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- How old is Sir Don Bradman?  
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- Who is Newcastle's new coach?  
Gullit      Vialli      Robson
- Who is the defending Wimbledon champion?  
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- Who won the Club Cup hockey title?  
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AWESOME OWEN: Liverpool's fantastic marksman Michael Owen (C) scoring his second goal during the 4-1 rout of Newcastle at Saint James' Park on Sunday. — AP/UNB photo

**Owen steals the show**

LONDON, Aug 31: Teenage England sensation Michael Owen scored a stunning 15-minute hat-trick to wreck Ruud Gullit's managerial debut for Newcastle as Liverpool romped to a 4-1 victory at Saint James' Park on Sunday, reports AFP.

Czech international Patrick Berger completed the rout as Liverpool swept to the top of the English Premiership table with a devastating display of attacking football in the first half.

French World Cup star Stephane Guivarc'h, making his debut, scored Newcastle's sole reply.

The 40,000 capacity home crowd had given former Chelsea coach Gullit a rapturous reception when he took to the pitch just before the kick-off.

But silence quickly descended around the stadium as Owen showed why he has become one of the hottest properties in world football when he struck in the 17th, 18th and 32nd minutes.

Guivarc'h had briefly reduced the deficit to 2-1, but moments later Owen was celebrating his hat-trick Gullit was holding his head in his hands and the Newcastle fans were chanting their favourite song of recent months, "sack the board."

Liverpool joint manager Roy Evans hailed Owen's stunning performance but said he was getting tired of all the attention that the 18-year-old has been receiving since his sparkling display in France '98.

"The kid is so bloody quick, he's so hard to stop," said Evans. "But this was a day for the team, I keep repeating that it's getting boring."

Michael could have scored three or four more, he had that many chances, but the other lads wouldn't let him get away with not working for the team which he does all the time."

Evans added: "I was very pleased with the whole performance. When we did break in the first half we were very decisive. We could have had a few more and it could have been even worse for them."

Newcastle, who narrowly avoided relegation last season, brought in Dutchman Gullit after parting company with Kenny Dalglish in midweek.

The players seemed galvanised by the presence of their new coach as they started the match brightly before Owen struck in dramatic fashion to wreck the welcoming party.

Liverpool captain Paul Ince unleashed a ferocious drive from long range which goalkeeper Shay Given could only parry to Owen who was loitering on the right of the area.

The angle on goal was not promising but the 18-year-old leapt over an unstoppable low drive that squeezed between the Republic of Ireland goalkeeper and the near post.

The gloom that descended on the crowd was depend within sixty seconds when Steve McManaman found Owen in acres of space on the right.

The England World Cup hero, one of the world's most expensively rated players who still lives with his parents, impulsively slid the ball between Given's legs for the second.

Guivarc'h, who has not played a competitive match since France's World Cup final triumph over Brazil, threatened a recovery when he flicked a shot in off the post.

But Owen ensured there would be nothing for Gullit and Newcastle to celebrate when he completed his hat-trick with a breathtaking individual goal.

Karl Heinz Riedle disposed Stuart Pearce in the middle of the pitch before Owen used his electric pace to race clear of the Newcastle defence and casually chip a shot over Given with the outside of his right foot.

Newcastle's poorly-organised defence looked in danger of total collapse as Liverpool continued their assault.

Berger, back in favour after a poor campaign last season, made the three points a formality when he fired home a low left-foot shot into the far corner on the stroke of half-time.

**Barca start on the wrong foot**

MADRID, Aug 31: Defending champions FC Barcelona drew with modest Racing de Santander while Zaragoza blanked Athletic de Bilbao 2-0 to take the lead Sunday in the Spanish First Division's opening round, reports AP.

The Catalan team coached by Dutchman Louis Van Gaal looked set to start with a win until Racing's Russian striker Vladimir Bestchastnyk threatened Barcelona with three dangerous shots and restored the team's confidence against the powerhouse.

Van Gaal's team gave a poor show despite the array of foreign talent at their disposal, including Brazilians Rivaldo and Giovanni and new Dutch international signings Phillip Cocu and Boudewijn Zenden.

Predictions that new foreign stars brought to Spain this summer, costing millions of dollars, would dominate play failed to pan out.

Ruud Hesp, Barcelona's Dutch goalkeeper became the man to beat with several spectacular dives throughout the match, leaving Racing unable to get a goal past him.

Perennial title contenders and the League's runner-up, Athletic de Bilbao did not look as powerful as last season in their 2-0 loss against Zaragoza.

Marcos Vales scored in the 66th minute using a deflection from a corner to catch the goalkeeper unaware. Argentine Gustavo Lopez added a goal to secure victory eight minutes later to give Zaragoza the lead in the premier League.

In other games Sunday, it was Espanyol 2, Tenerife 1; Real Sociedad 3; Oviedo 3; Salamanca 0, Mallorca 0; Celta O; Deportivo de La Coruna 0; Extremadura 0; Valladolid 0; Zaragoza 2; Athletic de Bilbao 0.

On Saturday, Valencia beat Atletico de Madrid 1-0 and Alaves drew 0-0 against Betis. Real Madrid will host newly promoted Villarreal, a side playing their first game ever in the Premier Divisions, on Monday.

**Rijkaard new Dutch coach**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 31 (Reuters/Internet): Romario's miserable run of form continued in Brazil while Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored his first goal of the championship in Argentina.

A Mexican match ended in confusion when the referee collapsed during an altercation with a player he had been earlier sent off.

Romario's miserable spell of form continued when he missed the easiest of chances during Flamengo's 1-1 draw with arch-rivals Vasco da Gama and was jeered off the pitch for the third match running.

Romario fired the ball straight at Vasco goalkeeper Carlos Germano from point-blank range in the 83rd minute, missing a golden opportunity to give his crisis-torn team a win over their most bitter rivals.

Last week, he missed a penalty and on Wednesday he was also booed after a totally ineffective performance. Romario has been plagued by injuries, one of which caused him to miss the World Cup, since May.

Vasco, newly-crowned South American champions, fielded a reserve team.

Officially, they said they wanted to rest their top players after winning the Libertadores Cup in Ecuador on Wednesday.

But many felt Vasco, whose victory parade through the streets of Rio on Thursday went right past Flamengo's headquarters, wanted to avoid the possibility of having their celebrations damped by a defeat against their arch-rivals.

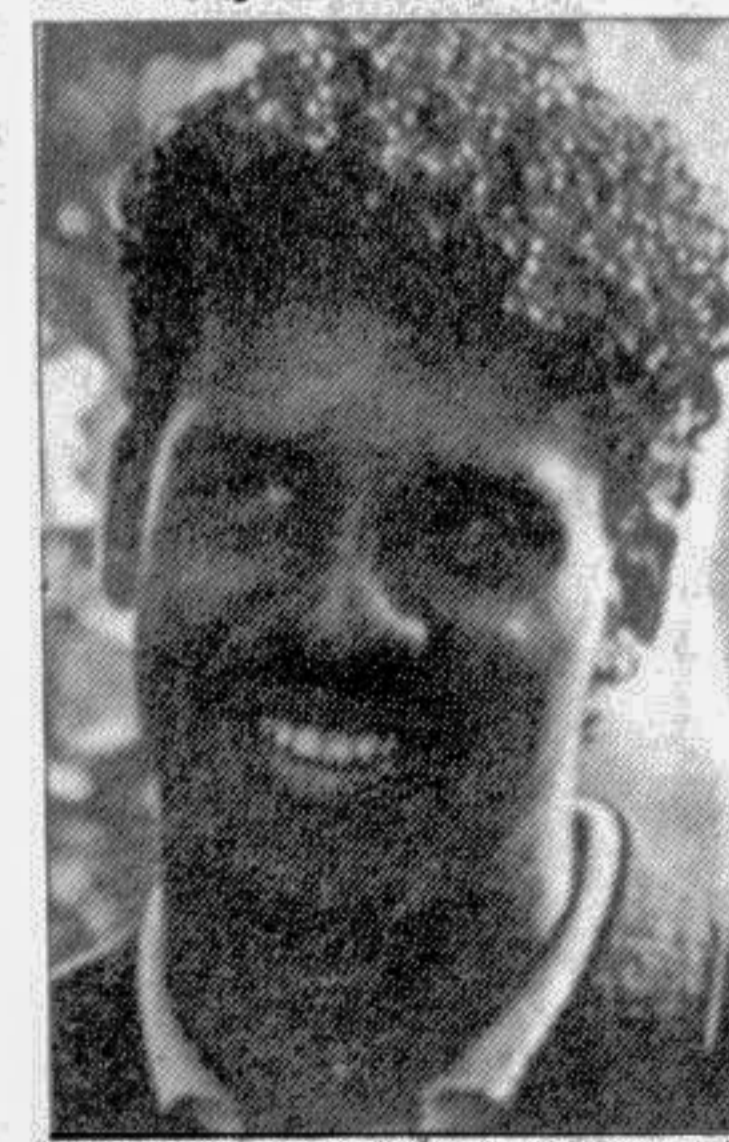
By fielding their reserves, All they had a ready-made excuse in the case of a defeat and the

possibility of totally humiliating their opponents in the case of a win.

Corinthians beat Guarani 3-2 to stay top while second-placed Santos and third-placed Sport Recife both won as well.

Gremio, champions in 1996, stayed bottom and after a 1-1 draw at home to Palmeiras left them still without a win.

The top eight teams qualify for the quarter-finals.



FRANK RIJKAARD

In Argentina, Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored his first goal of the Argentine Apertura (opening) championship as champions Velez Sarsfield beat Talleres 3-0.

Chilavert, his team's regular free kick and penalty taker, converted a penalty as Velez were top of the table on goal difference from Union, Boca Juniors and Newell's Old Boys. All have eight points from their four games and are unbeaten.

Former Argentina and Mexico coach Cesar Luis Menotti at last had something to celebrate as his independent side picked up their first points with a 4-1 win away to Platense.

River Plate's wretched run continued as they lost 4-2 at home to San Lorenzo and dropped to 13th place. The Apertura is the first of two championships played in the Argentine season.

In Mexico, the match between UNAM and Guadalajara ended in confusion following an altercation between UNAM midfielder Christian Zermatten, sent off during the second half, and referee Felipe Ramos Rizo.

At the end of the game, Zermatten ran onto the field and confronted the referee, who collapsed to the ground as if he had been head-butted or punched.

Zermatten, who accused the official of over-reacting, denied he had attacked the referee, who was taken to the dressing rooms and treated by team doctors.

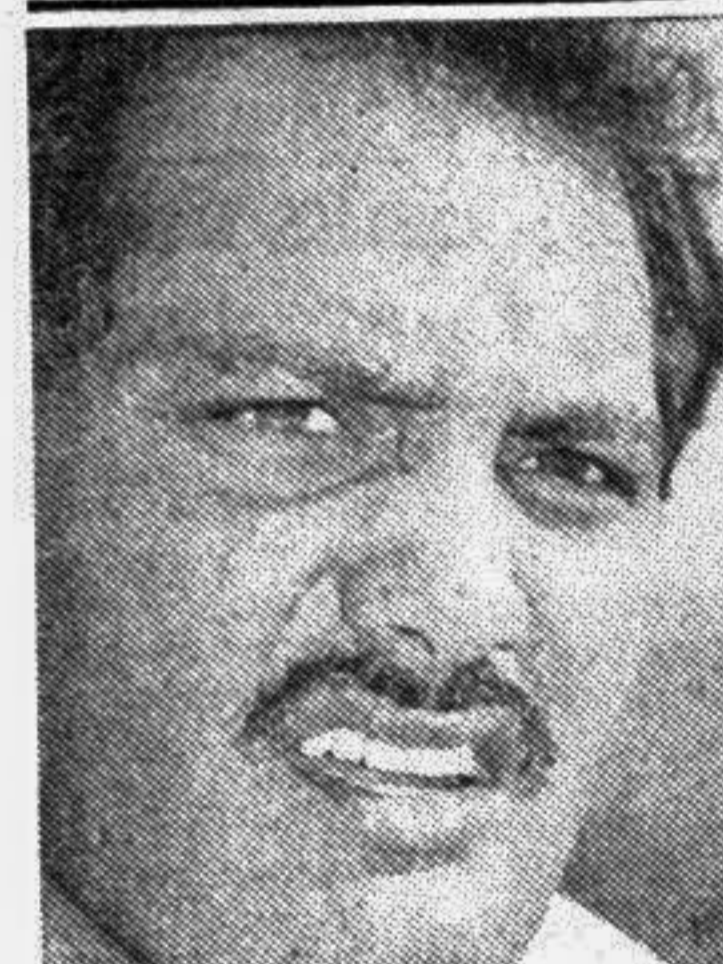
"Nothing happened. At the end of the game, I complained about my sending off, but didn't insult him or hit him...I'm a temperamental player but not an aggressor," the Argentine player told Mexican newspaper El Universal. "I think he dramatised."

Guadalajara, who also had Mexican international Jesus Arellano sent off in the second half, won 1-0 thanks to a Luis Garcia goal.

Mexican international Cuauhtemoc Blanco scored a hat-trick as America beat UNL 6-3.

Pedro Pineda emulated him in Necaxa's 4-0 win away to Morelia as local players for once shone in a championship usually dominated by foreigners.

SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin

(India cricket captain)  
"I don't really know when I realised that there were certain shots which I could play quite effortlessly. I reckon they come with time and I must have developed this style from watching myself. I do spend time in trying to analyse my batting but I am not at all fussy about being a perfectionist."

**Loader getting at his peak**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug 31 (AP): New Zealand's dual Olympic swim champion Danyon Loader is approaching his best form in time for a showdown with his Australian rivals at the Commonwealth Games starting September 11.

Loader won the 200 and 400 metres freestyle double at the Atlanta Olympics but will face two in-form Australian world champions, Michael Klim (200) and Ian Thorpe (400), at the Kuala Lumpur Games.

Loader missed the world championships this year, where Klim was outstanding as swimmer of the meet. But last weekend Loader broke two national shortcourse records and swam the second-fastest 400-metre of his career.

**Beaten by the heat**

ALMENDRALEJO, Spain, Aug 31 (Reuters/Internet): The Spanish heat wave took its toll on Extremadura and Valladolid players on Sunday as they lost an average of two kg during their first division game.

Despite the 7:00pm local time kick-off, temperatures at the ground in the southwest of Spain reached 39 degrees Celsius and players from both sides -- who were not permitted to drink water during the game -- complained of exhaustion and dehydration.

Extremadura doctor Lorenzo Garcia ordered his players to drink between two and three litres of water after the game and was clearly worried about their state of health.

"We weren't allowed to take water supplies on to the pitch but the players drank a lot at half-time," said Garcia.

"Oscar Montiel (the Extremadura defender) normally weighs 66 kilos but after the game he was at 63.5 and the rest of the team were the same. Everyone had swelling in their legs."

With the intense heat it was hardly surprising the game ended 0-0, with few chances created by either side in the second half.

Extremadura striker Jose Luis Soto explained the problems of playing in such conditions, saying: "It was incredible. I hardly had enough oxygen to get back after making a run upfield. The heat was so strong."

Valladolid coach Sergio Kresic added: "We just couldn't keep up the pace in the second half. We had to slow the game down because of the heat."

**Sand goes thru' surgery**

COPENHAGEN, Aug 31: Danish World Cup star Ebbe Sand underwent operation for testicular cancer on Friday, it was revealed by his club Brondby today and will miss Denmark's opening Euro 2000 qualifier with Belarus next Saturday, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old Sand, who scored with only his third touch after coming on as a substitute in the 4-1 victory over Nigeria in the second round of the World Cup finals, hopes to be back in training in two to three weeks.

Denish coach Bo Johansson, who guided the side to the World Cup quarter finals where they lost 3-2 to Brazil, replaced Sand with the current domestic championship's leading scorer Soren Frederiksen.

**Cheers for Chilavert, jeers for Romario**

ZEIST, Netherlands, Aug 31 (Reuters/Internet): Frank Rijkaard was named on Monday as the new coach of the Dutch national soccer team.

Rijkaard, 35, one of three assistants for the Dutch team at France 98, replaces Guus Hiddink, who has become trainer at Real Madrid.

The former Ajax and AC Milan midfielder has signed a contract with the Dutch FA (KNVB) to lead the side until the European Championships in 2000, being held in Belgium and the Netherlands, with an option to extend for another two years.

Johan Neeskens, 46, will be Rijkaard's assistant. Neeskens, who formed a potent midfield partnership with Johan Cruyff at Ajax and Barcelona, was also one of Hiddink's assistants in France, where the team reached the semifinals.

Rijkaard and Neeskens have both taken the KNVB's fast-track trainers' course for ex-internationals along with Ruud Gullit, now Newcastle boss, and Ronald Koeman, who had been one of the three World Cup as-

assistants but who is now number two at Barcelona.

The KNVB are believed to have approached Cruyff and former Celtic boss Wim Jansen before opting for Rijkaard.

Following is a brief factfile on Frank Rijkaard:

1962: Born Amsterdam, September 30.

1980: Began first season at Ajax Amsterdam.

1981: Made international debut on September 1 for the Netherlands against Switzerland shortly before 19th birthday. Went on to play 73 times for the Netherlands, making him the fourth most capped Dutchman.

1987: Won the European Cup Winners' Cup in his last season at Ajax.

1988: Joined Real Zaragoza briefly before signing for AC Milan. There he teamed up with fellow Dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten in a side that won the European Cup in 1989 and 1990. Rijkaard was also in the Dutch European championship winning side of 1988.

1993: Moved back to Ajax and provided experience in a youthful side that went on to win the European Cup in 1995, his last season as a professional.

1994: Played for last time in Dutch side in World Cup quarter-final against Brazil on July 9. Dutch lost 3-2.

1998: After some years on sidelines building up a business in underwear which he has since sold, returned to international duties under previous Dutch coach Guus Hiddink as one of three assistants -- team also included former internationals Johan Neeskens and Ronald Koeman and sometimes dubbed the Three Musketeers.

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**Football open to Iranian women**

TEHRAN, Aug 31: Two public gymnasiums in Tehran have begun offering courses to teach women how to play football, the state news agency IRNA reported Sunday, says AFP.

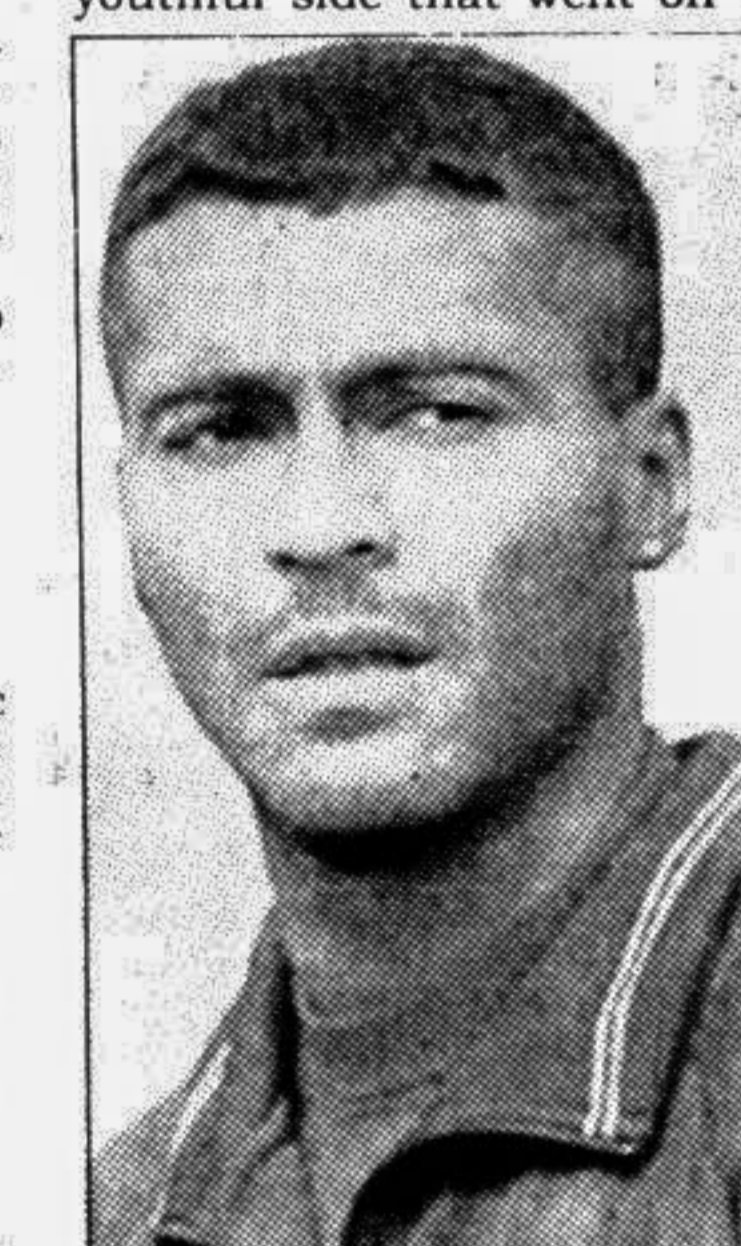
The courses will be reserved exclusively for women, who have been restricted to playing the sport only in all-girl schools.

Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, women in Iran have only been allowed to play those sports in public in which they can remain veiled, such as skiing, shooting, and horseback riding.

Faezeh Hashemi, a member of parliament and daughter of former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, pledged in April to begin organising women's football matches "very soon."

Her support of women's football provoked the ire of political conservatives, who believe that the women, playing outdoors in shorts and jerseys, would be exposed to the eyes of men.

A parliamentary commission held a closed-doors session in April to discuss the issue.



ROMARIO

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**Tiger Cup championship Hosts, Singapore in last four**

HANOI, Aug 31: Vietnam beat Malaysia 1-0 on Sunday night here to ensure the hosts a semifinal berth in the Tiger Cup championship, reports AFP.

Singapore also advanced to the final four after a convincing 4-1 win over Laos earlier at the Hanoi Stadium.

Vietnam's only goal was an impressive drive on the run by Guyen Hong Son early in the second half to the delight of a capacity-crowded hungry for goals after Vietnam and Singapore drew 0-0 on Wednesday.

In the earlier game Zulkarnaen Zainal scored the first goal for Singapore from the penalty spot after a foul on Ahmed Latiff just seven minutes into the game.

Latiff then followed his lead, scoring two goals within six minutes of each other in the first half, bringing his tournament total to three.

Rafi Ali almost added his name to the scoresheet but his

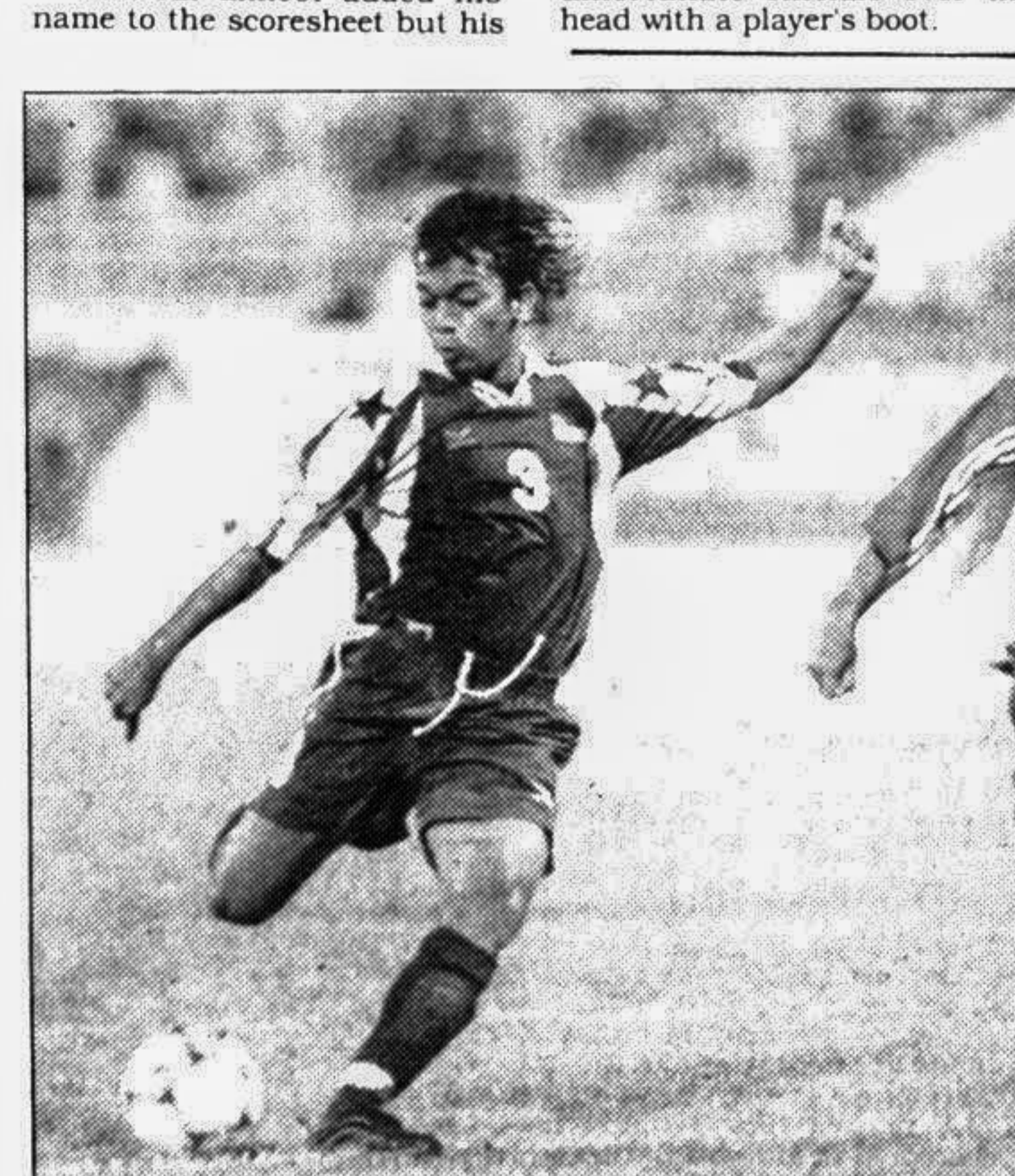
26th minute header hit the cross bar and bounced off as he watched in frustration.

Three goals down, Laos continued to attack, with their efforts paying off when Kholadeth Phonphaschanh scored just minutes before half time.

**Anxious times for Balaci**

BUCHAREST, Aug 31: The future of Ilie Balaci, coach of Romanian First Division side Universitatea Craiova, hangs in the balance after he assaulted the referee following their match with Otelul Galati, reports AFP.

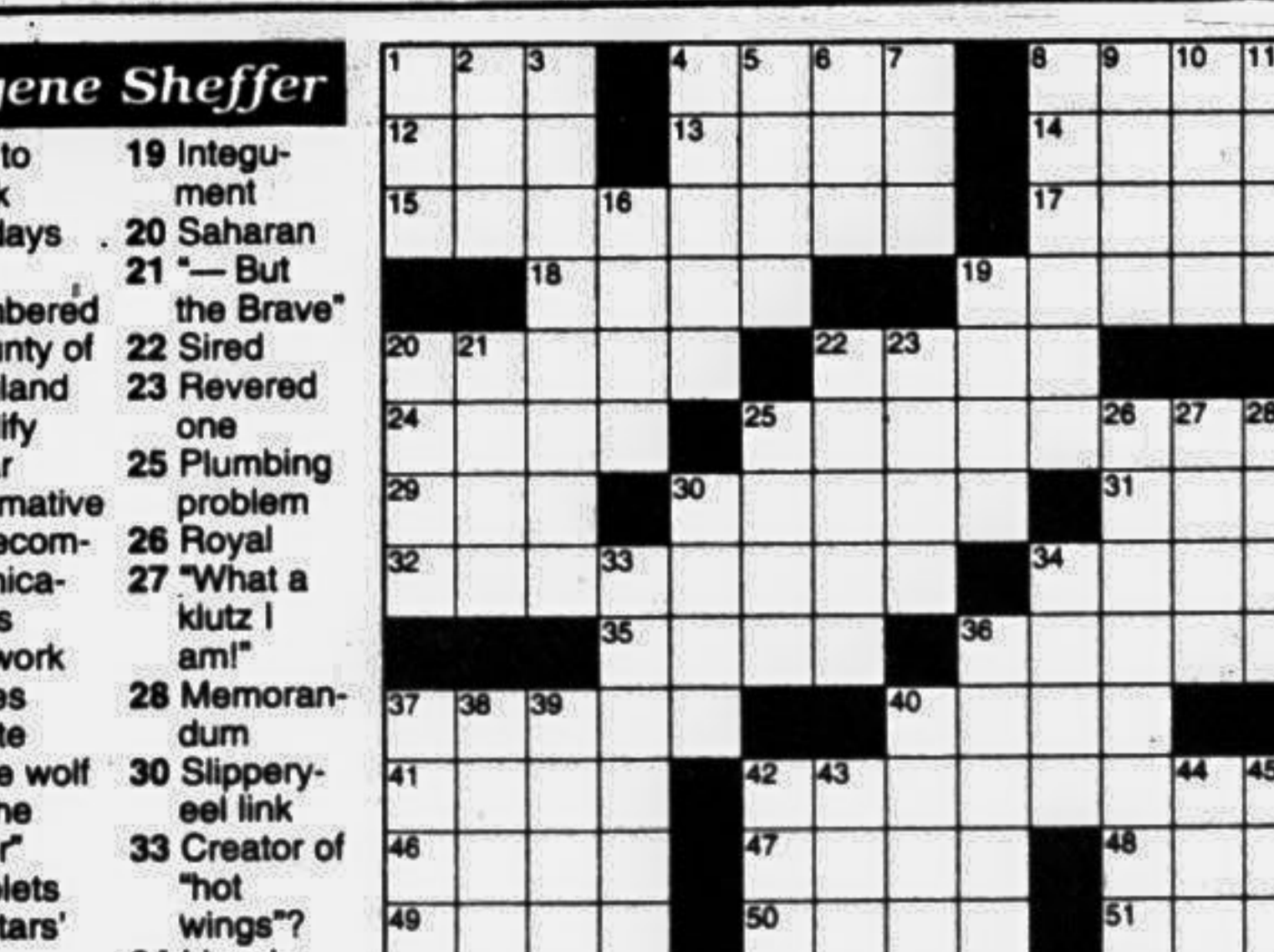
The former Romanian international playmaker, who had a term coaching in the United Arab Emirates, lost his cool when the referee, Aron Huzar, sent off two of his players during the 1-0 defeat and hit the unfortunate officials over the head with a player's boot.



Mohd Rafi bin Mohd Ali (L) about to take a shot during the Tiger Cup tournament match against Laos at Hanoi, Vietnam yesterday. Singapore won 4-1. — AFP photo

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

- ACROSS**
- Nannies
  - nobleman
  - Mephistopheles'
  - forte
  - Witticism
  - Dream
  - Team logo
  - Bicarb
  - Bear in the air
  - False belief
  - "Zounds!"
  - living
  - Tallow
  - Building wing
  - Tour de France transport
  - Angling equipment
  - Choice
  - bind
  - Gaseous element
  - Jane Smiley book
  - Mockery
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- 2 Put to work**
- 3 Its days are numbered**
- 4 County of England**
- 5 Nullify**
- 6 Altar**
- 7 Telecommunications network**
- 8 Lines**
- 9 Incline**
- 10 The wolf — the door**
- 11 Tablets**
- 16 Guitars'**
- 1 Flop**
- 19 Integument**
- 20 Saharan**
- 21 "— But the Brave"**
- 22 Sired**
- 23 Reversed**
- 25 Plumbing problem**
- 26 Royal**
- 27 "What a klutz I am!"**
- 28 Memorandum**
- 30 Slippery gel link**
- 33 Creator of "hot wings"?**
- 34 Lincoln and Vigoda**
- 36 Sheepish**
- 37 Actress**
- Downey**
- 38 Micro-wave, e.g.**
- 39 Took off**
- 40 Enthusiastic**
- 42 Wall Street name**
- 43 Rhoda's mom**
- 44 Have bills**
- 45 Bottom line**



**CRYPTOQUIP**

K B J H V U C K H ' M W J K C O D

M K Z R O U H N B C J Q S J H U

W C N Z R J C J A V S H U M A V N N O :

D N S Y R Q C N R N S H

Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE COMEDIAN JOKES THAT PERHAPS HE JUST HAS A PUN-TRACK MIND.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals P

The Cryptquip 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.

**SIX NO TRUMPS**

**A K Sayeedul Huq**

THE TRUMP SIGNAL CONVENTION IS USEFUL (Hand # 81)

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

BIDDING (Both sides were vulnerable)

South (Sayeed)	West (Mizan)	North (Akram)	East (Mazumdar)
4S	Double	1D*	Double
Pass		Pass	Pass

\* Artificial opening

North opened one Diamond showing opening values but no five-card major. East with 11 HCP but sort of a two-suiter hand doubled for take out. South jumped to game contract in Spade with a long suit. This was a reasonable bid as partner had already indicated an opening hand. However, West doubled for penalty. It was a great risk taken by West as he hardly had any trick — the only possible one being the Spade King.

**THE PLAY**

Having doubled the hand optimistically, West led the Jack of Clubs which was won by the declarer in the dummy. Partner played a small Club. After some hesitation the declarer played the Ace of Spades followed by the Queen. West won with the King and noted carefully partner's play of high-low trumps showing three cards in the suit. The trump signal was indicative of partner's interest in ruffing. West was confident that the declarer had another Club because otherwise he would have slapped some losers immediately on winning the first Club and before surrendering the lead. West therefore resisted the temptation of playing the Jack of Hearts, and instead led a Club for partner to ruff. This the defence got four tricks — a Spade, a club ruff, and the Aces of Hearts and Diamond-down one.