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Competition-102

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

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	1	How old is Sir Don Bradman?		
		80	90	10
	2	Who is Newcastle's new coach?		
		Gullit	Vialli	Robso
	3	Who is the defending Wimbledon champion?		
		Krajicek	Rafter	Sampras
	4	Who won the Club Cup hockey title?		
		Abahani	Ajax	Ush

Name

Class Roll No. School Address

Who lifted Emirates tri-series?

England | Sri Lanka | S Africa

Phone: (If any)







Ben Johnson

(Disgraced Canadian

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

In an interview recently with England's Daily Mail.

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

In a message yesterday, the AFC hoped that the people and government of Bangladesh will summon all their strength and courage to overcome the disas-

West

AS:X

♥ H: 10 X X X X

BIDDING (East-West were vulnerable)

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THE PLAY

** Artificial, 10-12 HCP

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cross-ruff to make the contract.

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BOOSE Sports | Lankan lesson for royals WHIZZ KID | LONDON, Sept 2 Survey Sports | Survey Spor

(Reuters): A confectioner's son from Kandy has exposed the enduring conservatism of the English cricket establishment just one year be-fore Sri Lanka defend the World

On a sun-drenched afternoon at The Oval on Monday, Muttiah Muralitharan spun Sri Lanka to their first away victory over England in the sixth one-off meeting between the two

countries in 16 years. "Never can the English cricket authorities have responded to the rise of a new power in the game quite so churlishly as they have to Sri Lanka," the Guardian said in a stinging editorial on Tuesday.

"There ... is the vague smell of (probably sub-conscious) racism. Much safer to ask the (still mainly white) South Africans to play a full series than the little brown men with the unpronounceable names. "They are still not pro-

nounced right." Although a three-Test series has at last been scheduled in Sri Lanka in 2000-1, the Sri Lankans are not due to return to England until 2002 with still no guarantee that they will play a

"The likelihood is that they will play more than one," said an England and Wales Cricket Board spokesman on Tuesday.

"But no decision has vet been made. This will depend on the International Cricket Council's decision on an international Test competition."

Sri Lanka tilted the axis of the cricketing world at the 1996 World Cup when Sanath Jaya-

LAS VEGAS, Sept

Mike Tyson

picked the wrong

time to get into a

Tyson's boxing future be-

came even more clouded Tues-

day after police in a Washing-

ton, DC, suburb said he punched

one man in the chest and

kicked another in the groin af-

ter a minor traffic accident a

three weeks before Nevada

boxing authorities meet to de-

cide whether Tyson has learned

to behave himself enough to be

licensed again to resume his ca-

a source close to the Nevada

juries in Monday's altercation

-- though Tyson later com-

plained of chest pains and was

treated at a hospital emergency

room -- and no arrests were

made. Police classified it as a

"misdemeanour assault" and

said it would be up to the other

drivers if they wanted to seek

letic Commission said they will

want an explanation when

Tyson appears before them

Sept. 19 seeking a license to re-

place the one revoked when he

bit Evander Holyfield's ears

during their June 28, 1997.

discussed," commission mem-

ber Dr. James Nave said. "It's

certainly an area where the

commission will want to look

Nave and other commis-

"I would suspect it will be

heavyweight title fight.

East

+C:JX

North (Akram)

AS:KQXXXX

♦ D:Q 10 X X

East (Mizan)

Pass

Pass

Pass

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Members of the Nevada Ath-

"This complicates matters,"

There were no serious in-

reer as a heavyweight fighter.

commission said.

charges.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

A TRICKY CONTRACT MAKEABLE

WITH CAREFUL PLAY

(Hand # 83)

North (D)

4 S : A J 10 X

♥ H: KXXX

+ C: AKQX

♦ D: X

South

West (Mazumdar)

4 S : 9 X

VH: AQJ

D:AXXX

+ C: 109 X X

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. He showed his

4-card Spade and South bid No Trump. Instead of showing his other 4-

card major, North decided to show his more solid 4-card Club. When

South supported Club North chekced for Aces and went up to six Clubs

East led his singleton Heart. The declarer took the trick with the Ace and

played AK of Clubs noting 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 cached the QJ of Hearts, and the Ace of

Diamond and ruffed a Diamond in the closed hand. Next on the King of

Hearts he threw a Spade; cashed the Ace of Spade and ruffed a Spade in

dummy. Another Diamond was ruffed in the closed hand and a Spade

was ruffed with the last Club in the dummy. Finally, West got the only

The key was to play two rounds of trumps - no more, no less, and then to

which was a tricky contract requiring a very careful play.

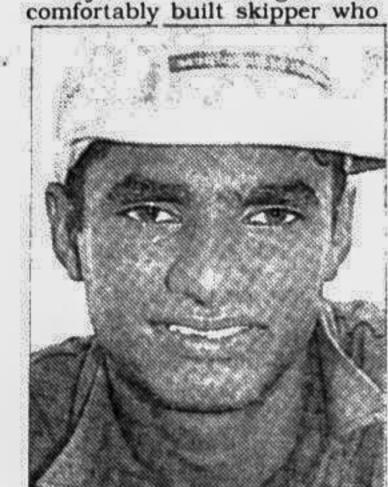
The incident came less than

day earlier.

2 (AP/ Internet):

suriya sparked a series of as-tonishing 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



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. England replied with a first

innings 445, which according to orthodox thinking insured them from defeat. Ranatunga, from the start,

Tyson's future gets uncertain

sioners were notified of the al-

tercation Monday night by

Marc Ratner, executive director

sav anymore," Ratner said. "I'm

just trying to get as many facts

together for the commission as

Finkel, said he was also waiting

for details on the incident.

Finkel said that when all the

facts are in. Tyson could be

rect, but I've been told it's not

correct and I'm waiting to see,"

threaten Tyson's chances to get

back his boxing license, it was

not clear whether it would have

MIKE TYSON

an effect on the probation he is

still serving following his re-

lease from prison in 1995 for a

Ind., were not immediately

available for comment. Tyson

is on probation through mid-

Police in Gaithersburg, Md.,

said the car in which Tyson was

riding, driven by his wife.

Monica, was struck Monday af-

ternoon in a three-car, chain-

reaction accident in the suburb

northwest of Washington. Ear-

lier, police had said Tyson's

wife had struck the rear of an-

drivers of the other two cars

were talking when Tyson

walked up and began arguing

with them, said Montgomery

County police spokesman Derek Baliles.

the former heavyweight cham-

pion punched one of the drivers

in the chest and kicked the

other in the groin.

Witnesses told police that

After the car accident, the

Officials in Marion County.

rape conviction.

1999.

other car.

"It's never good if it is cor-

While the incident may

Tyson's adviser, Shelly

"I really don't know what to

of the commission.

cleared.

Finkel said

thought otherwise. Confident his batsmen could match anything England achieved, Ranatunga said he had never planned to follow the conventional path of scoring a pile of runs and then enforcing

the follow-on.
"We bowled first because we wanted to give Murali a rest in between England's innings," he

Muralitharan is an extraordinary off-spinner who proba-bly turns the ball more than

any finger-spinner in history.

But the true glory of Sri
Lanka lies in their batsmen, who can score as fast in Test cricket as in the one-day arena without taking undue risks.

Twelve years ago, a 28-year-old Buddhist Sidath Wettimuny stroked the England bowlers to all parts of the field as Sri Lanka ran up 491 for seven de-clared in their first Test at

Wettimuny, who played with classical perfection in his 190, learned his technique from a 1912 treatise by C B Fry, the England batsman who held the world long jump record for 21 years and who was at one stage offered the Kingdom of Albania. Albania's loss was Sri Lanka's gain.

Wettimuny, who expressed diplomatic disappointment at the technique of England's batsmen, was the first of a series of batsmen to put England bowlers to the sword.

The cricketing public once again proved wiser than the game's rulers.

Capacity crowds on the first three days of The Oval Test watched Jayasuriya hit a double century and Aravinda de Silva a century in Sri Lanka's first innings 591.

Even the marketing men. who increasingly run sport in the closing days of the 20th century, must have taken note.

The witnesses said Tyson's

bodyguards restrained him, ac-

cording to Baliles. The body-

guards were in a car travelling

behind the others in heavy

It is up to the other drivers to decide whether to make a com-

plaint to police, and it was un-

clear if either wanted to, Baliles

said. They have up to a year to

police, officers stopped Tyson

after he and his wife drove off

about the ambulance but

showed up at a hospital emer-

gency room later complaining

of chest pains. He was treated

commission in July 1997 for

biting Holyfield's ears. His li-

cense was revoked and he was

a license in Nevada on July 9.

but bypassed the state and went

through the licensing process in

licensing decision, he abruptly

withdrew the application in

New Jersey and said he would

English FA's

ultimatum

glish players taking part in an

unauthorised European super

league will be banned from in-

ternational football, reports

Wiseman, chairman of the En-

Manchester United are among

Europe's top clubs involved in

talks with Media Partners, the

company behind the contro-

versial idea, and if the concept

becomes reality stars like

Michael Owen, David Beckham

and Tony Adams would be un-

able to line up for England. Wiseman said: "I have every

reason to believe the clubs will

reach accommodation with

UEFA and the FA over the next

ing the breakaway are talking

about playing unsanctioned

football entirely outside the ju-

risdiction of the whole football

from that they are not able to

play inside it as well."

"I think it logically follows

"But I think that those seek-

couple of weeks.

glish Football Association.

The threat came from Keith

Liverpool, Arsenal and

LONDON, Sept 2: Top En-

seek licensing in Nevada.

New Jersey. On the eve of that

Because passers-by called

Tyson changed his mind

Tyson was suspended by the

He was eligible to reapply for

do so.

after the accident.

and released.

fined \$3 million.

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 Day 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 con-firmed that he would love a season in County Cricket - with Whatmore's Sri Lankan contacts giving Lancashire the inside running.

But, as well as being a cer-tain starter in the World Cup in May and June, Lancashire have learned that Murali will also be required for a home Test series against Australia.

That is currently due to start in early September which means he would miss the last five weeks of the season as well as the first two months. So unless there is a change of

dates, with the Australian Cricket Board currently in talks with Sri Lankan officials, Lancashire will have to put their plans to sign Murali on the back burner, and to look elsewhere.

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 twoyear contracts because they have already played County Cricket with Middlesex and Warwickshire respectively.

And South African cricket boss Ali Bacher has always been wary of protecting his top players, especially his bowlers, from the demands of an English Championship season.

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 Kohlhase wants to turn back the clock and re-establish the traditional game so Samoan cricketers can emulate the success of their rugby-play-

ing peers. Samoa managed to send a cricket team to one South Pacific Games before the game lapsed into obscurity, with diehard enthusiasts able to secure a field only on Sundays when most here are at prayer or resting after feasting.

Now, the government has granted the Samoa Cricket Association nine acres inside a huge sports complex under construction.

"We're planning three cricket pitches," said Kohlhase.

It helps that Deputy Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi is a keen fan of the patience and character involved in the game and sees the undeveloped potential of Samoans in it. Presently, games for the four

cricket teams in existence are restricted to two fields and are limited-over fixtures. This is only possible because of the enthusiasm of the owners, the Marist brothers, and the Catholic Church's tolerance of sport on Sundays. When a field is free from

rugby or soccer at the national stadium, Apia Park, hire is not possible. "It's too expensive for a

fledgling game," said Kohlhase, who played league cricket in New Zealand in the 1960s.

With the new pitches extended games will be possible on weekdays, and Kohlhase is enthusiastic about the new season's prospects starting in October.

"The gear is all here," he said. "Once our fields are finished our worries are over." He is busy finalising a national team to play New

Zealand Samoans from Auckland and Australian Samoans from Sydney at the Teuila Festival next month.

"Our bowlers are really great. our fielding is superb." Kohlhase enthused. Batting skills need improving but the new pitches should help by increasing practice time, he said.



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 teams faced sanctions over their farcical final qualifying Tiger

Cup match, but the result would stand, a report here said today. The tournament semifinal matches, scheduled for today were also postponed for 24 hours.

The Nhan Dan official Communist Party newspaper said Asian Football Federation (AFF) officials and the tournament organisers would consider penalties up to 20,000 dollars against both teams which have been accused of deliberately trying to lose.

Vietnam's Austrian coach Alfred Friel has written to the AFF demanding the two sides be disqualified from the competition, Mai Van Muon secretary general of the Vietnam Football

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 semifinal against Vietnam in Hanoi. After a scoreless and lecklustre first half, a late own goal

by Indonesia's Yusuf Ekodon ensured his side was beaten 2-3. When the two coaches met with football officials late Tuesday to explain their teams actions, the organisers decided to uphold the result.

However, the semifinals were postponed for 24 hours until Thursday evening. Although organisers said it was because of Vietnam's national holiday today, sources close to the tournament said it was feared the Vietnam and Thailand 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 Laksanawisit said he would ask the Football Association of Thailand to explain what happened, reflecting widespread outrage among Thais with the performance.

"We are Thais, we should play as hard as we can ... both teams wanted to be the loser." Thai Deputy Prime Minister Bhichai Ratakul said. "It was obviously fixed, I was

shocked, it looked like both sides were playing to lose," said one foreign fan.

Matches between Thailand and Indonesia are usually hardfought tussles. Their last confrontation in Indonesia resulted in crowd violence after Thailand won.

Rluivert 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. The 22-year-old Dutch inlars last week, will make his Barcelona debut in a friendly against local side Palamos to-The former Ajax Amsterdam players said he was ready to put

a disappointing year in Italy behind him — as long as the fans did not expect a carbon ternational, signed from AC Milan for 13.8 million US dol-

copy of Brazilian Ronaldo who starred for Barcelona under

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

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Yesterday's answer

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.

had a tough time at Milan because I was accustomed to playing with three strikers and they had only two.

I was also expected to play on the wing and I really prefer to play in the centre.

"I wasn't comfortable with the atmosphere at Milan and

that was reflected on the pitch." Kluivert's last-minute arrival means he will not be eligible to play in the Champions' League stage of the European Cup but the Dutchman is looking forward to a high-profile game against Real Madrid on

September 20. In fact Kluivert might have been eligible for the Champions' League but for a communi-cations problem between the player and his Milan club.

Barcelona president Josep Lluis Nunez said on Tuesday the club had reached an agreement to sign Kluivert on a seven-year deal in the week before the deadline. But AC Milan officials neglected to tell the player about the length of the contract.

The protracted dealings over the contract at least had one benefit for Barcelona.

The three-year reduction led the transfer fee to be pegged back from 2,400 million pesetas to 2,100 million-saving Barcelona around 2 million US dollars.

ERICSSON

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 - AFP photo sec.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer Timberlane" **ACROSS** 35 Bear con-20 "No seats" 1 Olajustellation 21 Spring 3 Stick 36 Moe's figure? brother wind? 22 Competent 37 Weakness 4 Hawk 5 Pump up 5 Persisting 23 She minds 40 Evergreen 6 Door sign, her Ps 41 Barbervolume and Qs 8 Vertically shop item 25 Foreshad-42 Playing 7 Set forth enhanced 12 Cop, at tool 14 Rose's 8 Thwart cence 48 Band the ball 27 Post-diet love 29 Literary 15 Field mark 49 Indonecarrier 9 "--- ben bell town 16 Robin sian hors Adhem' 31 Mischief Cook d'oeuvre 50 Partner of 10 Rickey book maker 33 Drop the 17 Across flavor 17 Morse 51 Motley 11 "...River morse 34 Seafood 18 Poet Rod DOWN Kwai" 1 Dinner for 20 Seek director entree 36 Faction Dobbin 13 Lapse huge 19 Lewis' "- 37 Dogfight 2 Man-CRYPTOQUIP . 23 Lab partici-Solution time: 25 min. pants vessel TVLXHS'Q 24 Judicial **38** PBS raimen science 25 Quartershow QKIQ QKZ

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40 Seek SLWUZ TIXXU QKZ UKVQU? compli-Saturday's Cryptoquip: A PROUD PLUMBER BOASTS THAT HE'S OFTEN MADE A FOUNTAIN 43 Geneti-OUT OF A MOLEHILL. cists' abbr.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals L 44 Bat stat. 45 Flamenco The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it 46 Homer will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short Simpson words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.