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How old is Sir Don Bradman? Who is Newcastle's new Couch: Robson Vialli

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Steffi Graf

(German tennis superstar) "I want to do well, no guestion about that. But there is not a number on my mind or a certain amount of titles."

Boldon's eyes on 100 metres

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6 Trinidad and Tobago sprint star Ato Boldon is so determined to break Donovan Bailey's 100 metres world record he is to skip the Commonwealth Games 200 metres, reports AFP

The decision by the 24-yearold, who this season has twice come within two hundredths of Bailey's record of 9.84 seconds, sets up a mouthwatering clash with another former world 200 metres champion Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, who is also avoiding the longer sprint despite being the reigning Commonwealth champion.

"Boldon is so determined to crack the world record that he has decided to skip the 200 to concentrate on the 100," Ken Doldron, Trinidad and Tobago athletics team manager, told the Sunday mail.

"We wanted him to run in both but he wants that 100 metres record real bad," he added.

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WH: AQ108XXX

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With a long suit South bid 1 Heart and partner responded with 2NT.

South timidly bid 4 Hearts indicating that he had a minimum hand.

South's anxiety was unfounded as he had seven cards in the suit and

West led the King of Clubs which was won by South with the dummy's

Ace. When the dummy appeared the declarer realised that Seven Hearts

were lay down. A quarrel in the post-mortem developed between the

partners when South accused the partner for not bidding Seven Hearts

with 17 HCP along with 3-card Heart headed by the King. North argued

that the South should have thanked him for going to six when South

signed off at 4 Hearts. In the discussion that followed, the opponents also

joined to ascertain the extent of blame to North and South. The

conclusion was that the South was the culprit as, instead of bidding 4

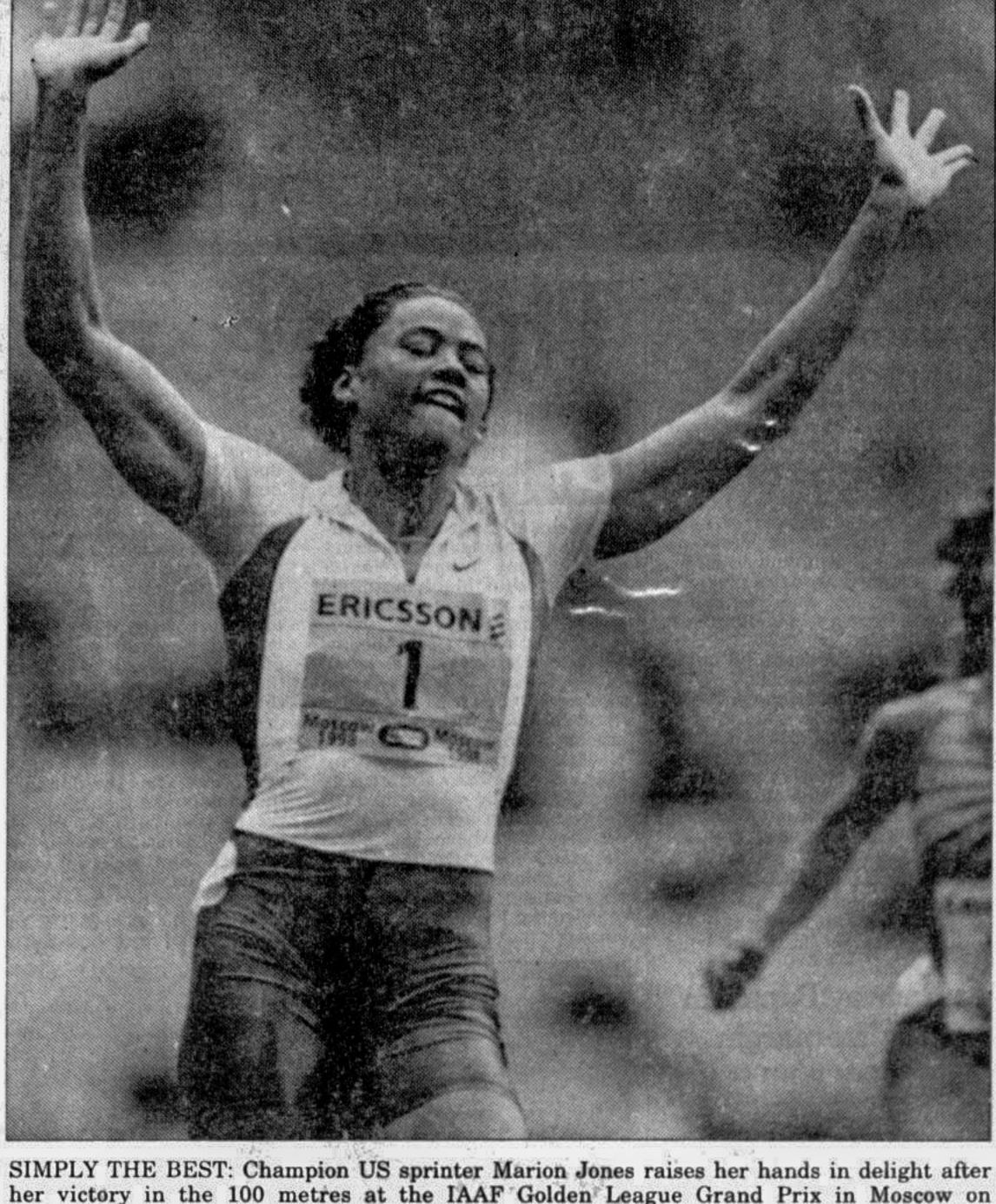
Hearts after partner's 2NT, he should have bid 3 Hearts to permit the

development of the bidding process. Moreover, South had more than

enough for 4 Hearts sign off with a singleton Club. He should have kept

North's slam interest alive by rebidding 3 Hearts.

e support in Hearts. After checking Aces North went to 6 Hearts.



her victory in the 100 metres at the IAAF Golden League Grand Prix in Moscow on September 5. Jones clocked 10.83 sec. - AFP photo

Byran fails to hit jackpot

Marion, Hicham's double delight



MOSCOW, Sept 6: World champions Marion Jones. Haile Gebrselassie and Hicham El Guerrouj shared

one million-dollar jackpot here on Saturday as they dominated their events in the Golden League Grand Prix final, reports AFP.

But distraught American 400-metre hurdler Byran Bronson saw his hopes of sharing the bonus vanish as he lost his Jones won the women's

100m, and Gebrselassie and El Guerrouj the 3,000 and 1,500m, to remain unbeaten over the seven events of the International Amateur Athletic Federation's Golden League.

Jones and El Guerrouj added a further 200,000 dollars to their bank balances by winning the IAAF crown as the best female and male athletes of the season.

Their massive winnings, and the total prize money of 4.4 million dollars on offer to competitors, must have left the Moscow crowd in total awe. With Russia in the grip of a

COLOMBO, Sept 6

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): Ballads and

poetry dedicated

to modern crick-

eters may not be

regularly written in most

countries the game is played in.

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But in Sri Lanka, where

financial crisis, only 10,000 of the 80,000 seats at the Luzhniki Stadium were sold, forcing organisers to give tickets away to school children in an attempt to boost the crowd.

> Jones, however, was not put off by the empty seats as she claimed both the 100m and the long jump.

The 22-year-old American, brushing off three false starts. took the sprint in 10.83 sec. storming almost 10m clear of her rivals before slowing up before the line to begin her celebrations, Sevatheda Fynes of the Bahamas was second and Inger Miller of the United States third.

The only sprinter who has got close to matching her times this season, France's European champion Chritine Arron, was absent after cutting short her

Neither Morocco's El Guerrouj or Ethiopian Gebrselassie were unduly bothered by their rivals either.

El Guerrouj won in 3 minutes 32.02 seconds, despite a scare in the final lap when a pack of four Kenyans cut his 25metre lead at the bell to just 10

metres in the final straight, Laban Rotich of Kenya was second in 3:33.04. Gebrselassie, meanwhile,

looking as if he was out for a stroll in the park, pulled away from the pack with a lap to go. all the time monitoring the stadium's huge electronic screen to check on his progress.

He barely looked out of breath as he finished well clear in 7:50.00 and began blowing kisses to the crowd. "There's nothing like winning," he said with a huge grin.

Bronson cut the saddest figure of the evening. The Texan, already wonder-

ing what to do with his winnings before the event, lead on the final bend by several metres but lost his form coming up to the final hurdle.

World champion Stephane Diagana of France passed him to win in 48.30 seconds.

Bronson, realising he was about to lose 250,000 dollars. gave up and trailed in sixth (48.94), with Jamaican Dinsdale Morgan second (48.60) and Zambia's former world champion Samuel Matete third

Lanka floating on air Sri Lanka's victory. "A heart attack caused by ex-

even a report of a death because of the team's recent victory over England. Last week the prose and ballads got even better as Arjuna Ranatunga and his team re-

cricket instils national pride

and newspapers are either full

of lyrical praise or condemna-

tion for most things, there was

turned home after winning by 10 wickets in the one off Test at Lords. The tributes paralleled those the team received after it won

the World Cup in 1996. "Breathes there a man,

woman or child with soul so dead, who had not been moved by the deeds of doughty men Arjuna has led," wrote the independent Island newspaper as it summed up the emotions of most Sri Lankans.

At least one man was reported to have died in the central hill town of Kandy due to a heart failure, unable to handle cessive happiness," an inquest was told, the state-owned Daily News reported.

R.G. Ranasinghe's wife told an inquiry that her husband was ecstatic over the team's victory and complained of chest pain. "For Sri Lankans beating

England means much more than beating any other cricketing nation," the Island contin-"Firstly, they were our im-

perial masters who taught us the game. And what better feeling can you get than outclassing your own master at his own In Kandy, tens of thousands

of people thronged the streets to welcome a local confectioner's son who spun a web around the English batsmen to claim 16 wickets and bring Sri Lanka

EURO 2000 qualifiers

Rude awakenings & close shaves



I'ARIS, Sept 6 Gudjon Thordarson was (AFP/ Internet): Europe's elite clearly happy with his men's nations suffered a showing. night of shocks We should have won 2-1, we had the better chances," he said and surprises Saturday when they opened their after the final whistle.

UKRAINE-3, RUSSIA-2

France's main group rivals

appear to be Ukraine after

83,000 people watched them beat Russia 3-2 in a Kiev

thriller in which former

Chelsea keeper Dmitri Kharine

encounter with former Soviet

ally were never good and Satur-

day's defeat suggested a squad in

as deep a crisis as the country's

snared the Russian team even

as they prepared to travel. Only

the arrival of an armoured car

laden with hard cash persuaded

the moscow airport authorities

to fuel their charter plane and

Ukraine, the Russians appeared

to have neglected to study the

route map to goal and only some slack Ukrainian marking

when the game was already be-

yond reach allowed the visiting

side to restore some respectabil-

Ukrainian squad built around

the Dynamo Kiev club, was co-

cooned from local economic

difficulties by a political lead-

ership keen to emulate the likes

of World Cup semifinalists

Croatia, using soccer to put

their young nation on the map

and bring it out of Russia's

tovoitenko, who also heads

Ukraine's soccer federation.

was among 82,000 passionate

fans who watched their side

take the ragged Russians apart.

Prime Minister Valery Pus-

shadow.

By contrast, he said, the

Having arrived late in

let them fly to Kiev.

The collapsing rouble en-

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was sent off.

economy.

campaigns in the qualifying groups for the 2000 European Championships.

World champions France were held to a draw in Iceland, England crashed in Sweden despite scoring the fastest goal of the evening when captain Alan Shearer found the net after just two minutes, Spain were dumbfounded by Cyprus while Croatia, who finished in third place in the World Cup, went down 2-0 in Ireland in group eight and had two players sent

FRANCE-1, ICELAND-1

The world champions. proudly sporting a gold star on their shirts to signify their July triumph over Brazil, could easily have lost to the part-timers of Iceland in Group Four had Marseille striker Christophe Dugarry not stabbed in a messy equaliser from four yards out just after Rikhardur Dadason had headed the home side clear after half-an-hour.

Dadason nodded past onrushing keeper Fabien Barthez, who completely mistimed his intended punch as he came for a long ball from the left.

Dugarry should have scored a second goal ten minutes into the second-half but sliced his effort just wide from the edge of the box.

Despite French pressure after the breather they were unable to break down the tough Icelandic defence as the hosts held out for their third draw against France in nine meet-

France's new coach Roger Lemerre, who has just taken over from Aime Jacquet, admitted bluntly, "we have dropped two points and we'll just have to pick them up elsewhere. But I'm generally satisfied although we didn't know how to break them down. We weren't over-confident - but we're a bit down

Spain taught a lesson

MADRID, Sept 6 (Reuters/ Internet): Civil servants. bankers, an unemployed electrician plus a handful of journeymen professional combined on Saturday to deal Spain a harsh lesson in soccer commitment.

Less than half of the Cyprus side that beat Javier Clemente's highly-paid team 3-2 in a Euro 2000 qualifier in Nicosia are full-time professionals.

But the hard-working Cypriots -- many of whom get up for training at 6 a.m. ahead of a day at the office -- turned in the performance of their lives as a combination of tireless graft and no little skill brought them a famous victory.

Milenko Spoljaric, the Apollon Limassol midfielder, was the outstanding player for the home side, setting up one goal and scoring the third, while Sinica Gogic, another professional with Greek side Olympiakos, also made the scoresheet.

But Cyprus were set on their way by Panayiotis Engomitis. whose delicate chip over the Spanish goalkeeper sent the crowd into raptures -- and gave his side a crucial 1-0 lead going into half-time.

Engomitis combines playing for Anorthosis Famagusta with a civil service job in the telecommunications sector and the rest of the semi-professionals on the Cyprus squad were equally effective against Spain.

Goalkeeper Panayiotou, and defensive trio Charalambos Pittas, Nicos Charalambous and Dimitris loannou all play soccer parttime at their Cypriot clubs but managed to turn in far better displays than big-name defenders such as Barcelona pair Sergi Barjuan and Miguel Angel Nadal.

The home side's display brought Cyprus -- ranked 80th in the world -- only their ninth victory in official competition and certainly their finest. An emotional Cyprus coach

Panicos Georgicu safd: "This is the happiest moment of my life and the most important in the history of football in Cyprus."

SWEDEN-2, ENGLAND-1

If England felt cheated by their World Cup defeat on penalties to Argentina they could have no complaints after self-destructing against the Swedes.

Alan Shearer gave Glenn Hoddle's men a dream start with a freekick after only 76 seconds for his 21st international goal.

But thereafter things went downhill as the Swedes, who had failed to qualify for France 98, scored twice in as many minutes to turn the Group Five match on its head.

First Andreas Andersson, Shearer's teammate at Newcastle, shot home after goalkeeper David Seaman could only parry a long-range free-kick from Stefan Schwarz.

Then in the Swedes' next attack an error by Paul Scholes allowed in Johan Mjallby and he made no mistake from close range.

England's agony was completed in the second-half when Liverpool's Paul Ince, already booked, produced a wild tackle on the hour and was given his marching orders.

England might have had a penalty in the final minute when Shearer went down but the referee waved play on.

IRELAND-2, CROATIA-0

Croatia were knocked back on their heels when the Irish hit them with a two-goal blast inside the opening 15 minutes from Denis Irwin and Roy Keane.

The Croats' frustration finally got the better of them as they finished with nine men after red cards were shown to striker Mario Stanic and defender Krunoslav Jurcic following late tackles on the Republic's Steve Staunton.

which called an abrupt end to the post match press conference. The game was being

played in Liverpool while Cardiff Arms Park is renovated for the 1999 Rugby World Cup. But Roberto Baggio said it was a great result for the Italians following the disappointment of the World Cup. Baggio admitted that even though the manager has

changed he was disappointed that he again started the game on the bench with Alessandro Del Piero partnering Vieri. "Today the manager said I was not to start and I have to accept that. Hopefully it will change in the future. But no doubt if I start, people will be calling for Del Piero to replace me," he

Although the Italians left with the points the Welsh can look back on their performance with pride. Only a smart save from Angelo Peruzzi in the 10th minute kept out a Nathan Blake header and a Ryan Giggs free-kick crashed against the bar moments before halftime. Gould took heart from his team's display. He said: "I said all along they would come off knowing they had been in a game and that is the case. "People are aware now that

we can be very dangerous. Gould refused to criticise

Coleman for the error that gifted the Italians the opening goal, when the Welsh were on top. "We are all individuals. If you gave him his moment again he would do if differently," he

Earlier in the day Gould under went a surprisingly change of heart when he asked Rob Savage to take a seat on the bench after kicking him out of the team hotel in the morning. Savage, who played the final 10 minutes in place of Mark Hughes, had angered the Welsh manager by throwing an Italian



DIFFICULT PROPOSITION: Italian superstar Alessandro del Piero (No. 10) makes an attempt on the Wales goal during their Euro 2000 qualifying encounter at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool on September 5. The Italians won 2-0.

going 2-0 up inside 25 minutes and only narrowly failing on a number of occasions to turn the evening into a total rout.

With France held in Iceland on Ukraine, who were denied a World Cup place only in a playoff against Croatia, sense that their time may have come after losing their international status — and hence some of their best players - to Russia when the Soviet Union broke up.

Byshovets, who was coach of the Soviet Union when the split came in December 1991 and led an unhappy joint CIS team to the 1992 European finals, was summoned at Kremlin insistence in July after Russian leaders woke up to the fact that their team had failed to reach the World Cup finals for the first time in 20 years.

But after his painful return to a packed Olympic Stadium, where he won four Soviet league titles as a much-capped striker for Dynamo Kiev, Byshovets could not hide how much he has

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ITALY-2, WALES-0 Dino Zoffs tenure as Italian

manager began with a 2-0 win over Wales at Anfield on but it was a far from convincing performance. They faced a physical con-

frontation as Bobby Gould's Welsh side attempted to knock the visitors out of their stylish stride with a series of passionate challenges. They struggled to settle but were handed the opener by a terrible mistake by Chris Coleman after 20 minutes when the defender rolled the ball straight into the path of Diego Fuser who scored from a tight angle. There was no good fortune

about the second though, 13 minutes from time. After a superb build-up involving Francesco Di Francesco and substitute Roberto Baggio, Lazio striker Christian Vieri took the ball in his stride and finished with a deft touch. Zoff was denied the chance

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— AFP photo shirt to the floor in a Friday night television interview.

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KIOMBNBIA E O D Z 1 CTI. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF HE'S NOT PLAYING, THE GOLFER USUALLY FEELS HE'S ONLY PUTTER-

ING ALONG. Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it You" role will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to 51 Army rank: locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

president, chief of Naval staff, Rear Admiral Md Nurul Islam distributing relief at Munshiganj on Saturday. Federation general secretary Musharraf Hossain was also present.