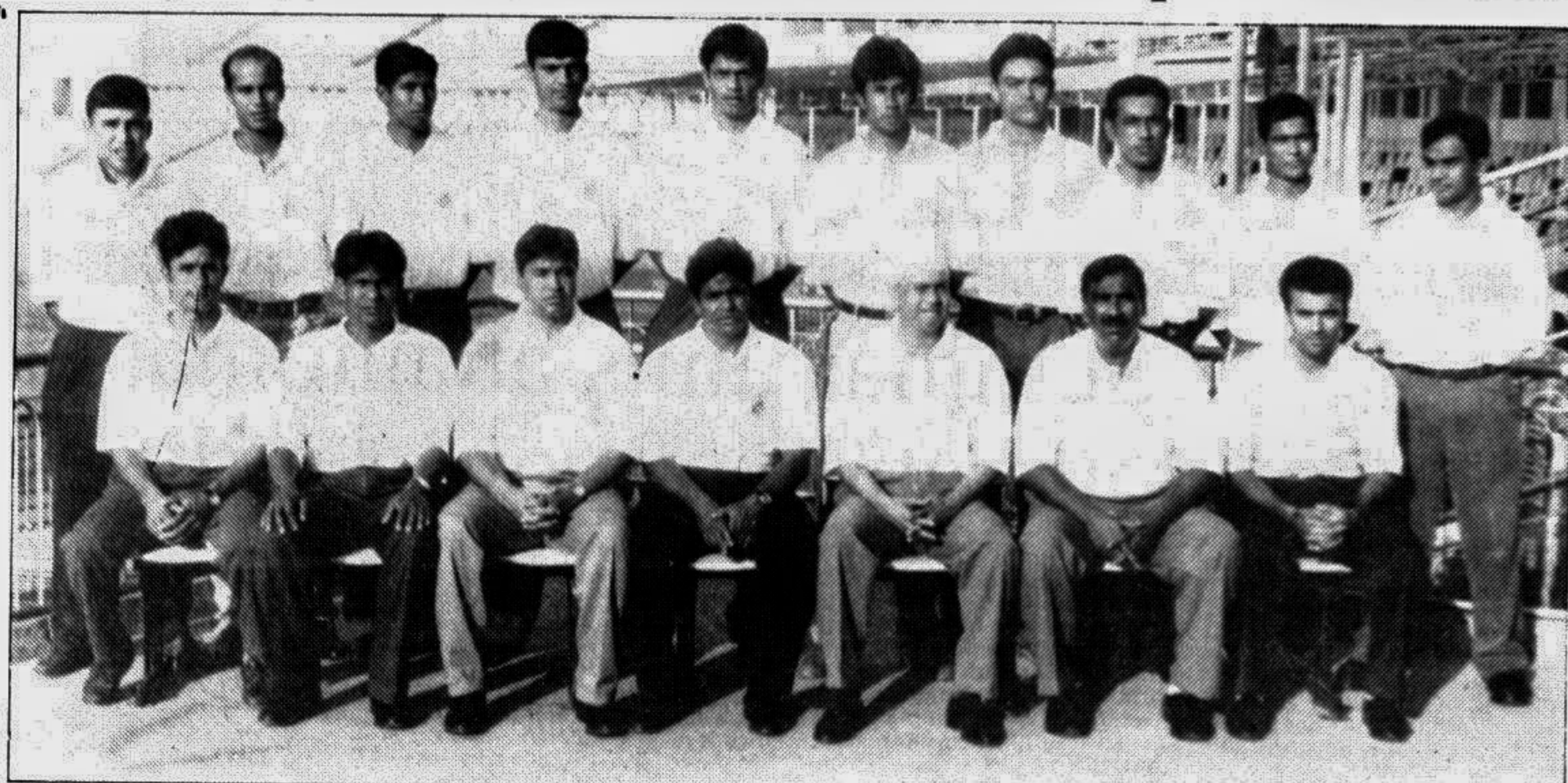
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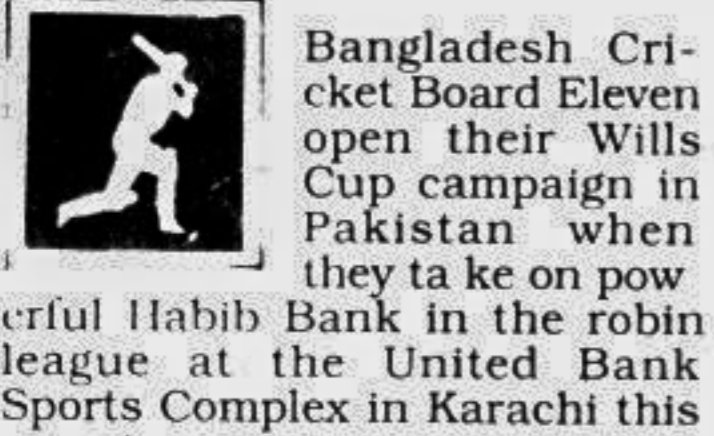
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Lobbying for England in their bid to host the 2006 soccer World Cup.



The Pakistan-bound Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven team which left for Karachi last night to take part in the Wills Cup one-day tournament. — Star photo

BCB XI open against Habib Bank today Aminul replaces Akram

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven open their Wills Cup campaign in Pakistan when they take on powerful Habib Bank in the robin league at the United Bank Sports Complex in Karachi this morning.

Bangladesh, pencilled in Pool A, one of the four pools for the first phase along with four other local teams in the 20-team one-day tournament, will meet Bhawalpur and KCCA Blues in their next two matches on March 17 and 21 before they face Customs in their last robin league engagement on March 23.

Top two teams from each pool will qualify for the final round which will start on March 27 at different venues across Pakistan and will conclude after three days.

Bangladesh apart, a Malaysian selection will also take part in the most prestigious tournament in that country as per ICC development programme. Malaysia have been placed in Pool B along with Gujranwala, PIA, ADBP and LCCA.

KCCA Whites, Faisalabad, Multan, NBP and WAPDA have been chalked in Pool C while the other pool comprises Peshawar, Islamabad, ABL, KRL and Rawalpindi.

The semi-finals are billed for April 2 and 3 at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore while the final will take place at the same venue on April 5. Semifinals and the final will be day-night affairs.

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Barisal cricket
From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Mar 14: Kheloyar Kalyan Samity beat Arunoday Super Star by five wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local stadium today.

Batting first Arunoday scored 103 runs losing all the wickets in 24.3 overs.

In reply Kheloyar Kalyan Samity scored 105 runs losing 5 wickets in 24.1 overs.

Tomorrow Katpatty Friends Ekadash will face Udiaman Ekadash at the same venue.

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Azad trounce Lalmatia

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

LALMATIA CLUB: 152 all out in 47.3 overs (Nuruzzaman 62, A Hamid 22, Ridwan 21; Nasim 2/16, Sumon Barua 2/25)

AZAD SC: 154 for three in 36.3 overs (Biplab 48 n.o., Adil 43 n.o., Sumon 31; Riaz 2/42)

Result: Azad SC won by seven wickets.

An unbeaten 77-run fourth wicket partnership between Syed Adil Ahmed and Biplab helped Azad Sporting Club to a resounding seven-wicket victory over Lalmatia Club in a Janakantha Premier Division relegation league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The pair rescued Azad Sporting from 77 for three in the 23rd over chasing Lalmatia's 152.

Biplab topscored with an unbeaten 48 off 54 balls inclusive of six boundaries while Adil was batting on 43 when they achieved victory in the 37th over.

Earlier, put into bat, Lalmatia's total was built with 62 by Nuruzzaman. During a 110-ball stay at the crease the middle-order bat hit six fours.

Bappi, Sumon, Sabbir and Nasim of Azad evenly shared eight wickets among themselves.

Div II cricket

Young Cricketers defeated Indira Road by 41 runs in a super league match of the Acme Second Division cricket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Put to bat first, Young Cricketers scored 214 runs for nine wickets in stipulated 45 overs.

Skipper Ali Arman contributed 63 runs while Kamruzzaman made 52.

Shiplu claimed two wickets while Babu took one wicket.

In reply, Indira Road were all out for 173 runs in 38.4 overs.

Sanjoy scored 55 runs and Shiplu added 25.

Haider, Paplu and Regan captured two wickets each.

In another super league match of the day, Young Pegasus beat Udit Club by 73 runs at the City Club ground.

Batting first after winning the toss, Pegasus scored 270 runs for six wickets in 45 overs.

Tony scored an unbeaten 114 runs off 96 balls while Nazmul made 57 runs.

Hasinuzzaman claimed three wickets while Sajjad, Akhinzaman and Motin took one wicket apiece.

In reply, Udit collected 197 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 44.1 overs.

Sajjad made 37 runs while Shakir and Sohel scored 30 runs each.

Nahid claimed three wickets and Zalin took two wickets.

Prinosil in final

COPENHAGEN, Mar 14: Germany's David Prinosil booked a place in the final of the 210,000 dollars Copenhagen Open on Saturday, by beating No 4 seed Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), reports AP.

Prinosil played a consistent game to defeat the poorly serving fourth seed. Earlier in the tournament, the 25-year-old German had eliminated top seeded Thomas Johansson of Sweden.

The last time Prinosil was in an ATP Final was when he won in Ostrava in 1996.

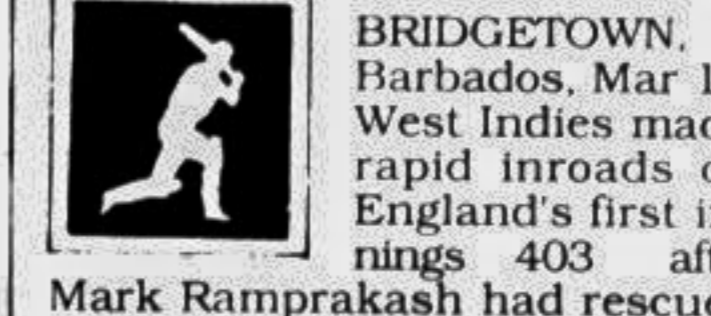
DEJAN ON THE MOVE

Yugoslavia's most talented player Dejan Stankovic of Red Star may join Glasgow Rangers next season.

Red Star officials Friday said a Rangers' delegation negotiated with the Yugoslav club earlier in the week on the transfer of the 20-year-old midfielder.

Local reports said the transfer package would be worth 9 million pounds which would make it the highest transfer in the history of Yugoslav soccer.

WI begin a long chase



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 14: West Indies made rapid inroads on England's first innings 403 after Mark Ramprakash had rescued the visitors with a brilliant 154 on the second day of the fifth Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

Recalled opening pair Philo Wallace and Clayton Lambert struck the England bowling attack to all parts of the field as West Indies raced to 84 for one off only 24 overs by the close.

Wallace fell shortly before bad light ended play to a very debatable leg before decision by South African umpire Cyril Mitchell off the medium fast bowling of Dean Headley.

Wallace hammered 45 from the 51 balls he faced.

Lambert ended unbeaten on 32 and nightwatchman Ian Bishop two not out.

It was a sparkling response by the two openers on a pitch

England new ball bowling. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at the close of the second day of the fifth Cable and Wireless cricket Test between the West Indies and England at Kensington Oval on Friday:

ENGLAND: First innings
Atherton c Ambrose b Walsh 11
Stewart c Williams b Walsh 12
Butcher c Hooper b Ambrose 19
Hussain c Lara b McLean 5
Thorpe c Lara b Hooper 103
Ramprakash c and b McLean 154
Russell c Wallace b Hooper 32
Headley c Holder b Hooper 31
Caddick c Chanderpaul b Hooper 3
Fraser c Walsh b Hooper 3
Tufnell not out 1
Extras (lb-10, w-2, nb-17) 29
Total: (153.5 overs) 403

Fall of wkts: 1-23; 2-24; 3-33; 4-53; 5-131; 6-336; 7-382; 8-392; 9-402

Bowling: O M R W
Walsh 34 8 84 2



RAMPRAKASH ... 154

which, although already taking spin, was by far the best batting surface of the six-match series, which West Indies led 2-1.

But West Indies' response did nothing to detract from the magnificent maiden Test century by Mark Ramprakash who



THORPE ... 103

He batted with me in Perth four years ago when I got my first Test hundred and I knew this innings could be important for him," Thorpe said.

"A Test ton at Bridgetown is memorable too. You dream about scoring hundreds here."

Ramprakash's nerves were obvious in his determined struggle to reach three figures and he played a wild shot through point which took him to 97. But his cover drive to reach his century was superb.

Left out of the side for half the tour, in three Test innings the 28-year-old Middlesex batsman has gone from the unwanted player in the England squad to their batting hero — and, for some, the next candidate for the England captaincy.

With the pitch giving no help to the fast bowlers, West Indies turned to off-spinner Carl Hooper and he responded superbly by mopping up the tail to end with five for 80, his best bowling figure against England and third five-wicket haul in Tests.

Lambert and Wallace then took centre stage as West Indies replied in cavalier fashion against some admittedly poor

WEST INDIES: First innings
Lambert not out 32
Wallace lbw b Headley 45
Bishop not out 2
Extras (fb-1, nb-4) 5
Total: (for 1 wkt in 21.3 overs) 84

Fall of wkt: 1-82
To bat: Lara, Chanderpaul, Hooper, Holder, D Williams, Ambrose, McLean, Walsh.

Bowling: O M R W
Headley 5 0 35 1
Fraser 7 0 27 0
Caddick 3 1 15 0
Tufnell 6 3 6 0
Ramprakash 0.3 0 0 0

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Mar 14 (AP): The World Cup match June 21 between the United States and Iran is one of the tournament's most intriguing. But there were no references to "The Great Satan" as the Iranian squad arrived Friday in France to play three friendlies.

Instead, there was a carpet — albeit a red, black and white Persian one — rolled out onto the Champs Elysees to welcome them into an Iranian restaurant.

"We'll offer our hands to the American boys before the game. And we'll respect the rules of fair play," said coach Tomislav Ivic, a Croat.

"We're here to play and talk football, not politics," snapped team captain Ahmad Reza Abedzadeh.

Ivic replaced Brazil's Valdir Vieira during the final stages of qualifying and masterminded Iran's playoff victory over Australia to win the final berth in France.

The camp in France will allow Ivic to work for the first time with key German-based players Ali Daei and Karim Bagheri of Armenia, Bielefeld, and Khadadad Azizi of Cologne.

Iran will play First Division French sides Guingamp, Nantes and Montpellier on March 17, 20 and 23, respectively.

odds with new Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal.

The Bulgarian joined Barcelona last month and helped the club win four consecutive league titles and its first-ever European Champions' Cup in 1992.

He was sold in 1996 despite protests from Barcelona fans but Barcelona welcomed him back this season.

The 32-year-old striker, whose contract extended through June with Barcelona, was expected to go to the CSKA Sofia to prepare himself for this summer World Cup in France.

GULLIT ITV'S MAN
Ruud Gullit has a new job. Gullit has jumped from the BBC — the state-owned broadcaster — to a soccer commentator's job with ITV, one of Britain's three commercial stations.

The former Dutch international, who was fired by Chelsea last month as player-coach, will do the World Cup this summer. ITV said Friday it had signed Gullit to a two-year deal and said he would also do England's FA Cup, the Champions' League and the 2000 European Championship.

Gullit, who led Chelsea to the FA Cup title last season, will make his ITV debut at this year's FA Cup final May 16.

NEW VENUE
The Yugoslavia-Columbia match in Miami March 25 may be moved because of the lack of US fans interest.

Columbia have offered to play the match in Bogota on the same day and Yugoslav soccer officials are likely to accept the venue change.

ABSURD
Yugoslav soccer officials have downplayed reports the team could be banned from this summer's World Cup.

Branko Bulatovic, general secretary of the Yugoslav soccer federation, said international soccer officials have not mentioned any such measures.

Serb-led Yugoslavia faces possible political and economic sanctions after the deaths in the last two weeks of more than 80 people in the Albanian-populated southern province of Kosovo.

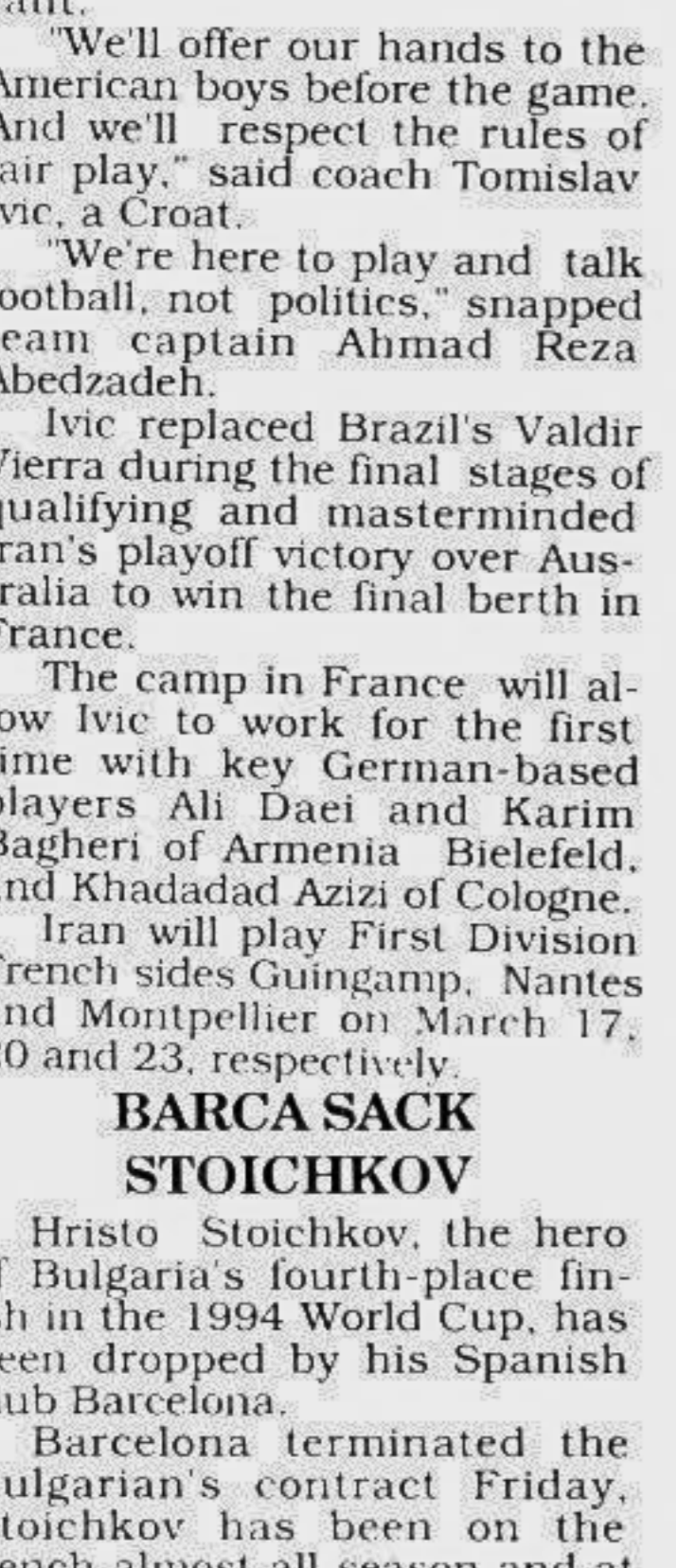
In 1992, Yugoslavia was excluded at the last moment from the European Championships because of UN sanctions introduced for Serbia's role in wars in neighbouring Bosnia and Croatia.

MORE FENCES
Fences are going up — not coming down — in France.

French Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement said two more soccer stadiums will have some form of fencing during the World Cup finals.

The Montpellier and Lyon venues will erect low horizontal devices to prevent supporters from having access to the pitch, the sports daily L'Equipe reported Friday.

Of the 10 sites designated for World Cup games, only Lens and Saint-Etienne will be old-fashioned, high wire fencing. Soccer officials have been campaigning for such fencing to be removed since the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy in which 96 fans died in a crush in an enclosed terrace.



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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
Dredging Unit, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Form No 2911 are invited from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's Engineering Division enlisted 1st class contractors for the undermentioned work:

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Price of schedule | Time limit for work |
|---------|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the river Kangsa during 1997-98 (Group No-13) | Tk 9,70,000/- | Tk 24,250/- | Tk 400/- | 30 (thirty) days |
| 2. | Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the river Kangsa during 1997-98. (Group No-14) | Tk 9,75,000/- | Tk 24,375/- | Tk 400/- | 30 (thirty) days |
| 3. | Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the river Kangsa during 1997-98. (Group No-15) | Tk 9,60,000/- | Tk 24,000/- | Tk 400/- | 30 (thirty) days |

Tender will be received by the Superintending Engineer (Civil), Dredging Unit, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, 7th floor of BIWTA Bhaban, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, N'ganj Division, BIWTA, N'ganj, Executive Engineer (Civil), Dredging Division, BIWTA, Barisal and Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Aricha up to 12:00 Noon of 23/03/98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). Amount mentioned as earnest money should be submitted with each tender separately through Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA. Tender papers will be available on payment of the above-mentioned amount (non-refundable) as price of the schedule, from the Cashier of the Authority's Accounts Department during office hours up to the day before the date of opening tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Md. Golam Rabbani
Superintending Engineer (Civil),
Dredging Unit, BIWTA, Dhaka

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Prime Minister's Office
Old Sangsad Bhaban, Dhaka

Memo No. 64.39.30.01.01.93/176 Dated 01 March '98
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Tender Notice for Sale of Car

Tenders in sealed cover are invited from interested general public for sale of the Mercedes Benz Pullman Car described below of Prime Minister's Transport Pool on "as it is where it is basis."

- Registration number : Dhaka Gha-5453.
- Type of car : Right hand drive, four-door & 6 (six) seater air-conditioned Mercedes Benz-600 Zimmunic car.
- Year of manufacture : 1980.
- So far ran : Total 12,115 miles.
- CC & number of cylinder : 6000 cc, 8-cylinder.
- Present conditions : Out of order due to fault in hydrolic system.
- Colour of car : Cream colour.
- Minibar, sliding sun-roof, partition glass-wall, intercom system, radio & cassette player are fixed in the car.

The car in the Prime Minister's Transport Pool at Bangabhaban will be shown to the interested buyers on all working days during office hours from 15 March '98 to 23 March '98. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the maingate of Prime Minister's Office, Old Sangsad Bhaban, Dhaka on 24 March '98 during office hours & on 25 March '98 from 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 3:30 minutes before the tenderers (if any) present. Earnest money at the rate 5% of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Director (Transport), Prime Minister's Office should be submitted with the tender. The quoted amount should be distinctly written in figures & words, tender submitted with any kind of striking off/erasing-over writing in rate quoting, and without earnest money will not be acceptable. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Director (Transport)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Actor
4 Vex
8 Exceeded
12 Milkshake product
13 Beige
14 Nuclear reactor
15 Swamp locomotive
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37 Novelist Oz
39 Intuition
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43 Dispatch
44 Motorists' list

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5 Staff member
57 Make-up artist?
58 Black bird
59 Corral
60 New Haven flora
61 Under-stand or Zadora
1 Our heaviest president
2 Toast
3 Options
4 Ways and means and calculus
5 "— bin Berlin"
6 Part of T.G.I.F.
7 Vehe-mence
8 Douglas fir's cousin
9 Lindstrom or Zadora
10 Cantab's rival
11 Eastern st.
17 Two, in Tijuana
19 Pit bulls warning
22 Leave out
23 Algebra and calculus
25 Uncivil
26 Host
27 Relocate
28 Spring occurrence
29 Headquarters
30 Object of worship
31 Astronaut Armstrong
35 Some are full of junk
38 Jerks
40 Turn blue?
42 Blue
45 Competent
47 Road, in slang
48 Hopeless
49 Wield a pencil
50 Savon
51 Color
52 B&B
53 Have a bug
54 Green-eggs-and-ham punyver

Solution time: 28 mins.

Yesterdays answer
46 Sand-trap club
50 Hot corner

CRYPTOQUIP
G T J V X U Y E P V T I K
S J V O P T N Y L X D I D N O S L A O
U J V O X Y A E P U L G D V L X
P O K P G N D I L N P ?
Yesterdays' Cryptoquip: YOU REALLY MUST MAKE SURE THAT NO LYING FISHERMAN GETS OFF THE HOOK.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals C
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.