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1	How old is Sir Don Bradman?	80	90	100
2	Who is Newcastle's new coach?	Gullit	Vialli	Robson
3	Who is the defending Wimbledon champion?	Krajcek	Rafter	Sampras
4	Who won the Club Cup hockey title?	Abahani	Ajax	Usha
5	Who lifted Emirates tri-series?	England	Sri Lanka	S Africa

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Real Betis' Brazilian superstar Denilson (L) dribbles past a Deportivo Alaves defender during a Spanish Premier league match at Bilbao on August 29. The game ended goalless. — AFP photo

Villa lead the Premiership

Disappointing Gunners

LONDON, Aug 30: Arsenal missed the chance to go top of the English Premiership when they had World Cup hero Emmanuel Petit sent off and were held to a 0-0 draw by top flight newcomers Charlton at Highbury on Saturday, reports AFP.

Aston Villa are the new leaders of the early season table following a 1-0 win at Sheffield Wednesday while Tottenham grabbed a crucial 1-0 victory at struggling Everton.

Liverpool will join Villa at the Premiership summit if they wreck Newcastle coach Ruud Gullit's first game in charge with victory at St James's Park today.

French midfielder Petit was booked for dissent in the 56th minute after referee Graham Poll turned down penalty claims by fellow Frenchmen Nicolas Anelka and Patrick Viera.

A minute later Petit brought down Charlton's Shaun Newton with a reckless challenge and Poll had no option but to send the Frenchman on his way for an early bath.

Petit's petulance forced the Gunners into a reshuffle, effectively ending any hope they had of breaking down their resolute and well-organised London rivals, who led the table before kick-off.

Petit should not have done it but his actions reflected the whole team's frustrations.

"I can't change what Petit did. I can only react to it. But he over-reacted and that was wrong."

Wenger believed poll had erred in the decisions that led to Petit's verbal outburst at the official.

"I thought the first tackle on Anelka might have been a penalty and the second one on Viera was probably just outside the area, but I think it was still a foul," he added.

Petit, who is due to have an operation to clear a sinus problem on Wednesday and has pulled out of France's European Championship qualifier against Iceland next Saturday, will now also miss Arsenal's game at Leicester the following Saturday through a one-match suspension.

Embattled Tottenham, meanwhile, gave their under-fire Swiss manager Christian Gross a stay of execution as they picked up their first points of the season with victory at new-look Everton.

England striker Les Ferdinand struck the only goal of a pulsating game after just five minutes before the London side hung on for the points with recalled Norwegian Espen Baardsen's outstanding goal.

It had been widely predicted that a third straight defeat would have led to Gross's removal and the former Grasshoppers Zurich coach admitted he was relieved by the rare success.

Gross said: "The pressure will always be there on me, I know that. I have not asked for or been given any assurances about my future, but of course I know how serious the situation had become."

"Now we have two home games coming up, and I hope for good results in front of our own fans."

"This week hasn't been easy for me, or for the players, but we have had to be determined to stay focused on the job we have to do."

After watching his side's third successive game without a goal, Everton manager Walter Smith said: "The lack of goals is costing us dearly. It is the crux of our problem. I believe I will now have to look outside the club for a solution."

Villa boss John Gregory refused to get carried away after his side put their pre-season problems further behind them with a hard-fought win in Sheffield. Julian Jospin grabbing the sole goal.

"It feels very good actually to be top of the table," Gregory said, who was forced to sell star striker Dwight Yorke to Manchester United two weeks ago.

"But as we all know, I think any manager in the Premiership is just one defeat away from a crisis now," he added in reference to the abrupt departure of Kenny Dalglish at Newcastle after just two games of the new season.

In the day's other matches, Kevin Gallacher marked his first start of the season with a goal to open Blackburn's account for the new campaign in a 1-0 home win over Leicester.

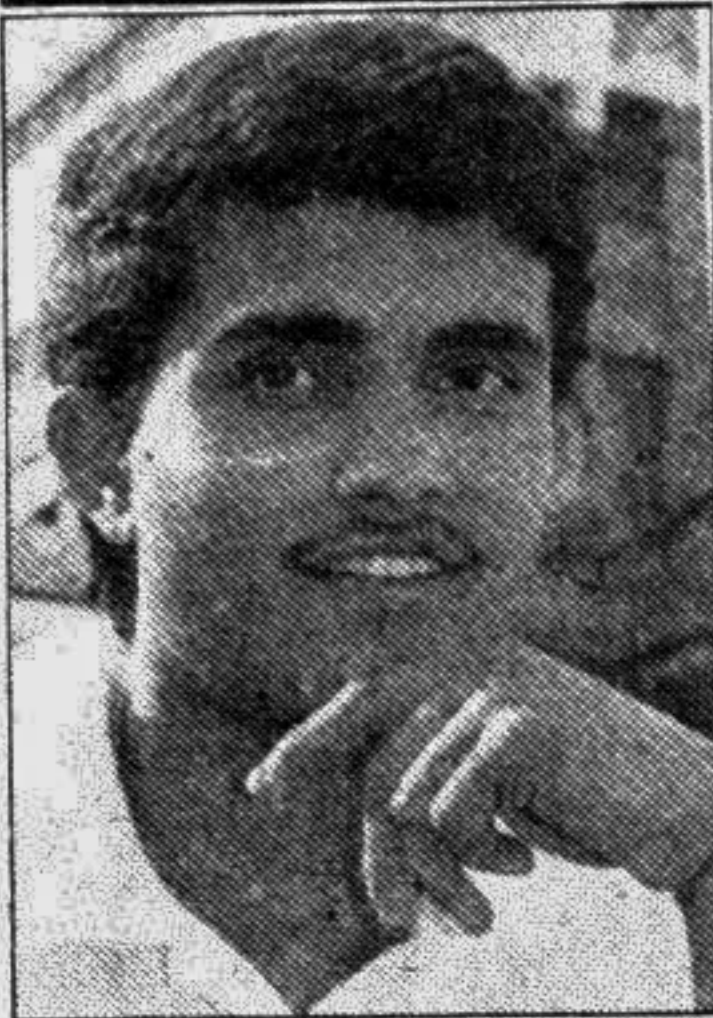
Nottingham Forest striker Jean-Claude Darcheville grabbed his first goal for the club as Southampton slumped to a 2-1 defeat at the Dell — their third loss of the season.

Middlesbrough substitute Hamilton Richard gave Bryan Robson's side a 1-1 draw against Derby with his first goal of the season after Costa Rican Paulo Wanchope had scored on the half-hour for the visitors.

Leeds drew 1-1 at Wimbledon, while Coventry and West Ham, who are yet to concede a goal this season, battled each other to a goalless stalemate.

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SPORTS TALK



Saurav Ganguly
(India's opening batsman)

"I used to watch my brother play a lot and my father himself was a very keen cricketer and took special interest in me. They encouraged me a lot and I am very much indebted to them."

Medical records of Juve players obtained

TURIN, Aug 30: A prosecutor looking into possible use of banned substances in Serie A has obtained medical records of Juventus of Turin players from the league champions, reports AP.

Raffaele Guariniello, who has questioned several current and former Juventus players and coach Marcello Lippi, sent investigators to gather the medical files and other documents from the team, media reports said Saturday.

"They did not show any warrant," Juventus team doctor Riccardo Agricola told the ANSA news agency, "nor did they make clear the reason for their request. On the other hand, there was no need to, because we handed over right away everything we were asked for, continuing the line of full cooperation that we have always followed."

Guariniello's is one of three separate inquiries into the use of banned substances in Italian soccer.

One for the Italian Olympic Committee's antidoping commission ended last week without finding evidence of illegal drug use, but did find that the use of legal muscle-builders, such as creatine, is widespread.

Denilson fails to impress

MADRID, Aug 30: Denilson made a disappointing start to his Spanish league career as Real Betis were held 0-0 by newly-promoted Alaves in Bilbao on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The 35 million US dollars Brazilian signing showed some nice touches but looked short of fitness as he was kept quiet by a stubborn Alaves defence.

And it was Alaves who came closest to scoring, as Betis goalkeeper Antonio Prats was forced into a smart save from Manuel Canabal's powerful header midway through the first half.

The match was played at Athletic Bilbao's San Mames stadium because of continuing ground improvements at Alaves.

Valencia made a winning start to their league campaign, beating Atletico Madrid 1-0 at home.

Arrigo Sacchi's side made a bright start but clearly felt the absence of Christian Vieri, transferred this week to Lazio, as he failed to convert a string of chances.

And on 65 minutes Valencia made Atletico pay for those wasted opportunities.

A superb run, from Romanian World Cup star Adrian Ilie set up a free header for Miguel Angel Angulo, who left Atletico keeper Jose Molina with no chance.

UEFA's point of order

MONACO, Aug 30: UEFA hit out at the proposed breakaway European Super League on Saturday by claiming that, if successful, the breakaway body's backers would turn clubs into soccer's equivalent of the Harlem Globetrotters, reports AP.

UEFA's governing executive committee met in Monaco to discuss the threat of a breakaway competition.

Milan-based marketing company Media Partners is tempting big clubs to leave existing UEFA competitions, saying that new pay-per-view TV rights would help boost annual revenues from the flagship Champions League from 322 million dollars to 2 billion dollars.

UEFA said that clubs would not accept a private venture, but said it would set up a new task force to examine the future of European soccer competitions.

"There have been criticisms regarding the marketing structures of our competitions," said UEFA president Lennart Johansson.

There have been changes to football, which means there must be changes to our structure. But European competitions must continue under the umbrella of UEFA.

At a news conference after the meeting, UEFA sharply criticised Media Partners as being overly-driven by economic concerns.

"Our competitions must be based on sporting criteria. We do not support the notion of Harlem Globetrotters-type teams," Johansson said.

UEFA said it would never accept a private venture and stressed that games should continue to be shown on open TV.

Johansson said revenue projections published by Media Partners are "fantastic," and that the company is embarking on a "mission impossible."

UEFA announced a new 14-man task force, due to make initial recommendations before Christmas, which includes representatives from five clubs: Ajax Amsterdam, Bayern Munich, Juventus, Liverpool, and Marseille.

It will be the first time that clubs have ever sat on a UEFA committee.

The task force is intended to speed up decision-making in what officials concede has traditionally been a slow-moving body.

UEFA officials confirmed that next season's Champions League would almost certainly be repackaged from six groups of four clubs to four groups of six.

That means more matches, but UEFA said it would not change the overall distribution of income from the competition.

Of the 322 million dollars generated by the Champions League in 1997-98, only 157 million dollars went to participating teams.

Johansson said UEFA would consider giving past winners automatic access to the Champions League, but ruled out inviting 16 clubs to the competition, as Media Partners plans.

Media Partners, UEFA said, is bringing US-style sports finance techniques that don't apply in Europe.

But it warned that "if clubs make a deal outside UEFA they must deal with the consequences."

Big clubs being wooed by Media Partners include: Italy's AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus; Spain's Real Madrid and Barcelona; England's Arsenal and Manchester United; Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund of Germany; France's Paris Saint-Germain and Marseille; and Ajax Amsterdam of the Netherlands.

UEFA invited FIFA to its Executive Committee meeting for the first time to discuss the threat.

Italian Super Cup Lazio's

ROME, Aug 30: Lazio beat Juventus 2-1 on Saturday in the one-leg Super Cup to win the first trophy of the Italian season, reports Reuters.

The Rome side were forced onto the defensive as Juventus opened in spirited form, but moved onto the attack to lead in the 38th minute with a goal by Pavel Nedved, set up by Roberto Mancini.

The second half saw a lacklustre Juventus but Lazio in fighting mood, their advantage boosted when Juve striker Filippo Inzaghi was sent off in the 63rd minute.

The Turin team, playing at home, equalised in the 87th minute with a penalty from Alessandro Del Piero.

But Sergio Conceicao delivered victory to Lazio in extra time when he put the ball into the net in the 93rd minute.



Hot signings Marcelo Salas (L) and Ivan de la Pena (R) pose with the Italian Super Cup after their triumph over defending Serie A Champions Juventus at Turin on August 29. Lazio won 2-1. — AP/UNB photo

Bordeaux ride on Wiltord

PARIS, Aug 30: A double strike by in-form striker Sylvain Wiltord gave Bordeaux a 2-0 win at struggling Metz Saturday, their fourth straight win, reports AP.

Elie Baup's team is the only one with a maximum 12 points after four rounds of the championship.

Wiltord struck his fifth and sixth goals of the season in the 27th and 84th minutes.

First, he picked up a poor defensive clearance to beat Metz goalkeeper Lionel Letzi from 20 metres (yards) and then, on a quick breakaway, collected a smart pass by Kaba Diawara to make it 2-0.

Bordeaux's success completes an awful week for Metz.

On Wednesday, it surprisingly lost to Helsinki in the qualifying stages of the European Champions League.

Britanny minnows Lorient pulled off the shock of the season so far, beating big-spending Paris Saint-Germain 2-1 at the Parc des Princes.

The game looked like going to form when Marco Simone scored a first half penalty, but Lorient scored twice in two second half minutes through Ousmane Soumah and Stephane Pedron to grab the points.

Second-placed Marseille, who stormed from 4-0 behind to win 5-4 against Montpellier last week, came back down to earth with a 0-0 draw at Le Havre.

Montpellier continue to be the most entertaining team in the early rounds, thumping Toulouse 3-0.

In the end they had to let him go

ROME, Aug 30 (Reuters): Christian Vieri, bought by Italy's Lazio from Atletico Madrid for 28 million dollars on Friday, leaves a club that once declared him Europe's finest striker and said it wouldn't swap him for 700,000 Ronaldos.

"In his position he is the best player in Europe," Atletico's then coach Radomir Antic said after a stunning Vieri goal in a World Cup qualifier against Greece last October.

The muscular 25-year-old Italian, who made his professional debut in 1989 for Serie C side Prato, had to wait six years to make his mark in Italy's Serie A.

Joining Torino in 1990, Vieri debuted in Serie A in December 1991 in a 2-0 defeat of Fiorentina. But with only seven league appearances in just over two seasons, he found himself back in Serie B by November 1992 with a move to Pisa.

It is not until 1995, when he moved to Atalanta — after spells at second division clubs Ravenna and Venice — that the strapping striker finally established himself in Serie A with seven goals in one season.

A year later Juventus, one of Italy's four flagship sides, bought Vieri for seven billion lire (4 million dollars) as a replacement for Gianluca Vialli.

Starting the season as under study to Alessandro del Piero and Alen Boksic, Vieri seized his chance to partner Del Piero when the Croat was injured. Juventus went on to win the league title and reach the European Cup final.

Vieri, born in the wealthy Italian city of Bologna but brought up in Australia, won his first full cap for his country in March 1997, scoring their 1,000th international goal in his debut Against Moldova in a World Cup qualifier.

He won three more caps before the end of the season and in July 1997 Atletico bought him from Juventus for 34 billion lire (19.31 million dollars).

Vieri's spectacular loping running style amused many fans at first, and his nervous play prompted some to wonder why Atletico had shelled out so much money for him.

But a run of eye-catching goals silenced the giggles and dispelled the doubts.

He netted eight goals in nine matches, the most crucial of them when he gave Italy a 1-1 World Cup qualifying play-off first leg draw against Russia.

Vieri scored 24 goals in Spain last season and iced the cake with a five-goal haul in the World Cup.

His glory moment for Atletico came in a UEFA cup match against Greece's Paok Salonika last October when he curled in a goal from close to

the corner flag on the touchline.

The Spanish side won 5-2 on aggregate media saluted an "impossible goal" and antic declared Vieri Europe's top striker.

"Vieri can score at least 25 goals this season. He's Athletic, endowed with good intelligence and is a great opportunist with great speed," Antic said.

Atletico director general Miguel Angel Gil in February called Vieri "the pillar of the team," saying: "We won't change him for (Inter Milan's) Ronaldo or 700,000 Ronaldos."

But relations between the club and their prized asset were difficult.

Vieri was fined an undisclosed sum and forced to apologise in May after hurling insults at antic when he was substituted after 62 minutes of a match against Mallorca.

Atletico's decision to sell followed a breakdown in working relations between the striker and new team coach Arrigo Sacchi.

Vieri insisted recently that he would stay at Atletico and work out his differences with Sacchi.

But the coach, reportedly angered by Vieri's attitude in recent training sessions, seemed to have lost patience with the player and was quoted on Tuesday as telling him, "you will never play for this club again while I'm here."

Urwa Reds stay red hot

TOKYO, Aug 30 (Reuters/Internet): French coach Philippe Troussier was on hand to watch the J-League's hottest team Urwa Reds power their way to a 2-0 victory over Jubilo Iwata on Saturday night.

With the victory over the first stage champions, Reds moved to the top of the standings with victories in their first two games. Rookie sensation Shinji Ono scored one of the goals.

Jubilo dropped their second straight contest to start the second stage.

Troussier has been in talks

with the Japan Football Association about coaching Japan's national team.

Consadole Sapporo also posted their second straight win in the second stage with a 2-0 victory over Sanfrece Hiroshima. Consadole jumped out to an early lead on an own goal in the second minute and Hiromasa Suguri added another tally in the 21st minute.

Nagoya Grampus Eight forward Takafumi Ogura scored his first goal in two injury-plagued years to lead the unbeaten side to a 2-0 victory over Bellmare Hiratsuka.

Bulgarian star Hristo Stochkov found the net in the 85th minute to lead Kashiwa Reysol

to a 1-0 victory over JEF United Ichihara.

Yokohama Marinos defeated Verdy Kawasaki 2-0 as Spanish striker Julio Salinas had a goal in the first half and Shoji Jo added another in the second in the win.

Yokohama Flugels had goals from Hideki Nagai, Igor Ledikhov and Anderson in a 3-1 victory over Kashiwa Antlers. An aggressive Flugels side picked up six yellow cards in the match.

Cerezo Osaka midfielder Hiroaki Morishima scored one goal and set up another in a 2-1 away win over first-stage runner-up Shimizu S-Pulse.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq
EAST MAKES A FORCING BID
(Hand # 80)

West (D)	North	East
♠: AK108XXX	♠: S-XXX	♠: S-Q9
♥: H-XXX	♥: H-A10XXX	♥: H-KQJ
♦: A-X	♦: D-XX	♦: D-KQX
♣: C-J	♣: C-KQX	♣: C-A10XXX
	South	
	♠: S-J	
	♥: H-9X	
	♦: D-J1098XX	
	♣: C-98XX	

BIDDING (East-West vulnerable)

South (Mizan)	West (Sayeed)	North (Akram)	East (Mazumdar)
-	1S	2H	4C
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

With 12 HCP but a long Spade suit West opened one Spade. On North's 2 Heart bid East made a forcing bid of 4 Clubs indicating a very strong hand and slam interest. West rebid Spades and on finding two Aces with the partner East booked Little Slam in Spades as he assumed that his Q9 holding in Spades were quite valuable.

THE PLAY

North led the Ace of Hearts and returned a Heart which was won with the King in dummy. When on the Queen of Spades, South dropped the Jack, the declarer claimed his contract.



French international David Trezeguet (C) of Monaco staves off the challenge of two Lyon booters during their French First Division encounter at Lyon on August 29. — AP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1	Pharmaceutical	35	Curry or Rice
5	Prune	36	Permission
8	De-bag	37	Fiedler's longtime group
12	Hitchcock film	40	Dangle a carrot
13	Crete's highest peak	41	Serviette
14	Took the "A" train	47	-Wan Kenobi
15	Mary Kay rival	49	Destroy
16	Bandleader	50	Existed
17	Heinz	51	Court
18	Family sub-divisions	52	Bump into
20	Implement	53	Good
22	1990s sub-urbanites	54	Roget wd.
26	Subject	55	Pod gathering occupants
29	Schlepp	56	Pod gathering occupants
30	Base-stealer	57	Pod gathering occupants
31	Bullying bravos	58	Pod gathering occupants
32	Kids' card game	59	Pod gathering occupants
33	Leah (onto)	60	Pod gathering occupants
34	Sea, or the Seine	61	Pod gathering occupants

DOWN

1	Guy's girl's 21 Assn.
2	Firm gripper
3	Peregrinate
4	Follower of "once"
5	Phil Collins' style
6	Old band
7	Purple bloom
8	Pindaric piece
9	Paul Muni rival
10	Microcomputer system
11	Thick guel'er up from
12	Commotion
13	Social gathering
14	Resort
15	Klimmer classic
16	Whopper topper
17	Dancing locale
18	Inventor's inspiration
19	Have - (the poor)
20	Pay with plastic
21	Indispensable
22	None of the Dionne Quints

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterdays answer

CRYPTOQUIP

F S R I L W R T M B G Y L A R K
F S B F X R N S B X K S R
Y D K F S B K B X D G F N B I A
W M G T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SIGN TACKED IN REDUCING SALON PERSUADES US TO STOP, LOOK AND LESSEN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals P

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.