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Competition-102

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 11 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- 1 How old is Sir Don Bradman? 2 Who is Newcastle's new coach? 3 Who is the defending Wimbledon champion? 4 Who won the Club Cup hockey title? 5 Who lifted Emirates tri-series?

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SPORTS TALK

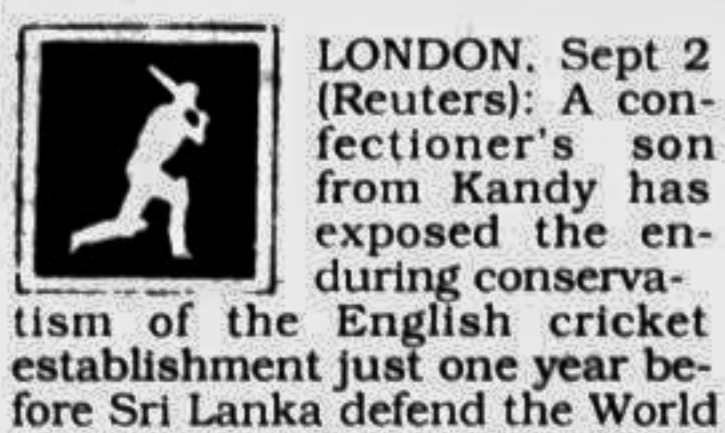


Ben Johnson (Disgraced Canadian sprinter) So Ben Johnson is not the only one who was doing it (doping). And was never alone. In 1988 I was not alone. The majority at Seoul were on some substance.

AFC's sympathy

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has expressed deep concern at the loss of lives and property by the devastating flood in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

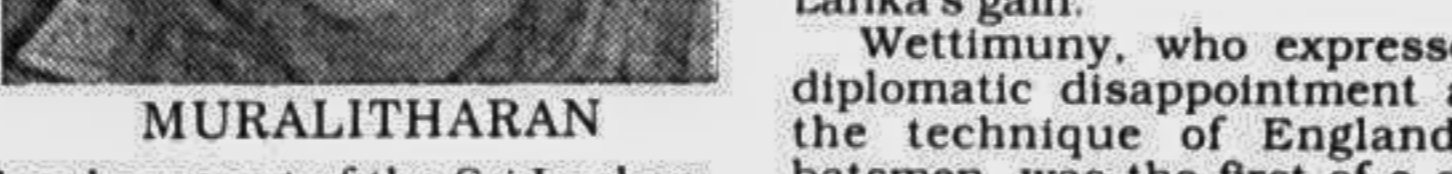
Lankan lesson for royals



LONDON, Sept 2 (Reuters): A confectioner's son from Kandy has exposed the enduring conservatism of the English cricket establishment just one year before Sri Lanka defend the World Cup.

suruya sparked a series of astonishing batting displays. The compact left-hander launched himself at the bowling from the opening ball, re-defining for ever the role of the opening batsman in one-day cricket.

No total seemed beyond Sri Lanka, an approach they have transferred to the Test arena. Arjuna Ranatunga, the comfortably built skipper who

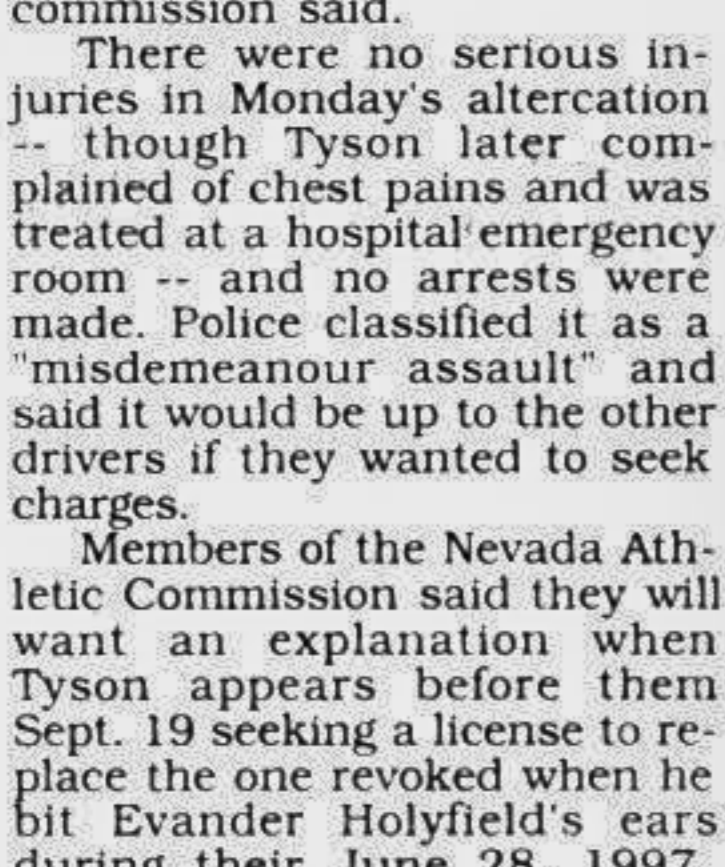


MURALITHARAN has been part of the Sri Lankan team since their first Test match 16 years ago, puzzled the pundits when he asked England to bat on a perfect late-summer Oval pitch.

Tyson's future gets uncertain

LAS VEGAS, Sept 2 (AP/Internet): Mike Tyson picked the wrong time to get into a fight. Tyson's boxing future became even more clouded Tuesday after police in a Washington, DC, suburb said he punched one man in the chest and kicked another in the groin after a minor traffic accident a day earlier.

The witnesses said Tyson's bodyguards restrained him, according to Bailles. The bodyguards were in a car travelling behind the others in heavy traffic. It is up to the other drivers to decide whether to make a complaint to police, and it was unclear if either wanted to, Bailles said. They have up to a year to do so.



MIKE TYSON an effect on the probation he is still serving following his release from prison in 1995 for a rape conviction.

English FA's ultimatum LONDON, Sept 2: Top English players taking part in an unauthorised European super league will be banned from international football, reports AFP.

The threat came from Keith Wiseman, chairman of the English Football Association. Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United are among Europe's top clubs involved in talks with Media Partners, the company behind the controversial idea, and if the concept becomes reality stars like Michael Owen, David Beckham and Tony Adams would be unable to line up for England.

Murali bid mangled

LANCASHIRE, Sept 2 (The Lancashire Evening Telegraph): Lancashire are set to pull out of the bidding for Sri Lankan spinning sensation Muttiah Muralitharan as a replacement for Wasim Akram next season.

Coach Dave Whatmore, had 'Murali' at the top of his hit list even before his historic 16 wicket performance at the Oval. And the off spinner has confirmed that he would love a season in County Cricket - with Whatmore's Sri Lankan contacts giving Lancashire the inside running.

They continue to be linked with a number of this summer's South African touring party - Jacques Kallis, Makhaya Ntini, Lance Klusener and now Shaun Pollock. But both Kallis and Pollock could only join on two-year contracts because they have already played County Cricket, with Middlesex and Warwickshire respectively.



Santi Ezquerro (R), the Athletic Bilbao striker, practices with the Spanish national squad in Madrid on September 1. Ezquerro is expected to make his international debut against Cyprus in a Euro 2000 qualifier at Nicosia on September 5. - AFP photo

Indonesia, Thailand face penalty

Outrage over the farce

HANOI, Sept 2 (AFP): The Thailand and Indonesian football federations over their refusal to accept the final qualifying Tiger Cup match, but the result would stand, a report here said today.

Federation told AFP. "I have never seen a match of such poor quality," Friel said in the letter. Indonesia and Thailand had already qualified before their match on Monday, and seemed intent on doing their best to lose to avoid playing a semi-final against Vietnam in Hanoi.

land match in Hanoi would turn violent. The semifinal between Singapore and Indonesia will be played in Ho Chi Minh city. In Thailand, the Minister to Prime Minister's office Jurin Laksanawit said he would ask the Football Association of Thailand to explain what happened, reflecting widespread outrage among Thais with the performance.

Turning back the clock

APIA, Samoa, Sept 2 (AFP/Internet): When cricket was introduced to Samoa, the locals changed the rules so that the whole village made up a team, renamed the game kirikiti and exported their version to other South Sea islands.

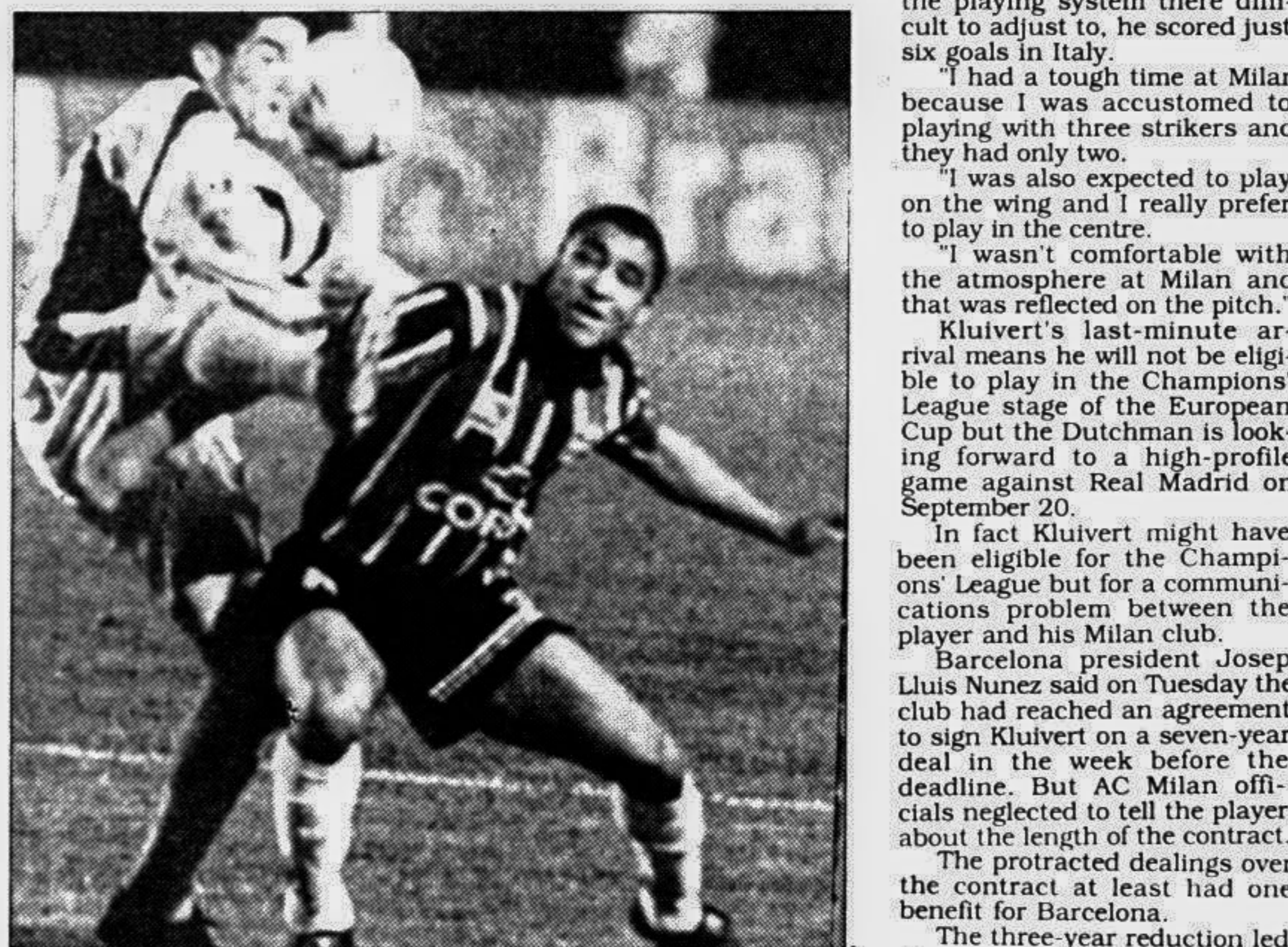
Now former Auckland player Seb Kohlase wants to turn back the clock and re-establish the traditional game so Samoan cricketers can emulate the success of their rugby-playing peers. Samoa managed to send a cricket team to one South Pacific Games before the game lapsed into obscurity, with die-hard enthusiasts able to secure a field only on Sundays when most here are at prayer or resting after feasting.

Kluivert hopes for the best

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept 2 (Reuters): Patrick Kluivert on Tuesday pleaded with Barcelona fans not to compare him with Brazilian striker Ronaldo.

lars last week, will make his Barcelona debut in a friendly against local side Palamos today. The former Ajax Amsterdam player said he was ready to put a disappointing year in Italy behind him - as long as the fans did not expect a carbon copy of Brazilian Ronaldo who starred for Barcelona under

Bobby Robson two years ago. "The public will never forget Ronaldo because he did great things here but I'm Patrick Kluivert and I'll have to play my own game," he said. Kluivert, who has signed a four-year deal with his new club, recognised that his time at AC Milan had been disappointing but explained he had found the playing system there difficult to adjust to, he scored just six goals in Italy.



Action from the Mercosur Cup encounter between Brazil's Gremio and Universidad Catolica de Chile at Porto Alegre, Brazil on September 1. Gremio won 5-1. - AP/UNB photo

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Hug

A TRICKY CONTRACT MAKEABLE WITH CAREFUL PLAY (Hand # 83)

Table with 4 columns: North (D), West, East, South. Contains card symbols and counts for each suit.

BIDDING (East-West were vulnerable) Table with 4 columns: South (Sayeed), West (Mazumdar), North (Akram), East (Mizan). Shows bidding levels for each suit.

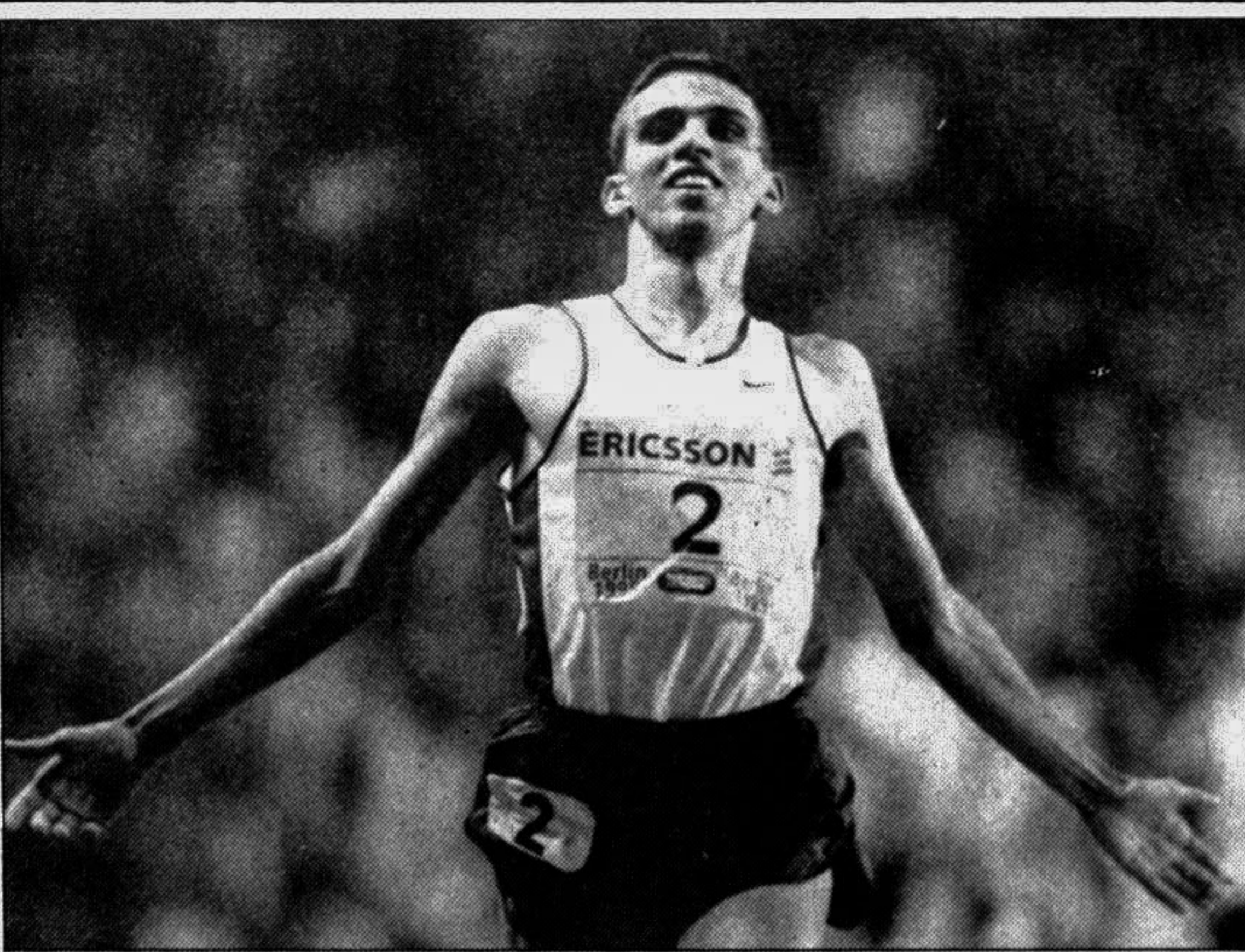
\* Artificial \*\* Artificial, 10-12 HCP

With 17 HCP, North opened artificial one Diamond while partner responded one No Trump showing 10-12 HCP. North saw that the combined hands had enough values for a game contract.

THE PLAY

East led his singleton Heart. The declarer took the trick with the Ace and played AK of Clubs getting the Jack appearing from the East. The Clubs broke 3-2. The declarer rightly assumed that the East did not have any more Club. He therefore cashed the QJ of Hearts, and the Ace of Diamond and ruffed a Diamond in the closed hand.

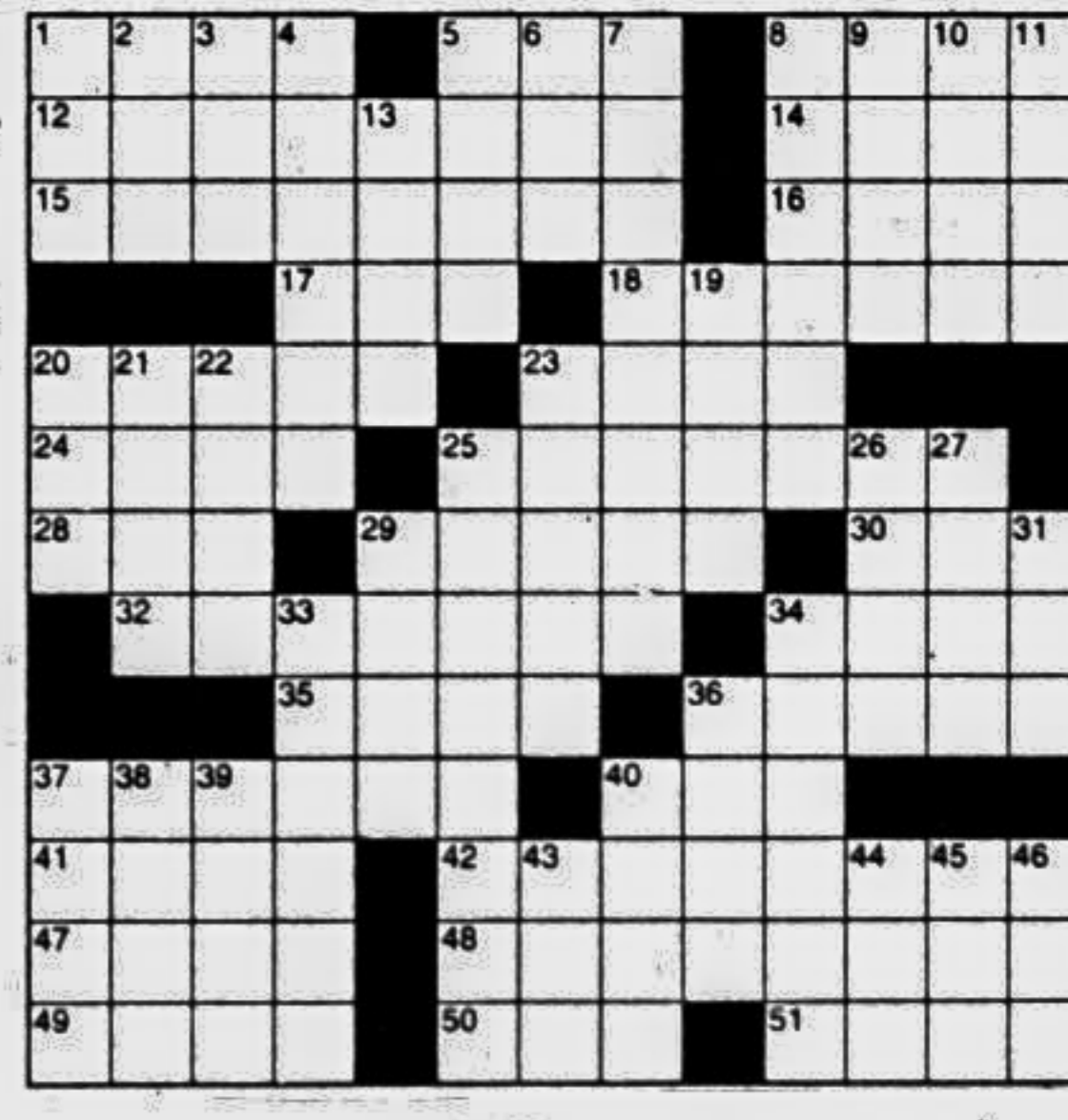
The key was to play two rounds of trumps - no more, no less, and then to cross-ruff to make the contract.



Hichaem El Guerrouj starts celebrating while crossing the finish line of the 1500 metres at the ISTAF athletics meet in Berlin on September 1. Guerrouj won with a time of 3:30.23 sec. - AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP TVLXHS'Q MVL QWLXM UIM QKI QKZ KZIH SLWUZ TIXXU QKZ UKVQU? Saturday's Cryptogram: A PROUD PLUMBER BOASTS THAT HE'S OFTEN MADE A FOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL. Today's Cryptogram clue: X equals L. 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.