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SPORTS TALK



Roberto Baggio (Italian star footballer) 'I said before the season that I wanted to score 20, and I will do my best to do so.' After scoring his 16th goal for Bologna.

Schools cricket Scholastica in semis

Scholastica found their way into the semifinals of the 16th national schools cricket Dhaka zonal qualifying round with a convincing seven-wicket win over Pallabi M I Model in their second phase clash at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday. In the day's lone match, Raiyan hammered an unbeaten 43 as Scholastica, chasing a modest Pallabi Model total of 128 in 35 overs, reached 130 in 27.1 overs with seven wickets in hand. The victory also confirmed the winners a berth in the final round. Raiyan apart, Farhan, who chipped in with 32, was the other notable run-getter for the winners. Earlier, electing to bat, Pallabi M I Model scored 128 before they were all out in 32.1 overs with Johnny notching highest 32. Russell of Scholastica captured three wickets for only 18 runs while Jawad took two for 21. Scholastica will now face Wiles Little Flower in the May 16 semifinal scheduled to be held at the same venue.



Andreas Brehme (3) scores from the penalty spot to win the World Cup for West Germany. —Star file photo

Italy 1990 World Cup Paying the penalty

The best thing about Italia '90 was Pavarotti. His singing of excerpts from Puccini, beamed out live on giant TV screens during the opening ceremony, will be remembered long after what football was served up by the 24 teams, has been forgotten. This ailing competition, transmitted to countless millions around the world in a blaze of grandiose hype, was just about the worst imaginable advertisement for football. Some would say, it was the referees' repeatedly flourished red and yellow cards that provided most of the colour.

In soccer's sick showpiece, both semi-finals were decided on penalties, before a sterile final, with two Argentine players sent off, was decided by the only goal, a late West German penalty. The only records broken in Italy were unwanted ones. A total of 164 yellow and 16 red cards displayed by referees meant that there was an average of over three bookings a match, with nearly one dismissal every three games.

Some of the most exciting football was played by Cameroon, the first African nation to reach the quarter-final of a World Cup. They approached their game with a refreshing naivety, but their propensity for cynically hacking opponents down in full flight does not bode well for their football. World Cup '90 opened sensationally with defending champions Argentina going down to Cameroon. The Africans, despite their unbeaten performance in the 1982 World Cup, were given no hope, but they beat an unrecognizable Argentina 1-0, despite finishing up with nine men.

Hosts Italy were unimpressive too. They actually played creative, attacking football — until they came near the goal. It needed strike from inspirational substitute "Toto" Schillaci in the 78th minute, four minutes after he went on, to beat thoroughly outplayed Austria in their first match. Vialli was one star who did enhance his reputation as Italy went on to win their three group matches. They were the only side not to concede a goal in the first round, although they struggled to beat the United States. West Germany qualified with ease, and were top scorers in the first round with 10 goals. England muddled through once more. They got through by beating Egypt 1-0 in their first match. Vialli was one star who did enhance his reputation as Italy went on to win their three group matches. They were the only side not to concede a goal in the first round, although they struggled to beat the United States. West Germany qualified with ease, and were top scorers in the first round with 10 goals. England muddled through once more. They got through by beating Egypt 1-0 in their first match.

Cameroon brought off a spectacular win against Colombia in the opening match of the second round. The lively Africans accounted for, perhaps, a craftier South American combination in which Valderrama was the centre-piece. The match went into extra-time after the teams had drawn 1-1. The final score stood at 2-1 in favour of the Africans. Czechoslovakia had the best match against Costa Rica whom they beat by a comfortable margin of 4-1. England stopped Belgium 0-0 after extra time. The Argentina-Yugoslavia tie needed penalty shoot-out as the teams finished 0-0 even after extra-time in the quarter-finals. England played out a lively match against the first man to manage and captain World Cup winning sides when West Germany beat Argentina through a controversial penalty converted by Brehme six minutes from time (1-0). There is very little else to say about the final. Like the whole tournament, it was a high drama, low in football. Monzon became the first player

FINAL SCORE Group A: Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 0, United States 1, Austria 1, Czechoslovakia 2, United States 1, Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 0. Group B: Cameroon 2, Argentina 0, Romania 2, USSR 4, Cameroon 0, Romania 1. Group C: Brazil 2, Sweden 1, Costa Rica 1, Scotland 2, Sweden 1, Costa Rica 2, Sweden 1. Group D: Colombia 2, UAE 0, West Germany 4, Yugoslavia 1, Yugoslavia 5, UAE 1, West Germany 1, Colombia 1. Group E: Belgium 2, South Korea 0, Uruguay 0, Spain 0, South Korea 1, Belgium 3, Uruguay 1, Uruguay 1, South Korea 0. Group F: England 1, Rep. of Ireland 1, England 0, Egypt 0, Rep. of Ireland 0, England 1, Egypt 0, Rep. of Ireland 1, Egypt 1. Group G: Cameroon 2, Colombia 1, Costa Rica 1, Brazil 0, Argentina 1, West Germany 2, Holland 1, Rep. of Ireland 0, Romania 0, Rep. of Ireland won 5-4 on penalties. Group H: Cameroon 2, Colombia 1, Costa Rica 1, Brazil 0, Argentina 1, West Germany 2, Holland 1, Rep. of Ireland 0, Romania 0, Rep. of Ireland won 5-4 on penalties. Group I: Cameroon 2, Colombia 1, Costa Rica 1, Brazil 0, Argentina 1, West Germany 2, Holland 1, Rep. of Ireland 0, Romania 0, Rep. of Ireland won 5-4 on penalties. Group J: Cameroon 2, Colombia 1, Costa Rica 1, Brazil 0, Argentina 1, West Germany 2, Holland 1, Rep. of Ireland 0, Romania 0, Rep. of Ireland won 5-4 on penalties.

THIRD-PLACE MATCH: Italy 2, England 1. FINAL: West Germany 1, Argentina 0. Stadium: Stadio Olimpico, Rome, 8 July 1990. Attendance: 73,000. West Germany: Riger, Berthold (Penalty), Kohler, Augenthaler, Buchwald, Brehme, Littbarski, Haster, Mathias, Voller, Klammann (Score: Brehme pen.). Argentina: Goycochea, Lorenz, Serrizuela, Santelli, Ruggieri (Miramon), Simon, Benassuto, Burnichaga (Caldorini), Maradona, Troglo, Dezotti. Leading scorers: 6 Schillaci (Italy), 4 Lindeker (England), Mathias (West Germany), Michel (Spain), Mills (Cameroon).

ball from a time-wasting opponent, his team-mates went mad and Maradona was booked for dissent. Argentina were left with 9 players. It was a fitting end to a World Cup most people wanted to forget. — Source: Football Chronicle

Triangular series Bangladesh-India scorecard

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Bangladesh: Athar c Mohanty b Agarkar 15, Sanwar b Agarkar 14, Minhajul c Dravid b R Singh 14, Aminul b Agarkar 70, Mehrab b Sanghvi 25, Namur c Ahsanuddin b Sanghvi 20, K Mahmud run out 31, Rafique c Mohanty b Kanitkar 1, Hasibul run out 1, Masood not out 0. Extras: (lb-7, w-9, nb-5) 21. Total: for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 184. 4Did not bat: Morsheed Ali Khan.

UNDATED, May 14 (Inter-net): Following is the final squad of Colombia for the World Cup announced on Thursday. Goalkeepers: Miguel Calero (Atletico Nacional Medellin), Oscar Cordoba (Boca Juniors), Farid Mondragon (Independiente).

Gomez declares Colombia's 22

Defenders: Wilmer Cabrera (Millonarios), Jorge Bermudez (Boca Juniors), Ivan Ramirez Cordoba (San Lorenzo), Antonio Moreno (Tolima), Jose Santa (Atletico Nacional Medellin), Everth Palacios (Atletico Nacional Medellin). Midfielders: Mauricio Serna (Boca Juniors), Harold Lozano (Valladolid), Freddy Rincon (Corinthians), Carlos Valderama (Fusion), John Perez (Deportivo Cali), Jorge Boland (Junior Barrandquilla), Andres Estrada (Atletico Nacional Medellin), Victory Aristizabal (Sao Paulo). Forwards: Faustino Asprilla (Newcastle United), Adolfo Valencia (Independiente Medellin), Anthony de Avila (Barcelona, Ecuador), Hamilton Ricard (Middlesbrough), Leider Preciado (Santa Fe Bogota). Coach: Hernan Darío Gomez.

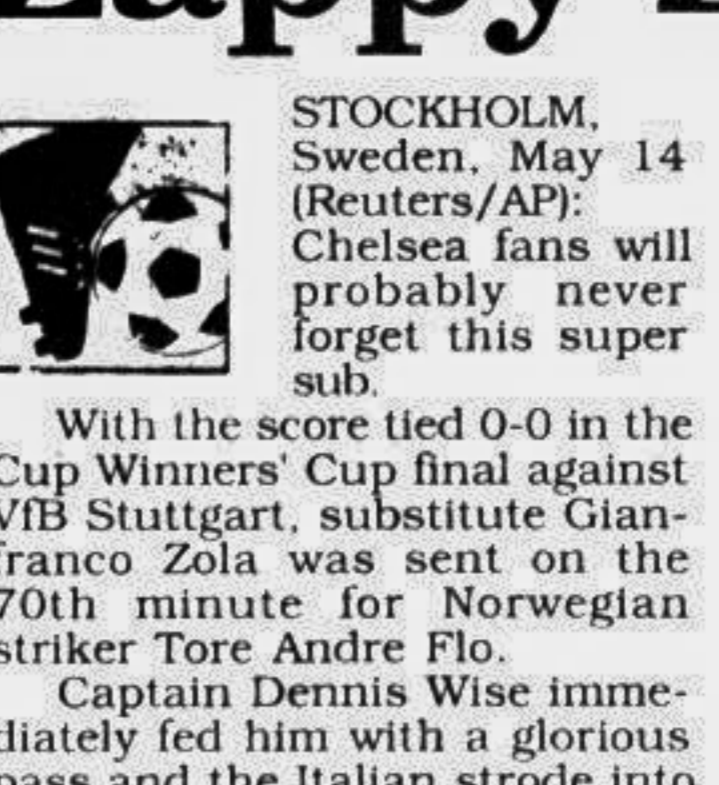
Harun elected AFC EC member

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) general secretary Harunur Rashid, MP, has been elected as one of the nine executive members of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). The election was held at the AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday with 38 Asian countries taking part in the polls.



Hong Kong contested for the nine EC member posts out of which Bangladesh got second highest 32 votes, one less than Nepal. Besides, UAE (28), Iran (26), Singapore (24), Lebanon (23), Japan (22), Uzbekistan (19) and Brunei (19) were the other seven countries elected as members in the football's ruling body of the continent. EC members apart, three FIFA members from Asia — Worawi Makudi (Thailand), Abdullah Al-Dabal (Saudi Arabia) and Junji Ogura (Japan) were also elected on Wednesday in the 18th congress of the AFC. Sultan Haji Ahmed Shah of Malaysia and General Farouk Bouzu of Syria have already been elected as the president and treasurer unopposed.

Cup Winners' Cup Chelsea's Zappy Zola strikes gold



Zola strikes gold for Chelsea in the Cup Winners' Cup final against VfB Stuttgart.

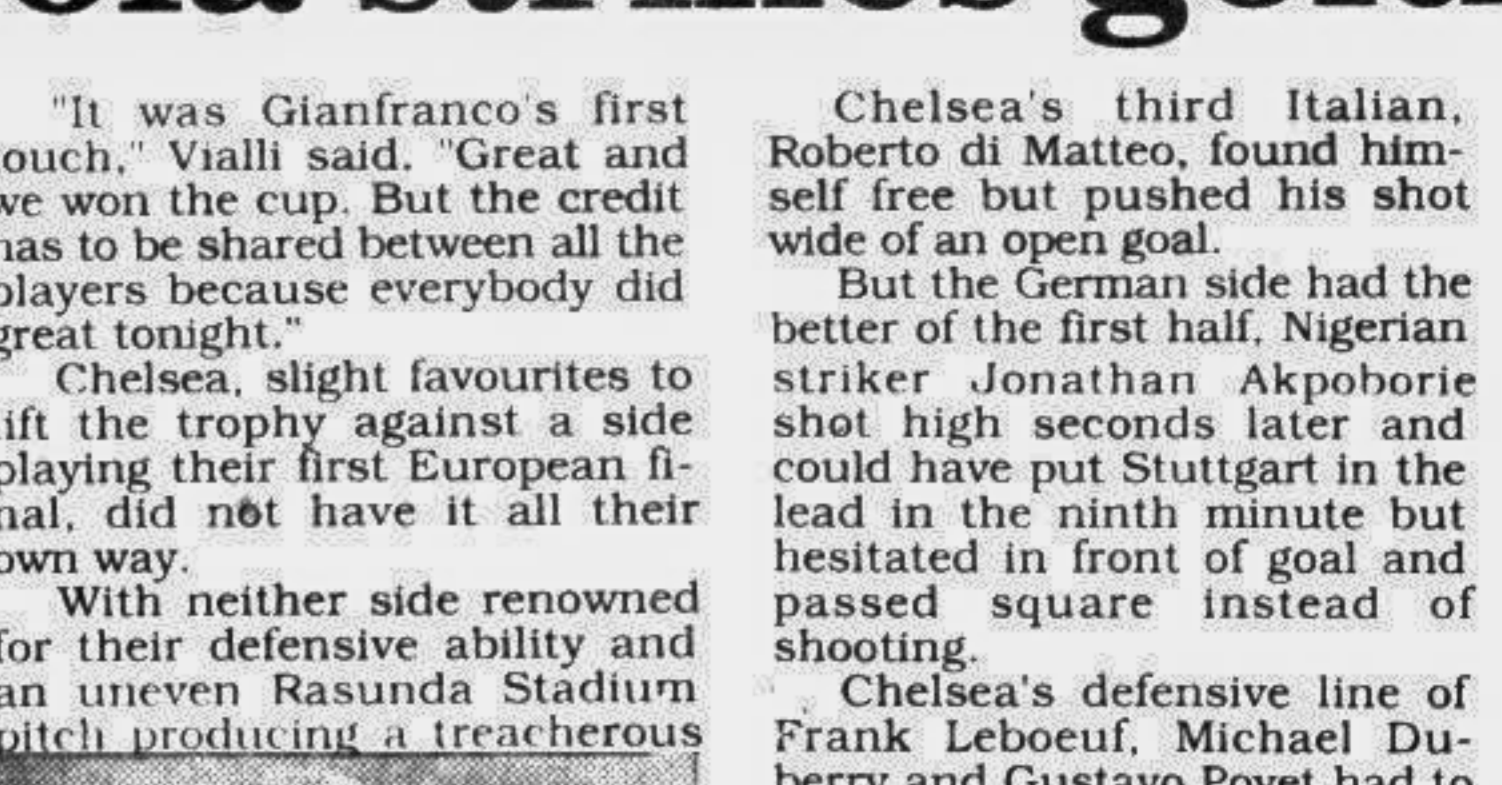
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 14 (Reuters/AP): Chelsea fans will probably never forget this superb goal. With the score tied 0-0 in the Cup Winners' Cup final against VfB Stuttgart, substitute Gianfranco Zola was sent on the 70th minute for Norwegian striker Tore Andre Flo. Captain Dennis Wise immediately fed him with a glorious pass and the Italian strode into the box and lashed a rising half-volley past helpless Austrian keeper Franz Wöhlhahrt into the roof of the net. He has been on the field for 18 seconds. "It was incredible for me. I could not control myself," Zola said. "One of the best moments of my career."

The single goal was enough for player-manager Gianluca Vialli's multinational side to earn the club their first European trophy since they beat Real Madrid 27 years ago in the same competition. Vialli benched his fellow countryman for the final after Zola missed three games because of a groin injury that he sustained three weeks ago. "I want to thank the masseur who treated me," Zola said. "He (Mimmo Pezza) did a fantastic job."

You must imagine my situation. 18 days ago my dream turned into nothing. Then after treatment, suddenly I'm in the match. I came in... scored and we won the cup." The goal was Zola's fourth in the competition and the 12th of the season.



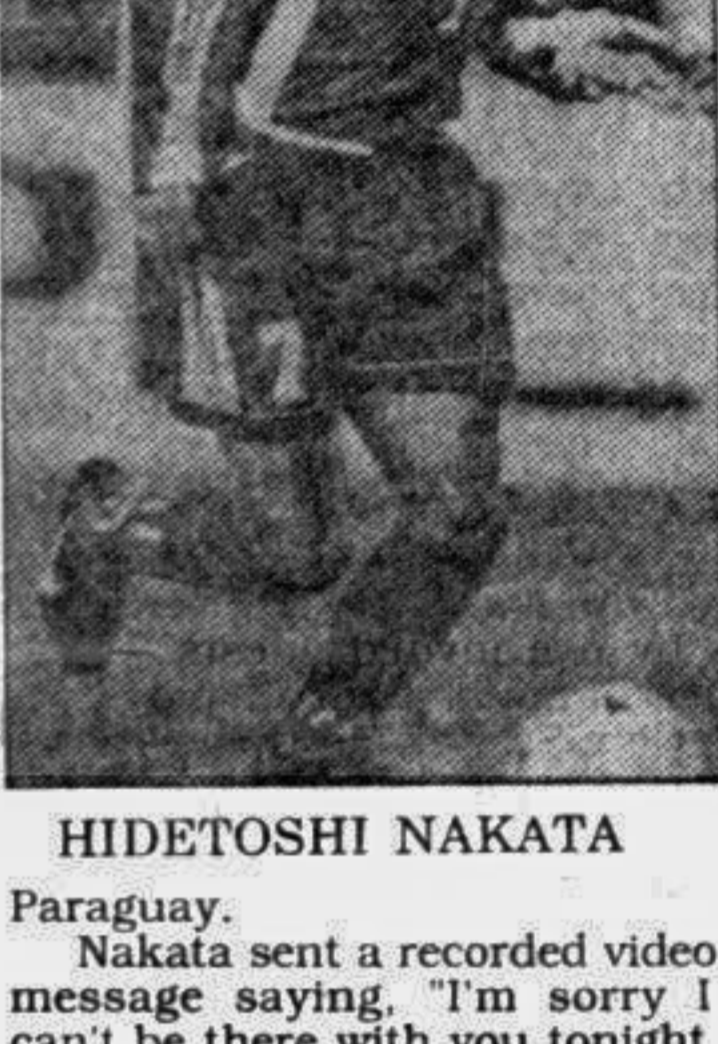
Chelsea's third Italian, Roberto di Matteo, found himself free but pushed his shot wide of an open goal. But the German side had the better of the first half, Nigerian striker Jonathan Akpoborie shot high seconds later and could have put Stuttgart in the lead in the ninth minute but hesitated in front of goal and passed square instead of shooting. Chelsea's defensive line of Frank Leboeuf, Michael Duberry and Gustavo Poyet had to work hard to run down Bulgarian playmaker Krasimir Balakov, whose 18th minute cracker was parried by Dutch goalkeeper Ed de Gooijer. Chelsea, though, began to settle and Poyet had a sizzling shot pushed aside by Wöhlhahrt. Stuttgart's coach Joachim Löw, rumored to be on his way out after disagreements with management and players, said he felt his side had the better of the first half. Vialli also won the 1990 Cup Winners' Cup title with his former Italian team Sampdoria in another Swedish city, Goteborg. He became the big hero of that final, scoring twice within two minutes in extra time as "La Samp" beat Belgium's Anderlecht 2-0. It was the second 1-0 victory in the Cup Winners' Cup final in a London side in Scandinavia in four years. Arsenal edged Italy's Parma four years ago in Copenhagen, Denmark. Both teams finished Wednesday's game with 10 players after two late ejections. Chelsea's Den Petruscu was sent off in the 84th after a rough tackle on Murat Yakin and Gerhard Poschner of Stuttgart was ejected in the last minute of the game after first being yellow-carded and then protesting the referee's decision. The final drew 30,216 fans at Rasunda Stadium, the only soccer stadium in the world to host games in the World Cup finals (1958), the European Championship finals (1992) and the Women's World Cup finals (1995). Some 20,000 singing, flag-waving and cheering Chelsea supporters were on hand. For Stuttgart, it was the second loss in a European final. Napoli of Italy beat the German side 5-4 in the 1989 UEFA Cup final. Chelsea was missing English national team defender Graeme Le Saux because of a calf strain. Italian referee Stefano Braschi booked three players, Chelsea's midfielder Dennis Wise and Stuttgart striker Jonathan Akpoborie in the first half and defender Frank Leboeuf of Chelsea in the second half. The goal will help Zola's chances of selection for Italy's squad for the World Cup finals. The Sardinian has been dropped from recent games and is desperate to win back his place. Iranian midfielder Mehdi Mahdavi was named young player-of-the-year.



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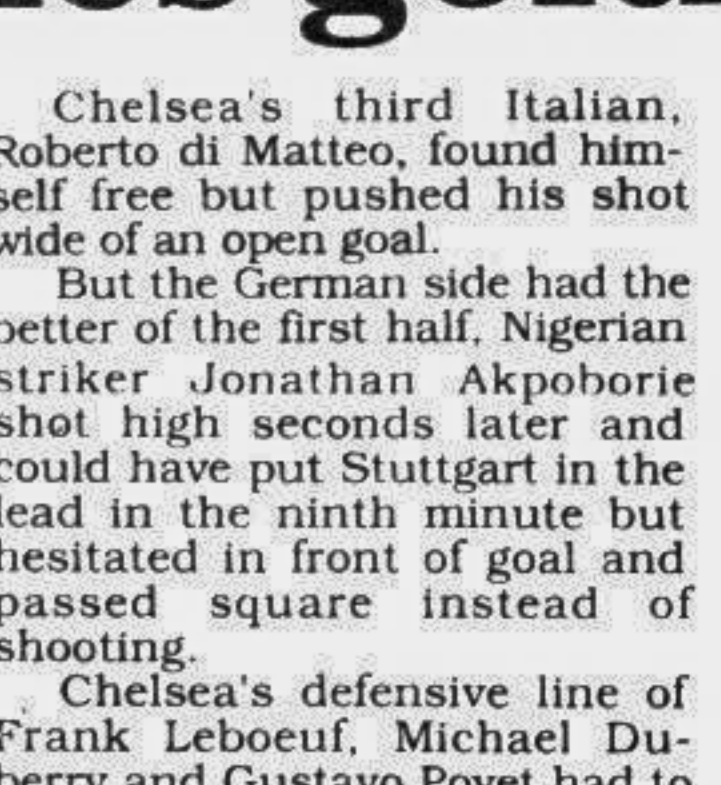
bounce, there was little cohesive football. Stuttgart were hampered by the loss of two key defenders, Martin Spinning and Frank Verlaat, through suspension and the disorganisation showed in the fifth minute.

Nakata best in Asia



KUALA LUMPUR, May 14: Japan's first soccer superstar, Hidetoshi Nakata, was named Asian player-of-the-year on Wednesday — bringing another accolade before he tackles the World Cup finals, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old Bellinara Hiratsuka midfielder beat Iranian duo Khodadad Azizi, who won the 1996 award, and Karim Bagheri as well as Korean striker Choi Yong Su in the final selection. Nakata is the second Japanese after national team captain Masami Ihara in 1995 to win the Asian Football Confederation award. Nakata has taken over from veteran striker Kazuyoshi Miura as the pin-up of the J-League — hounded by screaming young girls and outshining the nation's galaxy of baseball and sumo stars. Nakata could not be present at the AFC gala dinner because he has been stricken by dermatitis and has a rash on his face and a high fever. He could also miss Japan's World Cup warm-up match Sunday against fellow finalists



Nakata is the second Japanese after national team captain Masami Ihara in 1995 to win the Asian Football Confederation award.

Paraguay. Nakata sent a recorded video message saying, "I'm sorry I can't be there with you tonight but I will try my best to live up to this honour at the World Cup in France."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues. Clues include: 4 Across: 44 Doctor's due, 46 'I give up!', 5 Across: 5 Ms., 25 Bedouin, 26 City bond, 27 Animal rights org., 28 Summit, 29 Implement, 30 Weaver's machine, 31 Alone, 35 Spectulator's commodities, 36 Fruits off, 40 Chaps, 42 'The Scene' related, 43 Crying Game, 45 Incessantly, 46 Trademark emblem, 49 Biblical country, 50 Big bird, 51 1, 2, 3, etc., 52 Female rabbit, 53 Prerequisite, 54 Actor Tognazzi.

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