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1	How many goals has Del Piero scored at France '98?	0	2	3
2	How many times have Uruguay won the World Cup?	Once	Twice	Thrice
3	Who was the highest scorer in Italia '90?	Lincker	Schalachi	Cannigia
4	Who scored highest number of goals for Holland in France '98?	Kluivert	Dauids	Bergkamp
5	How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar scored so far?	17	18	19

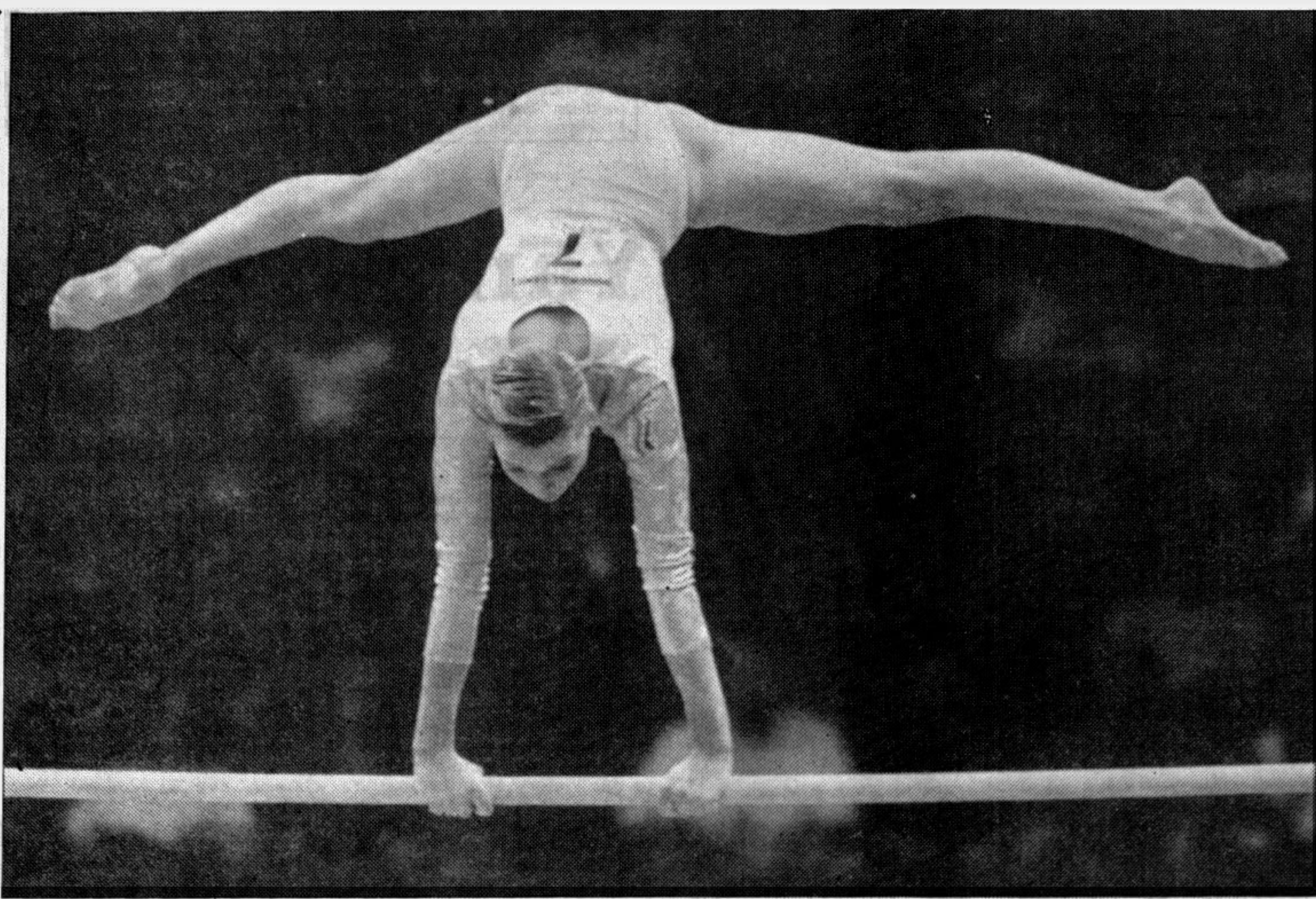
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BALANCE & GRACE: Gold medal winner Russian Svetlana Khorkina going through her routine in the uneven bars at the Goodwill Games in New York on July 21. — AFP photo

Tragedy of Goodwill

UNIONDALE, New York, July 22: A 17-year-old Chinese gymnast was paralyzed during practice of the women's vault at the Goodwill Games on Tuesday, reports AP.

Sang Lan, the 1997 Chinese national champion in the event, was attempting a forward vault Tuesday night when she lost control in mid-air. Gymnastics officials said she landed head-first, damaging her spine. Sang was carried off the floor at the Nassau Coliseum on a stretcher and taken to Nassau Medical Centre, where her injuries were diagnosed by Dr Brock Schnebel, an orthopedic surgeon who is chief medical officer for the Games.

Schnebel said the X-rays and a CAT-scan showed Sang with a fractured-dislocation of the sixth and seventh cervical vertebrae.

"This has resulted in an injury to her spinal cord," Schnebel said. "At this time, she cannot move her legs. She has minimal motion of her arms. She cannot feel from her mid-chest down."

The doctor said he had spoken with the athlete through an interpreter. More examinations were underway and treatment plans will be made based on the results.

The other gymnasts were unaware of how seriously Sang had been injured and the competition started on time.

American Vanessa Atler, the 16-year-old national champion

in the all-around and the vault won the event, even though she didn't think she did all that well.

"My performance on a 1-10 was maybe an 8," she said. "It was not spectacular. I thought I did well and I was proud of myself, but I still felt there was room for improvement."

It was good enough for the judges, though. Her two vaults produced scores of 9.650 and 9.675, an average of 9.662, that earned her the gold medal before a crowd of 5,483.

Three other Americans took home medals Tuesday night. Joy Thornton won the silver in the floor exercises. Elise Ray won a silver in the women's uneven bars and Yewki Tomita captured the bronze in the pommel horse.

Atler was the second contestant on the vault, then had to watch six others make their runs. All the time, she was convinced someone would beat her. But no one ever did.

"I didn't think it would stand up," Atler said. "I thought I'd be fifth."

Her gold was the best-ever US finish in the Goodwill Games vault. Joyce Wilborn won a bronze in 1986 and Shannon Miller took the silver in 1994.

Finishing behind Atler were Elena Dolgoplova of Russia, who took the silver with 9.600. Simona Amanar of Romania, winner of the bronze in the all-around competition on Sunday, took another bronze in the vault with a 9.587.

In the men's floor exercise, Alexei Nemov of Russia won the gold with a score of 9.725. Thornton took the silver with 9.550 and the bronze went to Alexei Bondarenko of Russia with 9.525.

For Nemov, the world and European champion in floor exercise, it was an impressive recovery after a disappointing seventh in the men's all-around on Monday. He had scored well in the opening floor routine with a 9.450 but struggled after that.

Bondarenko, who earlier won a silver in the all-around, captured another silver in the pommel behind Russian Nikolay Kravkov and in front of Tomita, who is coached by his father, a former high school national champion in Japan.

Svetlana Khorkina of Russia, world champion in the event, won the uneven bars and became the first woman to successfully defend a Goodwill Games title in gymnastics. She finished with a score of 9.825 to 9.700 for Ray and 9.600 for Amanar, who won her second bronze of the night and third of the Games.

Since 1994, in Olympic, Goodwill Games, world or European Championships, Khorkina has missed gold only once on the bars, finishing second in the World Championships in 1994.

American Sean Townsend of Houston fell and tumbled out of bounds in the floor routine and finished last among the eight gymnasts with 8.450.

Flops of France '98!

PARIS, July 22: Most cafe and restaurant owners in the ten towns hosting World Cup matches expressed disappointment at the trade they did, according to a report released Tuesday by an independent research group, reports AFP.

Coach Omnium phoned 524 hotel, restaurant and cafe owners at random to ask how they did during the football tournament.

They found that 58 per cent of cafe and restaurant owners were unhappy, while 27 per cent said they did good trade.

Among hoteliers however, 73 per cent said they were satisfied.

Businesses in Saint-Denis, Paris and Saint-Etienne registered the largest proportion of dissatisfied responses.

Cafe and restaurant owners said they had lost their regular customers and they were not replaced by football supporters.

Business was particularly slow during the nights of World Cup matches, the report said, and restaurant owners were unable to raise their prices, while only one in four of them bothered to install a television.

Among hoteliers, however, 51 per cent noted an increase in custom compared with the same period last year and 53 per cent of them increased their turnover during the tournament.

The poll also revealed that 75 per cent of hoteliers put up their prices, most of them by more than 25 per cent.

Everton eyeing Collins

LONDON, July 22: Everton are bidding to land Merseyside Scotland midfielder John Collins, although new Goodison Park boss Walter Smith said Tuesday they were a long way from reaching a deal, reports AFP.

"We have made an inquiry along with a number of other clubs," said Smith, who has just arrived from Rangers.

"We still have a fair bit to go before we can say that we have entered into full negotiations."

"I like to think that we will have one or two more new faces in but then again, it is very difficult for all clubs to increase the playing staff."

Aussies prefer Lahore



SYDNEY, July 22: Australia is hoping to persuade Pakistan to change the itinerary for this year's tour of the sub-continent because of concerns about player security, reports Reuters.

Australia wants the second match of the three-Test series switched from Peshawar, in the country's troubled northwest, to a safer location, a spokesman for the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today.

ACB operations manager Richard Watson and team manager Steve Bernard will travel to Pakistan next week to ask the local authorities to make the change.

It is likely that Australia will ask for the game to be moved to the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, the site of the 1996 World Cup final.

The Gaddafi Stadium is the second largest ground in the country as well as the headquarters of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) but was overlooked for the Test series.

The PCB selected Karachi, Rawalpindi and Peshawar as the sites for the three-match series.

Australia is satisfied with the selection of Karachi and Rawalpindi but is concerned about the choice of Peshawar which is located near the Afghan border.

The Arbab Niaz Stadium in Peshawar has a troublesome reputation dating back to 1987 when England seam bowler Phillip DeFreitas was stoned by sections of the crowd.

When Australia last played in Peshawar, in a limited-overs international against South Africa in 1994, Australia's Shane Warne and South Africa's Daryll Cullinan were struck by missiles thrown from the crowd.

In 1996 England paceman Darren Gough was fortunate to escape injury when a spectator threw a wooden spear at him during a World Cup match.

Later that year a limited-overs match between Pakistan and Zimbabwe was cut short after members of the crowd began throwing stones, bottles and fruit.

Fans went on the rampage and police were drafted in to restore order.

Watson said the decision to ask the PCB to switch the match was made after several members of the current Australian team complained.

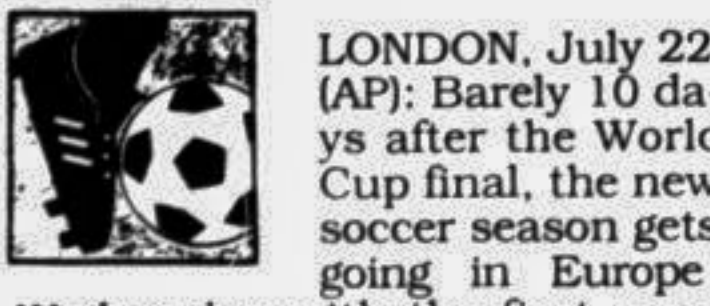
Australia captain Mark Taylor had said after the team's visit to Peshawar in 1994 that the venue should be never again be used for international matches.

Relations between the two countries have been at breaking point since that 1994 tour after three Australian players accused former Pakistani batsman Salim Malik of offering them bribes.

The tension has remained and there were even some doubts as to whether this year's tour would go ahead after Islamabad conducted a series of nuclear tests in May.

The Australian government cut military ties and froze non-humanitarian aid to Pakistan after the explosions but said it would not interfere with sporting tours.

Euro season gets rolling



LONDON, July 22 (AP): Barely 10 days after the World Cup final, the new soccer season gets going in Europe.

The winner of the Celtic St Patrick's match, determined after the second legs July 29, will face Croatia Zagreb, who have six of the Croatian squad who made it to the semifinal of the World Cup.

The prize for the winner of Poland's LKS Lodz and Kapaz of Azerbaijan is a meeting with a European soccer powerhouse, Manchester United.

The Reds are busy loading up their star-studded team, having hired Dutch defender Jaap Stam and hoping to sign Swedish forward Jesper Blomqvist from Parma on Wednesday.

Among other big teams waiting in the second qualifying round are Serie A runner-up Inter Milan, who will face either Dynamo Minsk of Belarus or Latvia's Skonto, and three-time titlists, Bayern Munich, an opponent for either Yugoslav champions Obilic or Vestmannaeyja of Iceland.

The 16 winners of the second qualifying round will join the eight seeds for the group stage of the competition.

Defending champions Real Madrid, losing finalists and Italian champions Juventus, English champions Arsenal, Spain's Barcelona, Germany's Kaiserslautern, Lens of France, FC Porto of Portugal and Ajax Amsterdam of the Netherlands are automatically placed in the group stage.

Having lost the Scottish title for the first time in 10 years, Glasgow Rangers is in the UEFA Cup instead and starts out against Shelbourne of Dublin in the first qualifying round.

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Charity soccer

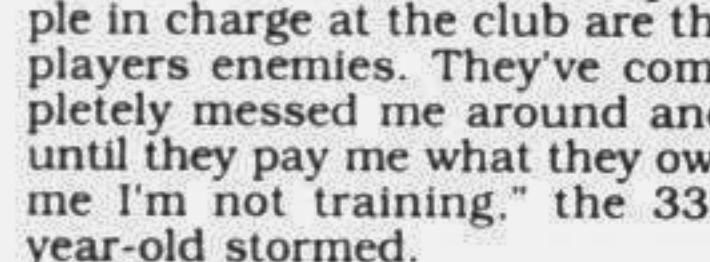
MUMBAI, July 22: A celebrity soccer benefit match between Indian cricketers and Bollywood stars here yesterday generated five lakh rupees for the Gujarat cyclone relief fund, reports PTI.

The match was sponsored by Sivaram group and organised by 'Mukti' a foundation established by Smita Thackeray, daughter-in-law of Shiv Sena supreme Bal Thackeray.

A cheque for the amount was later handed over to the Gujarat minister for sports and youth welfare Mahendra Trivedi by Smita Thackeray.

In the match, held at the Cooperage grounds, cricketers led by Ajay Jadeja piped the Sanjay Dutt led Bollywood team 3-2 in penalty shootout after a two-all draw at the end of the 90-minute regulation period.

Chilavert's fury



BUENOS AIRES, July 22: Paraguayan World Cup goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert blasted officials at his Argentine club Velez Sarsfield after they vetoed against transfer to Premiership giants Liverpool, reports AFP.

"This shows me that the people in charge at the club are the players' enemies. They've completely messed me around and until they pay me what they owe me I'm not training," the 33-year-old stormed.

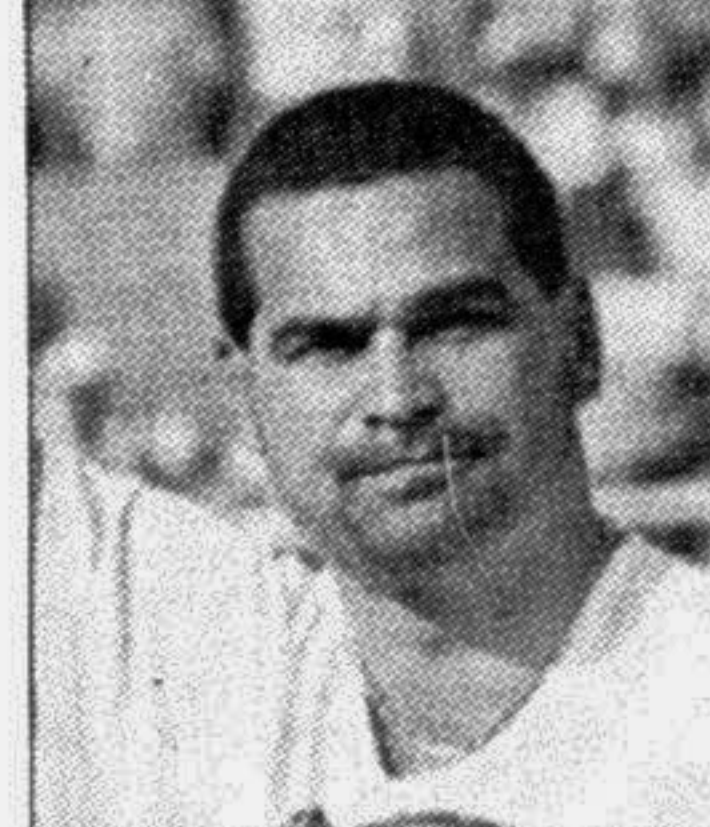
"By not allowing me to move they've deprived me of eight million dollars over three years."

"I am nearly 33, and for myself and Velez Sarsfield it was a barbaric business decision to turn down this bid," he told Ole newspaper.

"I am really fed up. I really don't know what has got into them. I only cost 350,000, and Liverpool offered four million," said Chilavert.

Last year, Velez Sarsfield rejected a three-million-dollar offer from Argentine league rivals Boca Juniors for the stylish keeper.

Velez Sarsfield president Raul Gomez said Liverpool and now offered three million dollars but the Argentines wanted



JOSE-LUIS CHILAVERT

that Chilavert was one of the main stars of the World Cup, we can't sell him for the amount of money we are being offered," Gomez said.

Olympique Marseille and Paris Saint Germain, as well as Manchester United, are other clubs rumoured to be after the services of the eccentric Chilavert, who takes free kicks and penalties at club and international level.

SAIF ALI KHAN and AKSHAY KHANNA were among those who played for the Bollywood side while Rahul Dravid, Hrishi-keish Kanitkar, Nayan Mongia, Robin Singh, Ajit Agarkar and Venkatesh Prasad were outstanding for the cricketers.

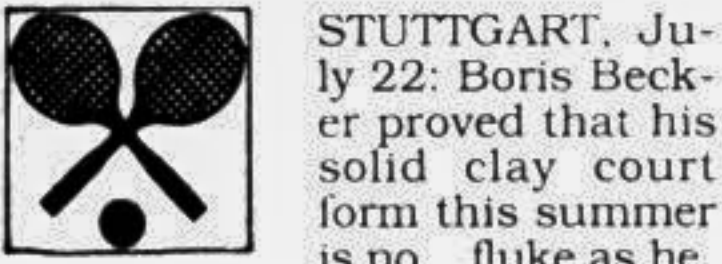
UEFA Cup qualifier

ANTWERP, July 22: Result of a UEFA Cup Group D first qualifying round, first-leg match on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Germinal Ekeren (Belgium) 4 Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) 1 (Half-time 3-0)

Scorers — Ekiwn van Aikeren 26, Morhaye 29, 90, Erwin Kovacs 41, Sarajevo — Feratovic 59.

Becker in good nick



STUTTGART, July 22: Boris Becker proved that his solid clay court form this summer is no fluke as he hammered Italian Andre Gaudenzi 6-1, 7-5 Tuesday to reach the second round of the million-dollar Mercedes Cup, reports AFP.

Becker, at age 30 now semi-retired and playing only the events he chooses, took just 73

minutes to oust Italy's Davis Cup hero.

Two weeks ago on the high-altitude courts of Gstaad, Switzerland, Becker flirted with the clay trophy which is missing from his career collection of 49 titles, losing in the final to Spain's Alex Corretja.

Becker's victory over Gaudenzi at the Weisshof Club was all the more impressive, coming as it did over a classic Latin clay-court content to rally all day from the baseline if necessary.

Gaudenzi, who sparked Italy's 5-0 rout last weekend over Zimbabwe to reach the Davis Cup semifinals for a third consecutive year, was just unable to impose his game.

"I played serve and volley on the clay, that's my game and it is what I know best," said Becker afterwards.

"I will have a tough test in the next match against Plioline," he forecast.

The German, 81st on the ATP Tour list, was pleased with his winning strategy, which improved his record against World No 35 Gaudenzi to 2-0.

"This is the tennis that I played at Gstaad," said the six-time Grand Slam champion. "I'm pleased with how I performed. I kept him on the defensive and did not let him play his game. He has good returns, but he could not react to my shots."

Becker roared through the first set as Gaudenzi, 35th in the world on the ATP Tour list, failed to get started.

In the second set, the German tennis icon broke in the third game, had a break point in the ninth game called just out and finally moved into a winning position 6-5 from an overhead smash to break the 24-year-old Italian right hander.

In the next game Becker, playing in only his eighth event of the year, set up three match points with a smash and needed only one as he put a backhand winner into the open court.

The unseeded Becker, will play for a third-round place against French ninth seed Cedric Plioline, who benefited from a first-round bye.

In other first-round results, Brazil's Fernando Meligeni beat Becker's Davis cup teammate David Prinosil 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 while Czech Slava Dosedel defeated slumping Swiss Marc

Rosset 6-3, 6-4.

Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty became the first man into the third round at the expense of French 16th seed Nicolas Escude 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Boris' new duty

STUTTGART, Germany, July 22: Boris Becker is to take on the role as adviser to one of Germany's brightest young tennis stars, Tommy Haas, reports AFP.

Becker, aged 30 and semi-retired, put forward the proposal to Peter Haas father of the 20-year-old German Davis Cup player last weekend.

"Boris is very interested in Tommy and wants to help him. They get on well," Peter said.

Both were in action here Tuesday with first round wins in the Mercedes Cup, Becker defeating Andre Gaudenzi 6-1, 7-5 and has getting the better of Marc-Kevin Goellner 7-6, 7-5.

Essex in top gear

LONDON, July 22: Essex, winners of the Benson and Hedges Cup nine days ago, stepped up their pursuit of a second title with a 17-run victory over Warwickshire in the Sunday League on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Left-arm seamer Mark Iltott spearheaded a telling display of out-crickets by leaders Essex with the key wickets of Brain Lara and Nick Knight in the 40 overs day-night match at Edgbaston.

After Essex made 204 for seven, Iltott had West Indies and Warwickshire captain Lara caught behind for five and bowled England opener Knight for 48 as the home county were restricted to 187 for seven.

Iltott finished with two for 26 in his eight overs and was effectively supported by all-rounder Rommie Irani, who conceded only 28 runs in his eight overs to follow a vigorous innings of 68 not out from 76 deliveries.

Essex, who took the Benson and Hedges Cup by beating Leicestershire in the 50 overs final at Lord's now lead the 40 overs competition by six points from second-placed Lancashire, who have two games in hand.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

AMBITIOUS BIDDING BUT CORRECT ASSUMPTIONS TO FULFIL THE CONTRACT (Hand # 48)

North	South (D)	East
♠ A Q 10 X	♠ S X X	♠ S X X X
♥ H K J 9 X	♥ H A 10	♥ H Q X X X X
♦ D K X X	♦ D A Q J 10 X X	♦ D X
♣ C X X	♣ C A X X	♣ C K Q J X

BIDDING (Neither side vulnerable)

South (Sayeed)	West (Zaglu)	North (Mizan)	East (Mazumdar)
1D*	Pass	2C**	Pass
2D	Pass	2NT	Pass
4D	Pass	6D	Pass
Pass	Pass		

* Artificial, 13-17 HCP
** Artificial, 13-15 HCP
North's two NT bid without stopper in Clubs was his dislike to have a game contract in Diamonds. However, when South jumped in Diamonds he became ambitious. Initially, he did not like 5D, now he jumped to 6D.

THE PLAY
Opening lead: Heart 8
South could see a certain loser in Clubs and a possible one in Spades. He was happy to receive a Heart lead as it gave him a chance to establish Spades for his Club loser.

South covered Heart 8 by nine and when East played low, he took the trick with 10. South immediately led a Spade from the closed hand, and when West played low, he finessed ten. When it worked the contract was safe. After clearing the trumps, South played the Ace of Hearts, finessed the Queen of Spades and threw two Club losers on the Ace of Spades and King of Hearts.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

41 Past dressee

42 Particular 22 Run in neutral

43 Blue-gray ceramic-ware 23 "The Three Fates" painter

5 Go up and down 24 Trembled

8 Gumbo 48 Grouch 26 He's riding and hiding

base 49 — stand-still 27 Exam format

12 Indiana city 50 Writer Ferber 28 Cause of Ninja Turtle mutation

13 Mined find 51 Ted's daughter 29 Turns red?

14 "E pluribus —" 52 Thanksgiving veggie 31 Pavlova role

15 "Unforgiven" director 53 Clarinetist's need 34 Ballroom favorite

17 Far: prefix 54 Height of fashion? DOWN 35 Bambi's skunk friend

18 Height of fashion? 1 Gorilla 16 Kids' card game

19 Peevish temper 2 Red or Black 20 Harbor

21 Inflexibility 3 Apr. ad- 21 Optimistic

24 Portico of old

25 Stench

26 Robin's territory

30 Stallone, familiarly

31 Summer ermine

32 Clark or Rogers

33 Trisha of C&W

35 Disconcert

36 Peddle

37 Les femmes

38 Hawaiian sorcerer

Solution time: 24 mins.

38 Thrill

39 Gillette razor name

40 Learn (of) Sandler

41 Comedian

44 Greek vowel

45 Praiseful piece

46 "Little —" (1956 song)

47 Homer, to Bart

Yesterday's answer

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CRYPTOQUIP

IDX YDXXQM CVPDXQTZS

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DX XZQSP ZP DVP

SXI VSYGT X.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU THINK THAT A NERVOUS SNAKE IS VERY EASILY RATTLED?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals N

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.