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- How many nations are taking part in the 16th Commonwealth Games cricket?
12 16 20
- Who is skipping Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?
Wallace Gibson Campbell
- Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?
England Canada Australia
- How many countries are taking part in the 16th Commonwealth Games?
50 60 70
- In how many disciplines, is Bangladesh participating in the 16th Commonwealth Games?
Two Seven Nine

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Action from the French First Division fixture between Auxerre and Lorient at Lorient on September 10. The match ended 1-1. —AFP photo

Ajax, De Boers patch it up

AMSTERDAM, Sept 11 (Reuters/Internet): Ronald and Frank de Boer were due to resume training on Friday in a special two-on-one session with Ajax Amsterdam coach Morten Olsen.

The reunion marked the end of the lengthy transfer dispute between the twins and the club. The row ended in compromise as the players agreed to play out the season and Ajax consented to free them when it ends.

"Frank and Ronald de Boer have declared they are willing to begin training and playing for Ajax immediately. They will continue to do so until July 1, 1999," Ajax said.

"Ajax has said it is willing to work with them on a transfer after that date."

The brothers had vowed never to play for Ajax again and have not trained with the club since July. A Dutch FA arbitration panel ruled they must honour their contracts.

Barcelona appear to be the front runners to sign them.

Friday's training may be awkward because the twins have, publicly called Olsen's methods uninspiring, although Frank has said he regretted the comments and Olsen does not appear to bear a grudge.

Until this year, the De Boers were perfect ambassadors for the club, although their about-turn and the attack on Olsen have won them few fresh admirers.

The revelation that it was they who had wanted contracts running until 2004 when they signed in March 1997 did little for their public image. Ajax had originally been seeking an extension until 2002.

Ajax have acknowledged the pair will not be playing for the club in the long term. There are no real winners in this case. It is a shame that it had to work out like this, particularly as none of this was necessary. Only the ruling of the arbitration committee, showing Ajax to be in the right, can be seen as a victory for football," said club secretary Arie van Os.

The De Boers' manager Rob Jansen suggested they are content with the deal.

"There have been no winners or losers here. But if you look at it from a purely business point of view, the De Boers did in fact force an earlier transfer with their action, although no one is happy with the way things have gone," he said.

The deal dealt a small blow for commonsense in what appeared an intractable dispute. Ajax clearly wanted some sort of compensation, but the De Boers appeared reluctant to give an inch. Only last month, they appeared on Dutch television saying they would not be able to motivate themselves to play for Ajax again.

Now they will, although the date of their return is uncertain. Olsen has already ruled the pair out of the European Champions' League opener against Croatia Zagreb.

"They haven't trained with the squad for six or seven weeks. They won't be match fit. It will take a little time to build that up again," Olsen said, adding he was happy with the deal.

The news also provided an initial filip for Ajax's shares. They rose 70 cents, or 2.45 per cent to 25.20, although they subsequently weakened.

SPORTS TALK



Mutiah Muralitharan
(Sri Lankan ace spinner)
"My goal is to improve my bowling further and also to improve my fielding, and I am sure playing in England will help in attaining both."

After signing for Lancashire.

WHIZZ KID-102 correct answers

- How old is Sir Don Bradman?
Ans. 90
- Who is Newcastle's new coach?
Ans. Gullit
- Who is the defending Wimbledon champion?
Ans. Sampras
- Who won the Club Cup hockey title?
Ans. Usha
- Who lifted Emirates tri-series?
Ans. Sri Lanka.

Thailand, Indonesia banned

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11: The Asian Football Confederation today suspended Thailand and Indonesia from international football over a match that both played to lose and called for a special force to tackle resurgent corruption, reports AFP.

The AFC executive committee ordered a special inquiry into this month's Tiger Cup match in Vietnam which Thailand won 3-2 after a deliberate own goal by Indonesia in the last minute.

"The AFC was deeply shocked by such a farcical match," said the Asian governing body's general secretary Peter Velappan.

"It was deliberately fixed to bring serious disrepute to Asian football, both teams are suspended from international matches until further notice."

The special inquiry has been ordered to produce a report by October. The executive committee will meet at the end of October to decide further action against the two countries.

Velappan did not rule out the possibility that both countries could be suspended from the qualifying tournament for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Iraq was suspended for two years in the 1980s for using over-age players.

Velappan is also on the warpath again over match fixing in Asian soccer.

But he admitted: "We do not have the skills or the ability to combat this menace, we need to create a type of Asian Interpol to end it."

The AFC executive asked Singapore to host a meeting of countries battling the problem. Velappan said Vietnam, Thailand, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei and Philippines were present.

"We must all work together through associations and the police to rid us of this scourge," said Velappan.

The authorities in several South East Asian countries, including Malaysia and Singapore, have tried to stamp out bribery by gambling syndicates seeking to fix matches but there has been an alarming resurgence in recent months.

Hong Kong international Chan Tez-Kong was sentenced to a year in prison in July after admitting conspiracy to taking 26,000 US dollars from a bookmaker to fix a World Cup qualifying match against Thailand.

Velappan also spoke out today on behalf of South Korean football great Cha Bum-Kun.

Earlier this week South Korea's former national coach

Matthaeus in Ribbeck's confidence

FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept 11: Another comeback for Lothar Matthaeus, the 37-year-old Bayern Munich veteran will be in Germany's roster for the upcoming European championship qualification games against Turkey and Moldova, the German soccer federation (DFB) said Friday, reports AP.

New German national team chief Erich Ribbeck called Matthaeus Thursday afternoon and discussed his comeback. Matthaeus immediately accepted, the DFB said in a statement.

Matthaeus, who has played a record 129 games for Germany, retired after Germany's ouster in the quarterfinals of the World Cup — with a little persuasion from then coach Bert Vogts.

Vogts was planning to rejuvenate the team and said he was not counting anymore on Matthaeus and other veterans.

But Vogts resigned Monday and Ribbeck, on his first day on the job Thursday, said he would call up all of Germany's best players, regardless of their age.

Matthaeus was dropped by Vogts before the 1996 European Championships in England. But Vogts recalled Matthaeus before this summer's World Cup when injuries took out several players. Matthaeus began on the bench but soon advanced to a starter at the World Cup.

Germany, the defending European champion, begins their qualifying campaign for Euro 2000 on Oct. 10 in Turkey and Oct. 14 in Moldova.

European soccer preview Barca may unleash Kluivert

PARIS, Sept 11: Barcelona's authoritarian Dutch coach Louis van Gaal is set to give his former Ajax protégé and World Cup star Patrick Kluivert his debut for the Spanish champions this weekend against Extremadura to boost an attack that hardly impressed in their opening scoreless draw, reports AFP.

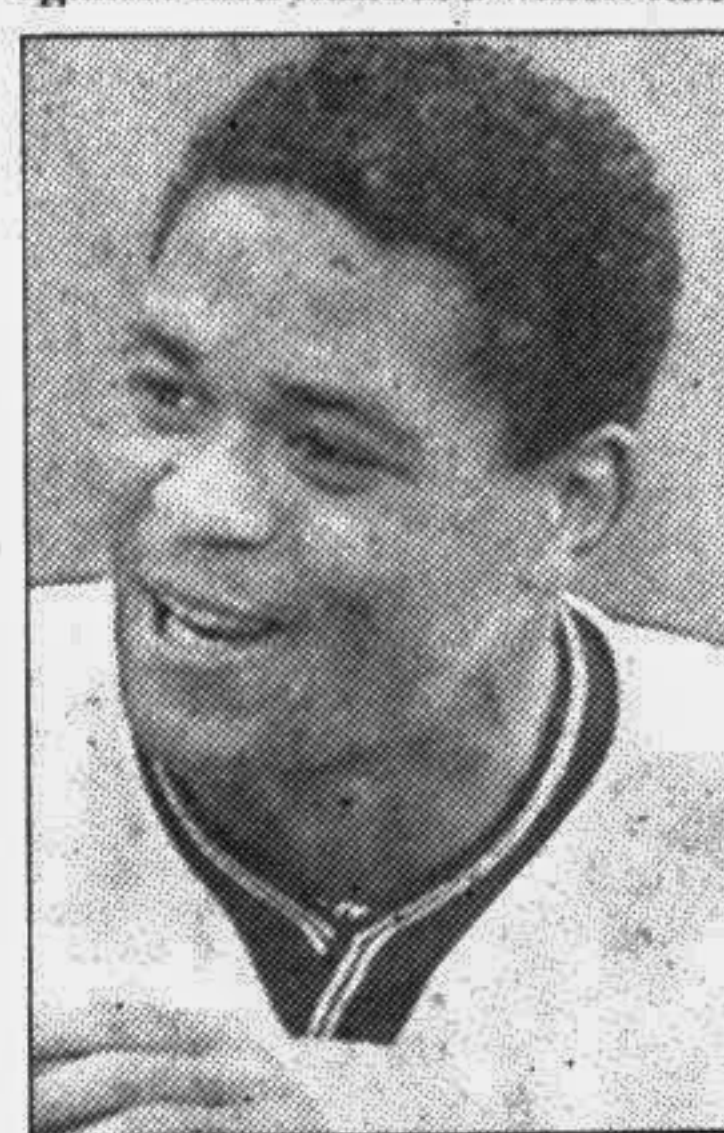
The Catalan's bitter rivals Real Madrid, who travel to Real Valladolid, sit on top of the table following their 4-1 thrashing of promoted Villarreal in their first match a fortnight ago.

The European Cup champions, who lost their title to Barcelona last season, have been in real goal scoring form with their 4-0 beating of Uruguayan side Penarol in a friendly this week.

Van Gaal has been reported as changing his tactical plans to give more freedom to his talented Brazilian Rivaldo, which allied to the vastly talented Kluivert should see the goals flow.

Kluivert, who signed for 14 million dollars after turning down a move to English double winners Arsenal earlier in the summer, did not play in their disappointing opening match at Racing Santander but now has a real chance to reignite his club career after a less than successful spell at Serie A side AC Milan.

The 22-year-old, who scored twice in the World Cup after serving a two match suspension for flooring Belgium's Lorenzo Staelens in the opening group match, could be one of six Dutchmen to take the field against Extremadura which has



PATRICK KLUIVERT earned the team the nickname Barcajax.

make the trip to Real Mallorca. Eight of the 10 league matches are on Saturday to allow nine teams to prepare for European competition next week.

The Bundesliga's top of the bill match sees Hertha Berlin travel to champions Kaiserslautern on Saturday. Otto Rehhagel's Kaiserslautern will be wanting to forget their 4-0 setback at Stuttgart on Tuesday evening.

Bayern Munich, the only club with a 100 per cent record, is on top of the table, two points ahead of Hamburg who travel to sixth-placed and promoted club Freiburg.

Ambitious South Coast club Montpellier will be testing themselves against leaders Bordeaux who have won all four matches of the season in the French league so far.

And second-placed Marseille will be hoping Bordeaux slip up and they succeed against Rennes at the Stade Velodrome also today.

The matches, which begin with two Thursday clashes, Lorient v Auxerre and Monaco v Lens, will be a final test for the seven French teams competing in European competition next week.

At the bottom end of the table, bottom club Sochaux welcome unbeaten Lyon, and 12th placed Nancy entertain Paris Saint Germain.

Trezeguet stars for Monaco

PARIS, Sept 11: France's World Cup striker David Trezeguet scored twice in nine minutes to give Monaco a 2-0 home win over 10-man RC Lens in the French First Division on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Champions Lens, who make their European Cup debut against Arsenal on Wednesday, had striker Pascal Nouma sent off in the 22nd minute for a late tackle on Monaco's Mohamed Konko.

The win meant Monaco climbed to second, one point behind leaders Girondins Bordeaux who were due to play host to Montpellier today.

Trezeguet scored his first goal of the season in the 64th minute, rising above the Lens defence to head home a cross from the right by substitute midfielder Ludovic Giuly.

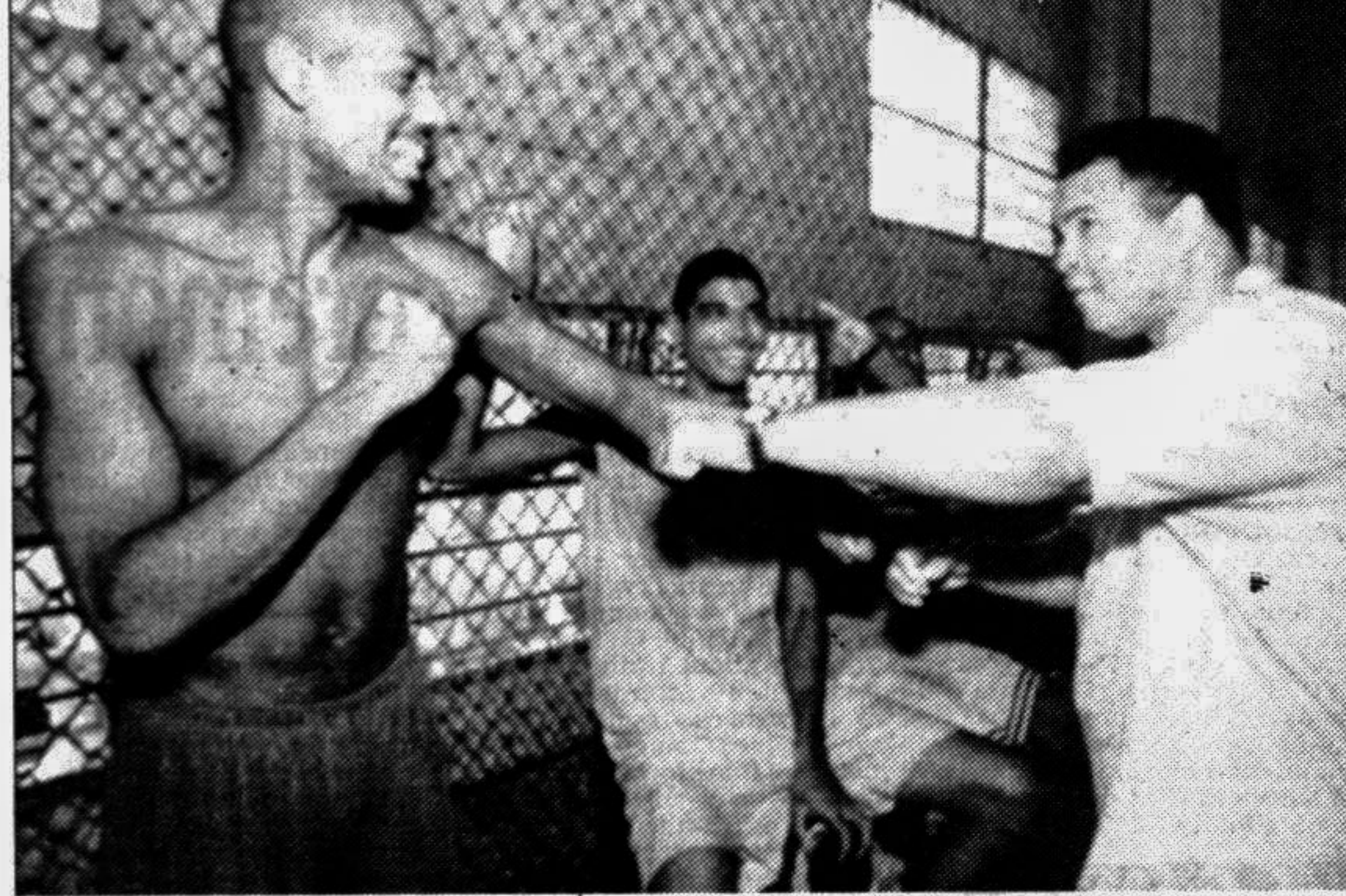
His second goal nine minutes later was a carbon copy of the first, Giuly again providing the cross from the right for Trezeguet to head home as the Lens defence once again showed a weakness in the air.

In Thursday's other match AJ Auxerre drew 1-1 at Lorient. It was an expensive outing for Lens five days before their Champions' League Group E match against English champions Arsenal at their Felix Bollaert World Cup stadium.

Winger Tony Vairelles was substituted early in the second half so as not to aggravate a knock on the knee and defender Yoan Lachor also came off injured.

Leans goalkeeper Guillaume Warmuz, who could not be faulted with the goals, made good saves in the final quarter of an hour from substitute striker Robert Spehar, Giuly and Trezeguet.

The champions could have gone in front in the 58th minute but midfielder Mickael Debeve, completely unmarked on the right, shot weakly from Lachor's cross from the left.



LEARN IT FROM THE MAESTRO: Boxing great Muhammad Ali playfully throwing punches with Cuban basketball player Giordano Legue at Havana on September 10. Ali is here on a humanitarian mission. —AP/UNB photo

Sydney 2000 soccer Asian qualifiers' draw held

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (AFP): Draw for the Asian qualifying rounds for the Sydney 2000 Olympics made here today.

Group 1: UAE, Qatar, Yemen, Syria.

Group 2: Kuwait, Oman, Jordan.

Group 3: Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain.

Group 4: Iran, Lebanon, Bahrain.

Group 5: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Group 6: Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, North Korea.

Group 7: China, Vietnam, Myanmar, North Korea.

Group 8: South Korea, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan.

Group 9: Thailand, Singapore, India, Laos, Brunei.

The group winners go into the final round, they will be divided into three groups with the three winners qualifying for Sydney.

The preliminary round qualifying matches to be played between Feb 1, 1999-30th June 1999.

Asia final round qualifying matches, between Sept 1 1999-30th Nov 1999.

Ljungberg Arsenal bound

LONDON, Sept 11: Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger is set to hire Swedish striker Fredrik Ljungberg in a 3 million pound (4.95 million dollars) transfer from Halmstad, reports AP.

Ljungberg, part of the Sweden team which beat England 2-1 in the Euro 2000 qualifier at Stockholm last Saturday, was expected to undergo a medical at Highbury on Friday before the deal was complete.

Arsenal, defending FA Cup and Premier League double champions, has recruited the 21-year-old striker to replace England international Ian Wright.

Wright, who had seven seasons at Arsenal, was sold to West Ham in the off-season as the Gunners attempted to lure Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert from AC Milan.

Another Dutch star, Dennis Bergkamp, and French international Nicolas Anelka have assumed the attacking responsibilities in Wright's absence but Arsenal has tied three of their first four games and Wenger has been looking for extra strike force.

Vinzenzo Morabito, Ljungberg's agent, said the deal was a "100 per cent certainty."

Ljungberg, rated by Swedish coach Tommy Soderberg as "the fastest runner with the ball in Europe," has scored one goal in five internationals for Sweden.

An Arsenal spokeswoman confirmed negotiations were in progress but would not comment on the deal.

Ljungberg will not be eligible for Arsenal for the first six matches of its European Champions campaign after missing last month's UEFA transfer deadline for the tournament.

US OPEN NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK, Sept 11 (AP): Max Mirnyi can thank his father for a pair of Grand Slam mixed-doubles titles.

The senior Mirnyi was matchmaker for his son and Serena Williams. Together, they won the US Open on Thursday, beating 1996 champions Lisa Raymond and Patrick Galbraith 6-2, 6-2.

Williams and Mirnyi also won the Wimbledon title together.

If it wasn't for dad, however, Mirnyi would still be searching for a title.

"I'm too shy a guy to come up and speak to Serena," Max said. "He did that part for me at Wimbledon. Before the deadline sign-in, he came up to Serena and asked if she wants to play. I was definitely ready for that so it was a matter of her saying yes."

The victory completed a sister slam for the Williams family. Older sister Venus Williams and Justin Gimelstob won the Australian and French Opens' mixed-doubles crowns, beating Serena and Luis Lobo in Paris.

"It was very exciting for the Williams family," Serena said. "Even though she beat me in the finals of the French, that's OK."

SWEETEN THE OTHER WAY
Natasha Zvereva and Lindsay Davenport are on the verge of a unique Grand Slam they don't want to have — losing in the doubles finals at all four of the major tournaments.

Zvereva and Davenport made the final of the US Open, beating Virginia Ruano-Pascal and Paola Suarez on Thursday.

In Poland's championship match, they meet Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna, who beat them at the French Open and Wimbledon finals.

Hingis is seeking her own

double slam. She won the Australian Open doubles with Mirjana Lucic over Zvereva and Davenport.

PRACTICE PARTNERS
Justin Gimelstob will get some experienced help in preparation for his Davis Cup debut. He will go to Jim Courier's house in Orlando, Fla, and practice with him before heading to Milwaukee for the semi-final against Italy.

"We've been friends ever since we've been on the tour," Gimelstob said. "This will be pretty intense one-on-one practice. We'll practice for about a week, a week and a half before we go to Milwaukee."

Gimelstob, Courier, Todd Martin and Jan-Michael Gambill were named to the Davis Cup team by Tom Gullikson. It will be the first Davis Cup for Gambill as well, with two rookies pressed into service when Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Michael Chang begged off.

"In terms of Jan-Michael and I, obviously we wouldn't be the picks if the other guys were available — Sampras, Agassi and Chang," Gimelstob said. "But they think — hopefully — we've shown talent and we have the ability to lead the next group of kids. I think we deserve the chance."

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

SHEILA MAKES AN IMPOSSIBLE SLAM
(Hand # 90)

North	South	East
♠ K J 9	♠ S A Q 8 5	♠ H Q J 10 9 8 6 5
♥ 2	♥ Q 10 9 7 6 3	♥ D 8 5
♦ D J 10 9 7 6 3	♦ C A Q 4	♦ C None
♣ A Q 4		

West (Sheila)
2 Clubs*
3 Clubs
4 No Trumps
6 Clubs

West (Mushfiq)
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

North (Sayeed)
2 Diamonds
4 Clubs
5 Diamonds
Pass

East (Tora)
2 Hearts
4 Spades
Pass
Pass

BIDDING (East-West were vulnerable)

* Strong Club

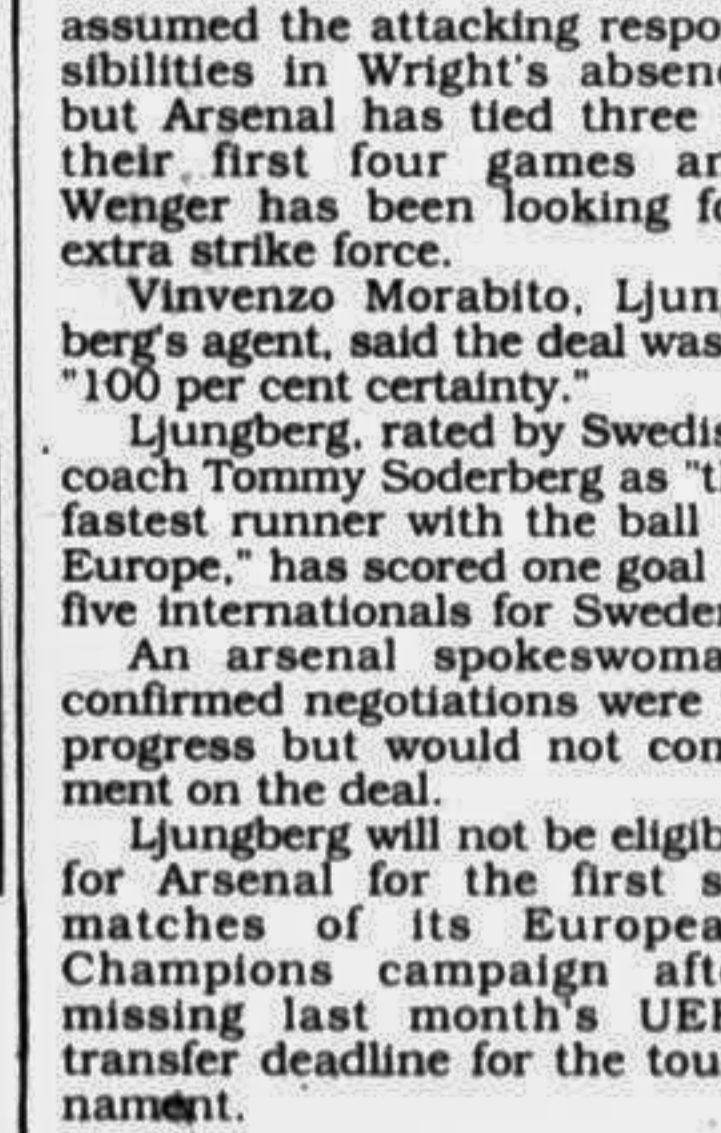
When partner supported in Clubs after bidding Diamond, South checked for Aces. When partner bid 5 Diamonds showing one Ace, South should have passed. Both five Clubs and Diamonds were good contracts. However, South, who recently got into bridge play felt thrilled to bid slam. It was a husband-wife partnership and Sheila wanted to be the declarer, as usual!

THE PLAY

West opened a Club to cut down dummy's ruffing power. Sheila won the trick with the Ace and took an immediate Diamond finesse. West took the trick with the King. On winning the trick West was not quite sure what to play. He could lead another Club but there was a long Diamond suit in the dummy. He did not know whether the setting trick was in Hearts or Spades. After some hesitation, he played the King of Hearts because the declarer went to six after the East's second suit of Spades. The declarer won with the Ace, and instead of ruffing the Heart she played the Ace of Diamond hoping to bring down the Queen. She struck gold as the long Diamond suit was now established in the dummy. She therefore cleared the trumps and discarded both the Spade and Heart losers on the dummy's good Diamonds. The declarer was right to play the Ace of Diamonds because, if another Diamond finesse failed, the defence was sure to cash their Spade winner. When asked by partner what induced her to play the Ace of Diamond which enabled her to make an impossible contract Sheila replied that West must have the Queen of Diamonds, because holding both KQ he always took the trick with the King in the past. May be Mushfiq should have changed his tactics!!

WHIZZ KID-102 Boost winner Md Saquib Khan

(Please bring your ID card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on Sept 16.)



Mashrur Wahid Boost WHIZZ KID-100 winner

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Easter
- entrepreneur
- Handle
- Lady Macbeth's woe
- remedy
- Play with plastic
- Coal
- Poker holding
- Embarassed
- Mule
- Civil War fort
- Backing
- Hot tub
- Reacted to onion
- Frogs and loads, e.g.
- Acapulco gold
- Century number
- Angeles
- Ishmael, in "Moby-Dick"
- ex machina
- Cowboy

DOWN

- 200 at the Indy 500
- Jai —
- Drudgery
- Deprived
- Face painting?
- Reverential fear
- Takes a mate
- Shrimp recipe
- Easily
- Tom Joad
- Horse's type
- Sartorial woe
- Flop
- Just
- 21 Lead to seats, jocularly
- Took the prize
- History chapter
- Part of Iberia
- Jane Smiley novel
- Cement named for a British isle
- Debtor's letters
- Pompous fool
- Ebb
- Downsize
- Energetic worker
- 41 That's a laugh!
- 42 Long lunches
- 43 Neighborhood
- 44 Hourglass stuff
- 46 Remote control's ancestor?
- 47 "Judith" composer
- 48 Exploits
- 51 Bud's partner

Solution time: 23 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

A E D W S Z A D T C M Z , G W X

R T D Y T G G X D H G W S X A
N T Z Z C S G Y T F H G W D E N Q
S Q G E T M D H R X F F

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: I'M TOLD THAT THE TEMPERAMENTAL POSTMASTER OFTEN STAMPED HIS FEET.

Today's Cryptiquip clue: A equals F

The Cryptiquip 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.