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Competition closes at 8 pm, Aug 14, '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the 'Golden Boot' in France '98?
Suber Vieri Ronaldo
- Who won France '98?
Croatia France Brazil
- Who was the captain of Argentina at France '98?
Ortega Veron Simeone
- What was Holland's position in France '98?
Third Fourth Fifth
- Michael Owen plays for
L'pool M United Arsenal

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Class Roll No.

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SPORTS TALK



Luis Enrique

(Spain's star footballer) "If we lose, we lose together. If we win, we win together. Each goal we score belongs to every one, so does each goal we let in." Said during the World Cup.

Rain mars Boston Cup matches

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Aug 13: Austrian seventh-seed Barbara Schett beat Romania's Catalina Cristea 6-0, 7-5 in the only match completed here Wednesday at the 164,250-dollar WTA Boston Cup, reports AFP.

Rain wiped out play after shortening Tuesday's session, allowing only the first second-round match to be concluded.

For the second day in a row, American Mary Joe Fernandez and Italy's Silvia Farina tried in vain to complete their first-round match.

Fernandez was on the verge of winning, leading 6-1, 2-6, 5-3, when wet weather halted play.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

BY DOUBLE RAISE NORTH SHOWED SLAM INTEREST (Hand # 66)

West	North	East
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♦ D J X	♦ D K X X X	♦ D 10 X
♣ C K Q 10 X	♣ C X X X	♣ C X X X
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♠ S K X		
♥ H A 10 X		
♦ D A Q X X X		
♣ C A J X		

BIDDING (Both side vulnerable)

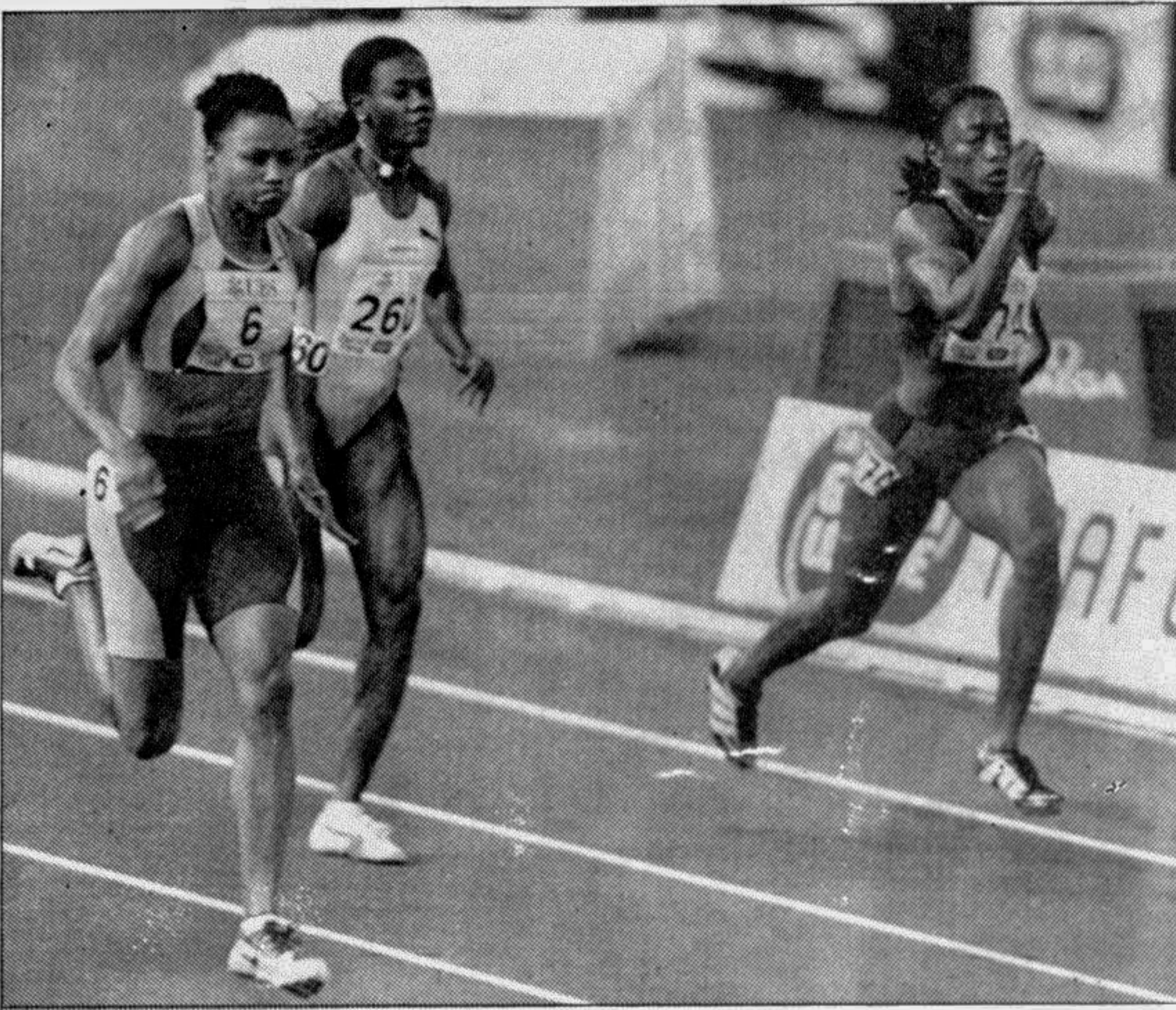
South (Saved)	West (Mazumdar)	North (Mizan)	East (Zaglu)
1C*	Pass	1H**	Pass
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
2NT	Pass	4D	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5NT	Pass	6D	Pass
7D	Pass	Pass	Pass

- * Artificial, 18 or more HCP
- ** Artificial, 7-9 HCP

South opened 1 Club with 18 HCP and on partner's 1 Heart (7-9 HCP) response, he showed his 5-card Diamond suit. North bid his 5-card Spade suit and South came in with 2NT showing Heart and Club stoppers. At this stage, North's 4D bid was excellent because it showed a slam interest as he had a side suit and good Diamond support. South pushed on to Grand Slam when he located the missing Ace and a King. South had a good reason to bid seven because with KX of Spades he calculated that the Spade suit could run and the partner's King must be in Diamond.

THE PLAY

West led the King of Clubs which was taken with the Ace by the declarer. After clearing the trumps in two rounds he started the Spades which broke perfectly to provide shelter for two Club losers. The Heart losers were trumped in the dummy. An excellent bid by North enabled the partnership to reach the best contract.



GETTING FASTER & FASTER: US sprint ace Marion Jones (L) speeding ahead of Jamaican Marlene Ottey (C) and fellow American Chryste Gaines at the 100-metre of the IAAF Grand Prix in Zurich on August 12. Jones won the event clocking 10.77 sec. — AFP photo

Marion in marauding mood



ZURICH, Aug 13: American world sprint champion Marion Jones produced another lucrative win at the Zurich Grand Prix on Wednesday but the richest meeting in athletics turned out to be a painful experience for Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, reports Reuters.

The Canadian pulled up near the halfway point of the men's 100 metres final with a pulled thigh muscle and had to be helped from the track in pain and taken to hospital, putting in doubt his participation in the rest of the season.

Doctors said he was expected to be out of action for at least three weeks.

Just a few minutes earlier Jones had dominated the women's 100m from start to finish to clock 10.77 seconds and notch up her fourth victory in the Golden League series.

The series of seven meetings shares out a jackpot of 1 million dollars to athletes who win their events at all of the seven meetings.

Jones, who also won the long jump with a distance of 7.31 metres which equalled her world best of the year, is a serious contender with three meetings remaining.

She faces opposition from American 400m hurdler Bryan Bronson, Morocco's middle-distance star Hicham El Guerrouj

and 5,000 metres world record holder Haile Gebrselassie who all won their events to stay in the battle for the cash.

Jones the second-fastest woman of all time behind fellow American Florence Griffith-Joyner, has run faster this season, having clocked 10.71.

But she dominated the Zurich sprint. American Chryste Gaines, who took second place in 11.04, and Ukraine's third-placed Zhanna Pintusevich (11.07) were never in contention.

The performance was one of the highlights of a warm and calm evening which was perfect for athletics.

American world and Olympic hurdling champion Allen Johnson and middle-distance runner Maria Mutola produced the fastest times in the world this year for the men's 110 hurdles and women's 800 respectively.

Double Olympic champion Michael Jonson clocked the fastest men's 400 metres of the season with a smooth victory in 43.68.

El Guerrouj went desperately close to breaking his own world record for the 1,500 metres when he clocked three minutes, 26.45 seconds, the second-fastest run of all time.

At the bell, the Moroccan looked capable of breaking his record of 3:26.00 which he ran in Rome last month but he slowed up over the last 100 metres and just missed the target.

Five athletes had started the meeting with a chance of winning the jackpot.

But Nigeria's 400 metres runner Charity Opara dropped out of contention after a defeat by German Grit Breuer. Breuer caught Opara in the last five metres to just win in 49.51 with the Nigerian second in 49.59.

Bronson kept his eyes on the prize with a victory in the men's 400 metres hurdles in 47.70.

Gebrselassie was never in danger of losing the 5,000. For half of the race, he was on pace to break his own world record of 12:39.36 set in Helsinki on June 13.

But the Ethiopian slowed in the last 2,000 metres and finished in 12:54.08.

Mutola was pushed all the way in the women's 800 by American Jearl Miles-Clark to win in 1:56.11.

A few minutes later Johnson became the first hurdler to go under 13 seconds this year when he won the 110 race in 12.98 seconds.

But Kenyan-born Dane Wilson Kipketer, who smashed the world 800 metres record her last year but is just returning to action after Malaria, was defeated in the two-lap race, finishing behind Kenyan Japheth Kimutai who won in 1:42.87.

One year ago he was celebrating one of the greatest 800 performances of all time, on Wednesday he was just happy to finish the race after a tough year.

All eyes on the 'black sheep' & the 'wonder kid'



LONDON, Aug 13: English soccer's two young superstars, Michael Owen and David Beckham, will be the centre of attention as the Premier League kicks off this season, reports AP.

But the public interest in the two players is generated by

vastly different reasons.

England was struck by "Owenmania" following the 18-year-old striker's dynamic performances at the World Cup in France. The Liverpool forward is feted wherever he goes and has sponsors lining up to use his name.

In stark contrast, Beckham became a villain and the target of a hate campaign mounted by fans who blamed him for England's World Cup exit. He has been forced into keeping a very low profile.

The pair were controversial omissions from Glenn Hoddle's starting lineup early in the World Cup. But they dominated the headlines once they were given their chances.

Owen was an instant hero, scoring one of the best goals of the tournament and thrilling crowds with his pace and flair. Beckham scored a brilliant goal on a free kick against Colombia but then one moment of foolishness ruined everything.

The 23-year-old Manchester United midfielder, the highest paid player in the Premier League last season, suddenly turned from hero to villain when he was sent off in a crucial match.

Beckham was sent off for kicking an Argentine player during England's second-round World Cup loss. His dismissal left England one man short for 70 minutes of the match. England tied 2-2 after extra time but was ousted in a penalty shootout.

Beckham, the golden-haired boy with the celebrity Spice Girl finance, Victoria Adams, was the obvious fall guy.

He rushed off to the United States when the team arrived back in England and returned weeks later under a veil of secrecy.

He did apologise through the Sun newspaper but has not come forward to speak publicly about his sending-off — his side-stepping tactics have sunk his popularity even further.

Beckham was hung in effigy outside a London pub, his family received threats and fans promised to taunt him wherever he plays this season.

He was jeered by Arsenal fans whenever he touched the ball during last weekend's Charity Shield game against Manchester United at Wembley.

Ted Beckham said his son could have been driven out of English soccer due to the hate campaign.

On the other hand, Owen could have been forced out of England by the sheer size of some of the offers coming from European teams. But Liverpool had already secured his services.

The Merseyside club also wanted to ensure him for 60 million pounds (dls 100 million) against illness or injury, but was still having difficulty finding an insurance company to deal with.

Police would be extra vigilant and ready to take all necessary action to ensure that the Games went off smoothly, he said.

The government wishes to appeal to the people not to create any problem during the Games, and the police will be firm in discharging their duties," he said.

The minister was speaking after a briefing on police preparations for the Games by Inspector-General of Police Abdul Rahim Noor.



Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco nears the finishing line during his 1500 metres triumph at the Athletics Golden League meet in Zurich on August 12. Guerrouj's winning time was 3:26.46 sec. — AP/UNB photo

Tendulkar honoured

NEW DELHI, Aug 13: Barring sensation Sachin Tendulkar has been bestowed with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, the highest recognition for achievement in sports in India, for the year 1997, reports PTI.

Veteran athletics coach Joginder Singh Saini has been named for the prestigious Dhronacharya award and 21 sportspersons, including cricketers Ajay Jadeja and Saurav Ganguli have been selected for the Arjuna award for 1997, it was officially announced here on Wednesday.

The President will give away the awards at a special function to be held at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan on August 29.

The 25-year-old Tendulkar who has installed himself as the world's best batsman will receive a cheque for Rs one lakh, a scroll of honour and a plaque.

Tendulkar, who is already the joint record holder for most number of one-day centuries and became the second youngest India captain in 1996, is the fifth recipient of the award instituted in 1991-92.

Chess maestro Viswanathan Anand was the first awardee followed by former world billiards champion Geet Sethi (92-93), sailors Homid Motivala and Pushpendra K Garg (93-94), top woman weightlifter Karam Malleswari (94-95) and tennis star Leander Paes (96-97).

Joginder Singh Saini is the 13th recipient of the coveted award which carries a purse of Rs 75,000. Dhronacharya's statuette and a scroll.

Those selected for Arjuna award are Reeth Abraham (athletics), Ashok Shandilya (billiards), Ajay Jadeja, Saurav Ganguli (both cricket), Brahmananda, S K Shankhwalkar (both football), Harmeet Kahlon (golf), Harmik Singh, Surinder Singh Sodhi (both hockey), Randhir Singh (kabaddi), Sandeep Kumar, Shipli Singh (both shooting), Misha Grewal (squash), Chetan P Baboor (table tennis), Asif Iqbal (tennis), Neelamsetti Lakshmi, Paramjit Sharma (both weightlifting), Jagdish Singh, Sanjay Kumar (both wrestling).

M Mahadeva (athletics and cricket) and Naresh Kumar Sharma (shooting) who overcame their physical disabilities to excel in their respective fields receive the Arjuna awards in the physically handicapped category.

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar have bagged the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for the year 1996-97, the 13th occasion the award, set up in 1956-57, goes to the prestigious university in Punjab. The University will collect a cash award of Rs one lakh and a trophy and its replica.

Punjab University (Chandigarh) and Delhi University have won the second and third positions and will be presented with Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively.

KL's plea

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13: Malaysia's Home Ministry asked volunteer groups and private organisations Wednesday not to stage protests and demonstrations during next month's Commonwealth Games, reports AP.

Protests during the 10-day event, with athletes from 70 countries, would tarnish Malaysia's image, Deputy Home Minister Tajul Rosli Ghazali was quoted as saying by Bernama news agency.

Police would be extra vigilant and ready to take all necessary action to ensure that the Games went off smoothly, he said.

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Baggio's brilliant beginning



LONDON, Aug 13 (AP/Reuters): Italian international Roberto Baggio made a triumphant debut with Inter Milan Wednesday as he scored one goal and set up three others in a 4-0 rout of Latvia's Skonto Riga.

The 31-year-old forward proved an invaluable leader in the absence of Inter's Brazilian star Ronaldo in the first leg of the Champions' League second round qualifying series.

Baggio set up first half goals by Ivan Zamorano, Diego Simeone and Nicola Ventola and notched one for himself with a diagonal shot in the 60th minute.

Zamorano, the Chilean striker, headed in the opening goal in the fourth minute on a precise long distance pass from Baggio. Argentine midfielder Simeone scored the second goal six minutes later, again with a header off a cross from Baggio.

Baggio's deft corner kick found Ventola two metres from goal and the former Bari forward headed in Inter's third goal before Baggio scored his own.

Ronaldo is expected to make his return for Inter in the return leg against Skonto on August 26.

Former European champions Bayern Munich and Benfica also virtually guaranteed their places in the Champions' League with convincing wins in their first leg second round qualifying ties.

But several former winners of the Cup struggled, including

1988 champions PSV Eindhoven who went down 2-1 in Slovenia to Maribor Teatonic.

Manchester United made hard work of beating LKS Lodz of Poland 2-0 but should still qualify while Celtic could only edge Croatia Zagreb 1-0 in Glasgow.

Bayern's goals all came in the second half, three within six minutes.

At Old Trafford, Manchester United needed a late header from Andy Cole to make things respectable against the toothless Polish visitors.

Ryan Giggs had put the English side ahead after only 16 minutes, but there was little else to please the 50,000 fans.

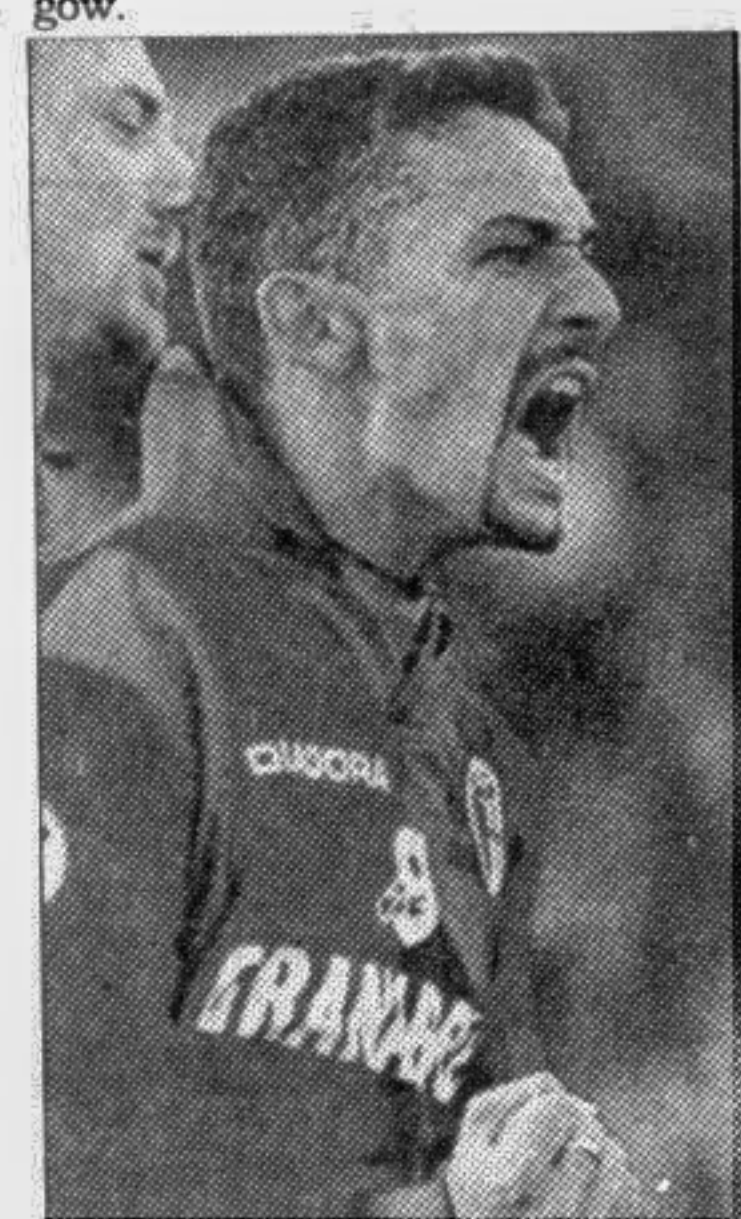
Darren Jackson's 51st minute goal may not be enough for Celtic, in the European Cup for the first time in 10 years, as they face a difficult return leg in Croatia.

Steaua Bucharest, European champions in 1986, twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at home with Panathinaikos of Greece while Dynamo Kiev, who lost in the quarterfinals to Juventus last season, may not even reach the group stages this time after they were surprised 1-0 at home by Sparta Prague.

Miroslav Beranec scored the vital away goal after just five minutes.

In other matches Sturm Graz matched the big guns by thrashing Hungary's Ujpest 4-0 in Austria, Georgian side Dnyamo Tbilisi beat visiting Spaniards Athletic Bilbao 2-1 while HJK Helsinki notched up a good win 1-0 over Metz of France.

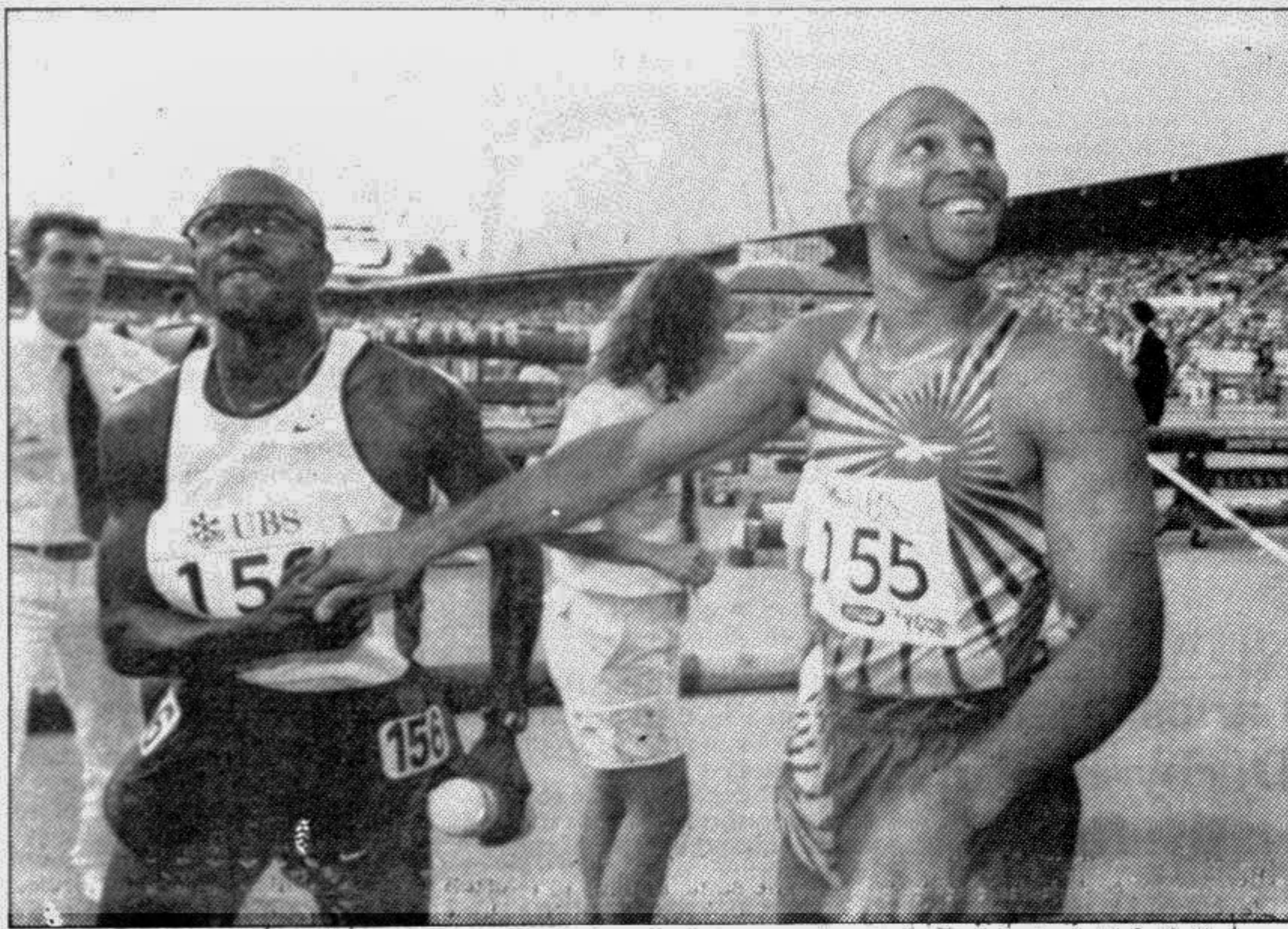
The consolation prize for the teams that are knocked out in this round is a place in the UEFA Cup.



ROBERTO BAGGIO

Top scorers of the night were Benfica who crushed Beitar Jerusalem 6-0 with three of their goals coming from British players — Mark Pembridge (2) and Brian Deane.

Bayern Munich brushed aside the challenge of Obilic Belgrade of Yugoslavia 4-0. Spartak Moscow also all but



American Allen Johnson (L) being congratulated by compatriot Mark Crear after his win in the 110-metre hurdles at the IAAF athletics meet in Zurich on August 12. Johnson's timing was 12.98 sec. — AFP photo

Vasco take advantage



RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 13: Two stunning first-half goals gave Vasco da Gama a 2-0 win over

Ecuador's Barcelona in the first leg of the South American Libertadores Cup final on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

A raking long-range drive by Donizete in the seventh minute and a goal by fellow striker Luizao, who scored after a delightful move with Mauro Galvao in the Barcelona penalty area, put the Brazilian champions in a good position for the second leg in two weeks time.

But Vasco for whom 36-year-old defender and captain Mauro Galvao had an outstanding game, may have regretted that they failed to open a bigger advantage after creating a host of chances in the second half.

They still have a tricky task to defend their lead in the port city of Guayaquil, where they will face Barcelona's claustrophobic, 80,000-capacity stadium and oppressive humidity.

Libertadores ties are decided by aggregate score but, unlike in European competitions, away goals are not used to decide drawn ties, which also go straight to penalties without extra time being played.

The match was preceded by a five-minute firework display, which left Vasco's 35,000 capacity Sao Januario Stadium, situated in a run-down industrial area and surrounded by shantytowns, in choking smoke.

Barcelona took advantage to sneak on to the pitch and avoid being jeered at by the Vasco fans.

Barcelona, aiming to become the first club from their country to win the tournament, suffered a severe blow with Donizete's goal, which came after one of their defenders slipped and lost the ball to the Vasco player.

Luizao, who returned to Brazil to join Vasco after six unhappy months with Spain's Deportivo Coruna last year, increased the lead in the 34th minute after defender Mauro Galvao flicked the ball to him between two defenders in the penalty area.

Shortly afterwards, Luizao's flicked shot was well saved by Barcelona goalkeeper Jose Cevallos.

Barcelona had plenty of possession in the first half but were let down by an ineffective performance in attack from Colombian World Cup player Anthony de Avila.

Vasco, who have never won the trophy, made more chances in the second half but were repeatedly thwarted.

Pedrinho saw a 30-metre shot thump against the crossbar shortly after half-time.

Luizao twice broke clear of the Barcelona defence but saw one shot saved and another go wide while Cevallos defied Ramon from point-blank range.

Midfielder Juninho was also close with a long-range free kick, similar to the one from which he scored the winning goal in the semifinal against Argentina's River Plate.

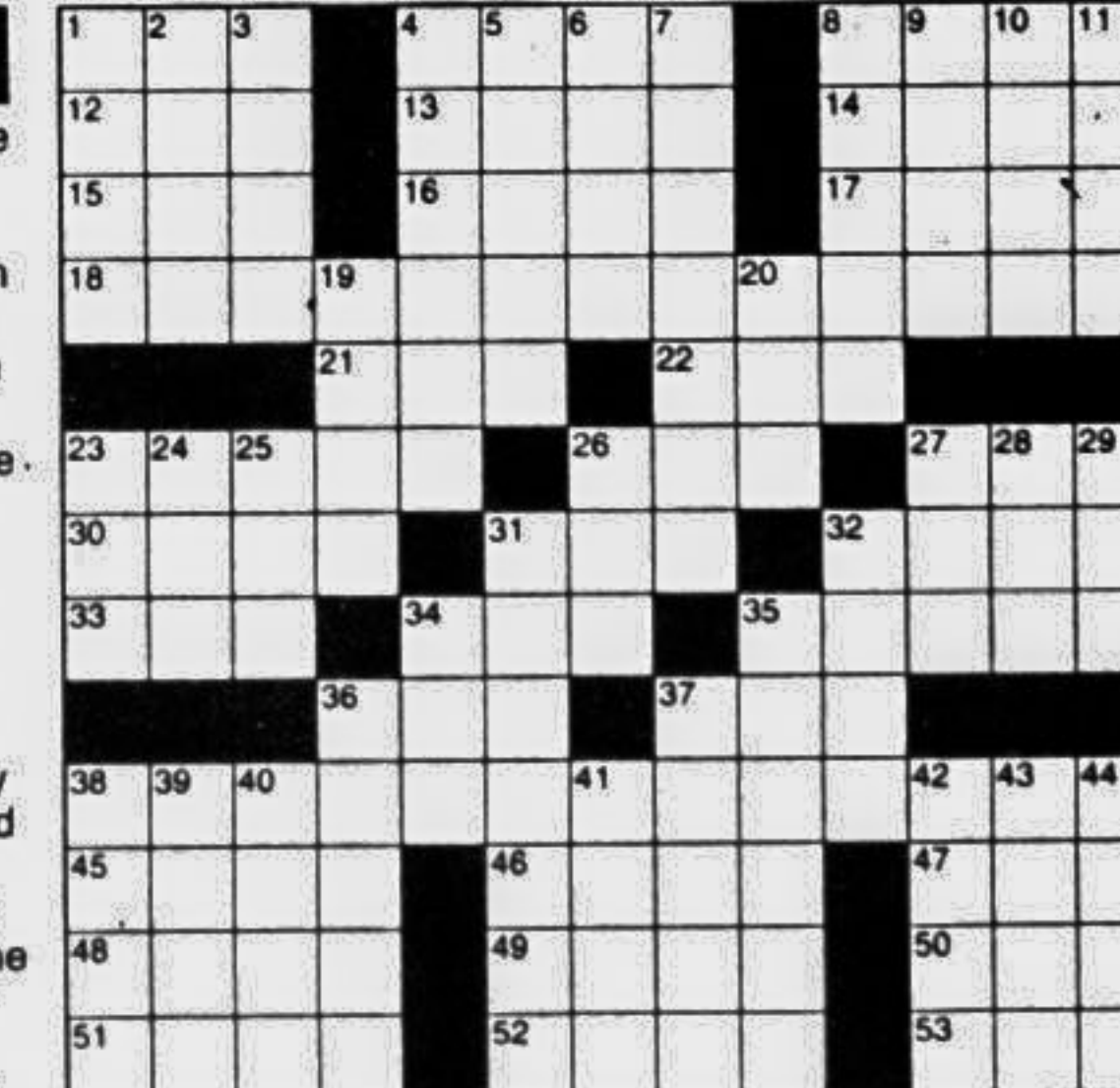
Aussie custodian signs for Dutch club

SYDNEY, Aug 13: Australian goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac has agreed to a three-year contract with Dutch First Division club Roda JC Kerkrade, a spokesman for his current club, Sydney United said today, reports Reuters.

Kalac, 26, has played for Australia 29 times, mostly as a back-up to first-choice keeper Mark Bosnich.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 11 1967 movie
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 - 13 Highlander's chapeau
 - 14 Fad
 - 15 Prepared
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 - 17 "Battle Hymn..." penner
 - 18 Beatrix's apartment
 - 19 Diner employee
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 - 5 Fighter
 - 6 Get one's second wind
 - 7 "— sub, Sebastian sank same"
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 - 10 Kansas city
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CRYPTOQUIP
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C X I D R C Z L R Q Y U X X P ?
Yesterday's Cryptogram: ABUSED AND EXASPERATED, AN EXTERMINATOR GASPS, "STOP BUGGING ME!"
Today's Cryptogram clue: Z equals B
The Cryptogram 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.