

**Sport**

**Tyson sued again**

LOS ANGELES, Nov 5 (AP/Internet): John Horne, Mike Tyson's former co-manager, filed a lawsuit against the boxer on Tuesday, claiming breach of contract and seeking damages in excess of \$14 million.

Horne had filed a suit against Tyson's new adviser, Shelley Finkel, in state District Court in Las Vegas last month, seeking a 10-per cent share in any money Tyson makes from his next five fights.

Tyson, who had his Nevada boxing license reinstated Oct. 19 -- a day before Horne filed his suit against Finkel -- will reportedly return to the ring Jan. 16 against Francois Botha of South Africa at the MGM Grand. The bout would be promoted by America Presents.

In the lawsuit filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, Horne claimed Tyson breached a contract that the two entered into with Showtime Networks Inc. along with co-manager Rory Holloway and promoter Don King on March 17, 1995.

Horne, now a movie producer in Beverly Hills, Calif., also claimed that Tyson has failed to repay personal loans of over \$50,000.

The lawsuit claims that Horne, Holloway and King -- known as Team Tyson -- signed a contract with Showtime on March 17, 1995 that called for the group to handle Tyson's first 10 fights after Tyson was freed from an Indiana prison on rape charges, and that Horne would be paid 10 percent of Tyson's earnings.

**India may bid for 2006 Games**

CALCUTTA, Nov 5: The Indian Olympic Association is considering bidding for the 2006 Asian Games, IOA president, Suresh Kalmadi, said here today, reports PTI.

"We are thinking of bidding for the 2006 Asian Games, I think it is high time we seriously bid for the Games which we last hosted 12...16 years back," Kalmadi said while addressing a meet the press programme at the Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club.

**Philippines to send 276 athletes**

MANILA, Nov 5: Philippine sports officials announced Thursday that at least 276 Filipino athletes will compete in next month's Asian Games in Bangkok, comprising one of the country's biggest contingents to the sporting event in recent years, reports AP.

Philippine Sports Commission chairman Carlos Tucson said 58 officials, funded by the government, and a similar number of privately funded heads of national sports associations will accompany the athletes.

Officials are optimistic the large delegation will improve on the performance of the 147-member Philippine team at the Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan, in 1994, said Pocholo Veuillas, head of the Philippine delegation.

The Philippines' shooting team has the largest number of participants with 27 members, followed by the men and women's basketball squads with a total of 24 players.

There are about seven athletes for boxing, the Philippines' most popular sport after basketball. In the Hiroshima games, the Philippines' three gold medals all came from boxing.

The Philippines has had difficulty assembling a large, well-trained contingent for the Asian Games as a result of the Asian crisis.

But the country, long a hotbed for basketball in Asia, hopes to challenge the region's current lords of that sport by sending its best prepared, all professional team to the Bangkok games.

As part of its preparation, the 13-man Philippine team is in the United States for a 22-day training against American collegiate teams to simulate tough competition expected from defending champion China and perennial challenger South Korea.

**Wu not so hopeful**

BEIJING, Nov 5: China's Wu Yanyan, world record-holder for the women's 200-metre medley, warned today she did not expect to do well in next month's Asian Games, reports AFP.

The 20-year-old, who resumed training in July after a six-month physical and mental rehabilitation, said it would be impossible for her to fully recover her best levels before the Bangkok Games, which open on December 6.

"It is tremendously difficult to regain my best levels for the Asian Games but I will try to reach a certain point," she told Xinhua news agency from her training camp in the southwestern city of Kunming.

Wu's coach Wu Jicai echoed concerns for her fitness and said her current training was unsatisfactory.

"She has been undergoing training for two weeks, which so far is not so good. She easily gets tired and doesn't breathe properly sometimes," he said.

Wu set a world record of 2:09.72 in the 200 metre medley in the October 1997 China national games.

In the World Championships in Perth in January, Wu won the 200-metre medley with a meet record of 2:10.88.

**Kiev carve a memorable win**

LONDON, Nov 5: (Reuters/Internet): Dynamo Kiev crushed injury-hit English champions Arsenal 3-1 to throw Group E of the European Champions' League wide open on Wednesday -- and delight millions of soccer-mad Ukrainians with their country's first-ever win over an English team.

Kiev, who came desperately close to beating Arsenal in a 1-1 draw in London two weeks ago but who went into Wednesday's game without a win from their opening three matches, led 3-0 after 72 minutes thanks to goals from Serhij Rebrov, Oleksandr Golovko and Andriy Shevchenko.

Stephen Hughes scored for Arsenal seven minutes from time but it was too little to save the Gunners, playing without Dennis Bergkamp, Tony Adams, Nicholas Anelka and Marc Overmars, from plunging from first to last place in the group.

Meanwhile, Panathinaikos, whose victory was marred by the last-minute sending off of Vladen Milojevic, defeated RC Lens 1-0 in Athens to go top of the group by a point. The Greeks have six points, with Kiev, Lens and Arsenal all on five.

Arsenal's English rivals Manchester United scored the biggest win of the night, crushing Brondby of Denmark 5-0 at Old Trafford after racing into a 3-0 lead with goals from David Beckham, Andy Cole and Phil Neville in the first 16 minutes.

United, who beat Brondby 6-2 two weeks ago, top Group D with eight points, but what would have been a perfect night for them was marginally spoiled by Bayern Munich, who scored a late goal to force a 2-1 win at Barcelona after trailing to a first-half Giovanni penalty.

Alexander Zickler (48) and Hasan Saitahmidzic (86) gave Bayern the victory that lifted them to seven points in the section, with Barcelona on four points and Brondby on three at the bottom.

The group winner is likely to be decided when Manchester United host Bayern on December 9.

With two rounds of matches still to play after Wednesday's games, no team has yet qualified for the quarter-finals, but Kaiserslautern look set to do so from Group F after coming from behind to defeat PSV Eindhoven 3-1.

The Dutch team went ahead

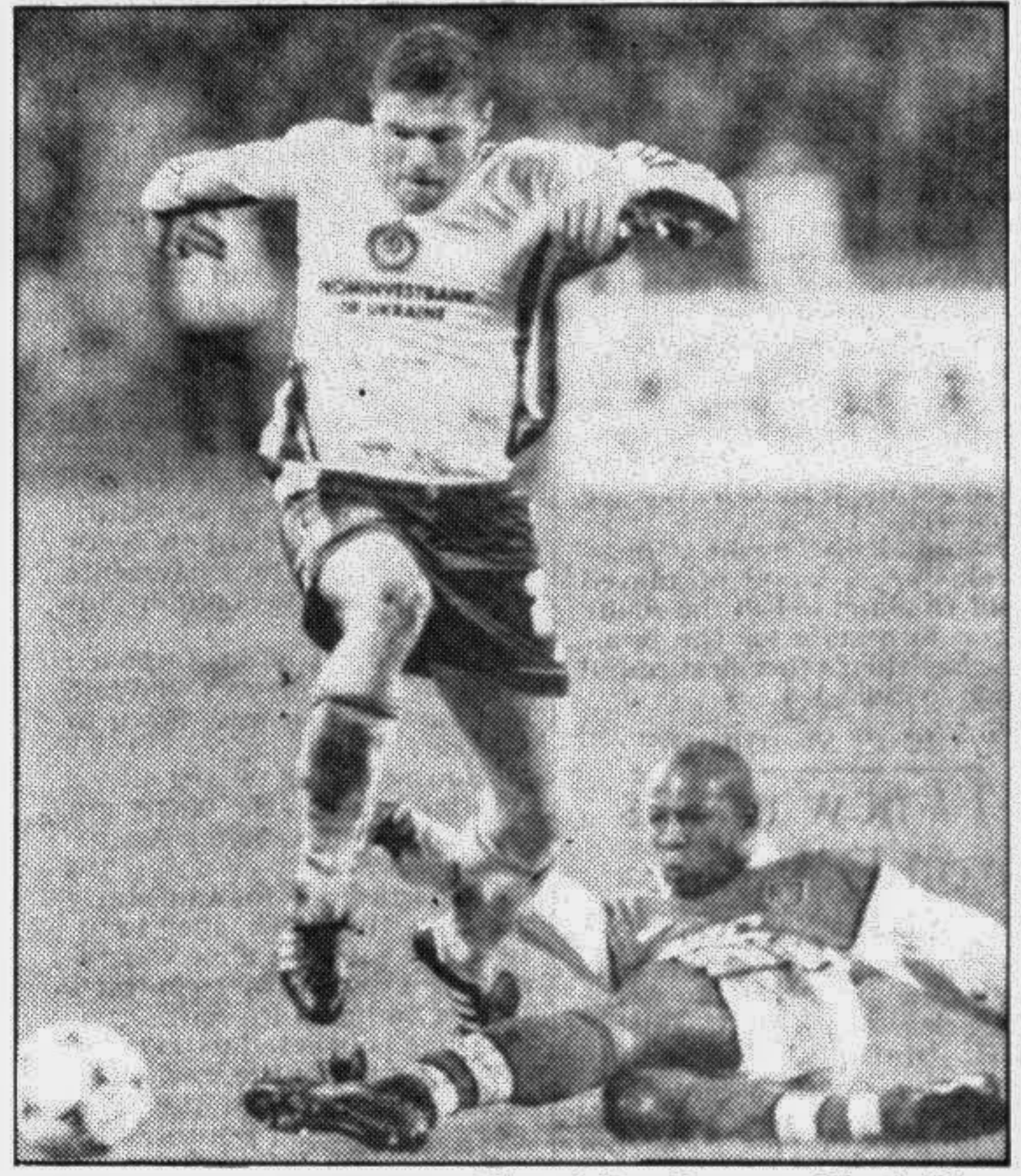
after 18 minutes through Ruud van Nistelrooij, but their cause was hampered when goalkeeper Patrick Lodewijks was sent off for a foul on Uwe Rossler eight minutes later.

Kaiserslautern, playing in the German second division 15 months ago, had to wait until the 68th minute to equalise through substitute Juergen Rische, before completing their, Dutch double with late goals from Marco Reich (77) and Marian Hristov (90).

Olympiakos Piraeus at the top of Group A after beating the Greeks 2-0 at home, while Turkish champions Galatasaray went to the top of Group B after thumping Rosenborg Trondheim 3-0 in Istanbul.

But the nightmare continues for Juventus who drew their fourth successive match in that section, 1-1 at home against Athletic Bilbao leaving those two clubs without a win.

Juventus now look unlikely to qualify for the last eight



Arsenal's Luis Boa Morte (R) tackling Dynamo Kiev's Oleg Luzhnyi during their Champions' League encounter at Kiev on November 4. The locals won 3-1. — AFP photo

Kaiserslautern have 10 points, five clear of the never-say-die Finns from HJK Helsinki who drew 2-2 at once-nightly Benfica.

HJK, the first Finnish team to play in the Champions' League, went ahead through a Scott Minto own goal after five minutes and although they were hit by two Benfica goals in two minutes in the closing stages, they stormed back with an unlikely equaliser five minutes from time.

Ajax Amsterdam overtook while last-placed Bilbao had defender Jose Maria Lacruz sent off five minutes from time.

The only other club without a win are Sturm Graz, whose Group C match against champions Real Madrid was postponed until Thursday because of a waterlogged pitch.

But neither Spartak Moscow or Inter Milan took full advantage of Real's inactivity when they drew 1-1 in Moscow, with Inter equalising a minute from time to go top of the very tight group -- for 24 hours at least.

**Palmeiras reach Mercosur semis**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): Three players, including Brazil's World Cup defender Junior Baiano, were sent off as Palmeiras drew away to Argentina's Boca Juniors to reach the Copa Mercosur semifinals on Wednesday night.

The Brazilians held out for a 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires to qualify 4-2 on aggregate and join Paraguay's Olimpia, who knocked out Velez Sarsfield in a match which saw another red card, in the last four.

Boca demonstrated the apathy, which has greeted South America's new tournament when they filled their team with reserves, resting their top players for the Argentine championship, which they lead.

But the old Brazil-Argentina rivalry still boiled over in the second half.

Boca goalscorer Martin Palermo and Palmeiras defender Agnaldo were sent off for fighting late in the match.

Junior Baiano, who regularly has to endure chants of "he sank the national team" when playing in his own country, was dismissed for a second bookable offence.

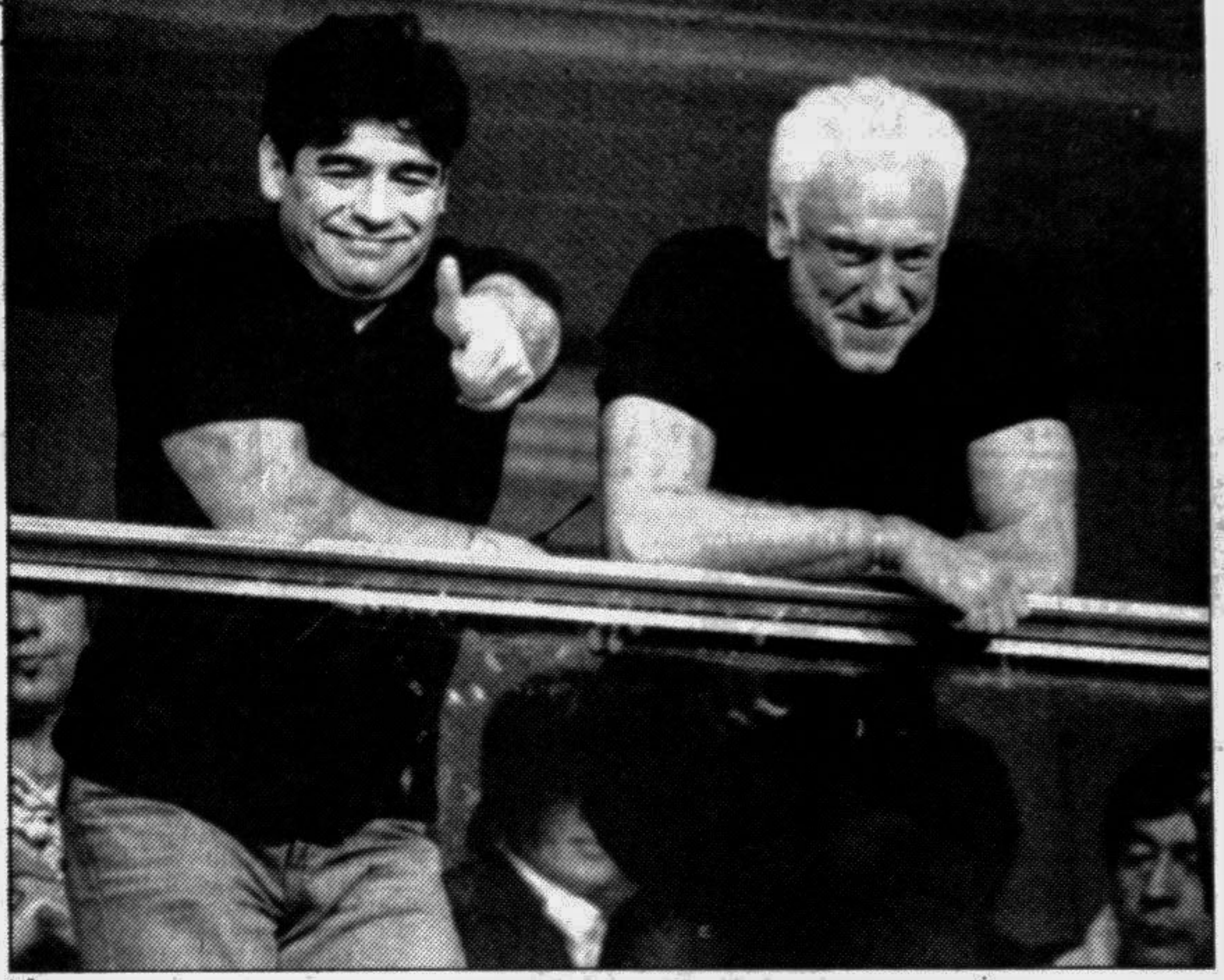
Palmermo, a Boca regular who came on at halftime, fired his team in front in the 58th minute but 13 minutes later midfielder Alex equalised for the Brazilians.

Two first-half goals from striker Roque Sanchez sank Argentina's Velez Sarsfield in Asuncion.

Patricio Camps pulled a goal back in the second half but Olimpia's 2-1 win gave them a 6-4 aggregate victory and completed a bad night for Argentine clubs.

Velez defender Victor Sotomayor was sent off in the first half for a wild tackle on Carlos Patato.

The Copa Mercosur is a made-for-television tournament featuring the biggest clubs in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile, who take part by invitation.



FULL OF SPIRIT STILL: Argentine football legend Diego Maradona (L) gives a thumbs-up while watching the Mercosur Cup quarterfinal between his former club Boca Juniors and Brazil's Palmeiras at Buenos Aires on November 4. Maradona's agent Guillermo Coppola is beside him. — AFP photo

**Army athletics end**

The annual athletics championship of the Bangladesh Army concluded at the Army Stadium at Banani yesterday with the improvement of one national record, says an ISPR press release.

Lance Naik Shah Alam of the Chittagong Area team improved the mark in 20 KM walk on Tuesday.

The Savar Area clinched the team title of the five-day meet with four gold, five silver and one bronze while the Chittagong Area team became runners-up with four gold, two silver and one bronze medals respectively.

**Ctg soccer**

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: Abahani Krira Chakra maintained their winning spree in the CJKP First Division football league by beating Port Association Club 2-0 at MA Aziz Stadium here today, reports BSS.

It was Abahani's fifth successive victory in the league.

Defender Chenamong drew first blood in the 15th minute from a free kick.

Striker Bakteyar doubled it with a penalty.

Earlier on Wednesday, Customs Sports Club beat Friends Club 2-0.

Customs led the first half 1-0. They took the lead in the 38th minute through striker Ritu.

Customs increased their margin in the 75th minute thanks to Ritu.

**Arantxa eliminated**

LEIPZIG, Germany, Nov 5: Top seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain was eliminated 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 by world number 74 Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France in the 450,000 Leipzig Grand Prix second round on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Sidot now plays Steffi Graf in Friday's quarterfinals. "Whoever can beat Sanchez must be dangerous," said Graf, who defeated Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-4, 6-3.

**ATP Championship Rios unhappy with surface**

PARIS, Nov 5: Chile's Marcelo Rios has complained that the season-ending ATP Championship are unfair, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old South American, who is hoping to replace Pete Sampras on top of the world rankings by the end of the year, has already booked his place in the elite eight-player championship due to be played in Hanover later this month.

But he claims that the event, which is due to move to different venues in future, remains tailored for the big serve-and-volley players.

"They should change the surface," said Rios shortly after reaching the last-sixteen at this week's Paris Indoor Open.

"It's not fair to clay court players like me. I play pretty good indoors but it's still not fair.

"They make the court especially for Sampras and Becker... it's one of the reasons every year Sampras wins -- because the court is so fast.

"I think it should be fair -- make it once a year on clay or outdoors. Maybe they should play it in South America, it's summer there."

Sampras, Rios, Patrick Rafter of Australia, Andre Agassi of the United States, and Spaniards Carlos Moya and Alex Corretja are already sure to play at this year's championship.

**Pan American Games football Facilities concern FIFA**

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Nov 5: FIFA concerns have 1999 Pan American Games organisers scrambling to save their soccer tournament in next summer's multi-sport extravaganza, reports Reuters.

Soccer's international governing body is withholding accreditation of the tournament because of a lack of fields and a reliance on temporary seating -- concerns that arose following a FIFA inspection of Winnipeg's facilities last month.

Pan Am organisers had planned to hold the tournament using only one playing field each for men's and women's matches. FIFA has insisted that two pitches be groomed for each event.

"The FIFA rep felt that one field wouldn't stand up to the wear and tear of all the soccer matches. While we don't necessarily agreed with them, we've

met here in early October. South American soccer heavyweights Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay expressed displeasure with the size of the venue, lack of an indoor warm-up area and on-field media positions.

MacKenzie has promised to make improvements.

"When FIFA makes a directive like this, the member countries that would take part in the Pan Am tournament would think twice about jeopardising their relationship with FIFA by coming to the games," noted Nocita.

Meanwhile, the Pan Am Games society expects that negotiations with ESPN, Fox television and the United States Olympic Committee to secure broadcast of the games in the United States will not be completed until the end of the year.

Deals with Canadian, Caribbean, and south and central American broadcasters are already in place.

**Sampras stays ahead of all**

PARIS, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): There were no changes in the race to finish the year as world number one on Wednesday as Pete Sampras, Marcelo Rios and Pat Rafter all won their second round matches at the Paris Open.

A weary Sampras was perhaps the least convincing of the three contenders in his 7-6, 6-1 victory over Thomas Johansson of Sweden.

As the American's recovery as Johansson was serving for the opening set and the way he outclassed his opponent in the second showed Sampras remained favourite to remain in first place for a record sixth time.

Rios, 6-0, 6-4 winner against Australian Todd Woodbridge, and Rafter, who dismissed injured Frenchman Nicolas Escude 6-3 6-1, had much easier outings.

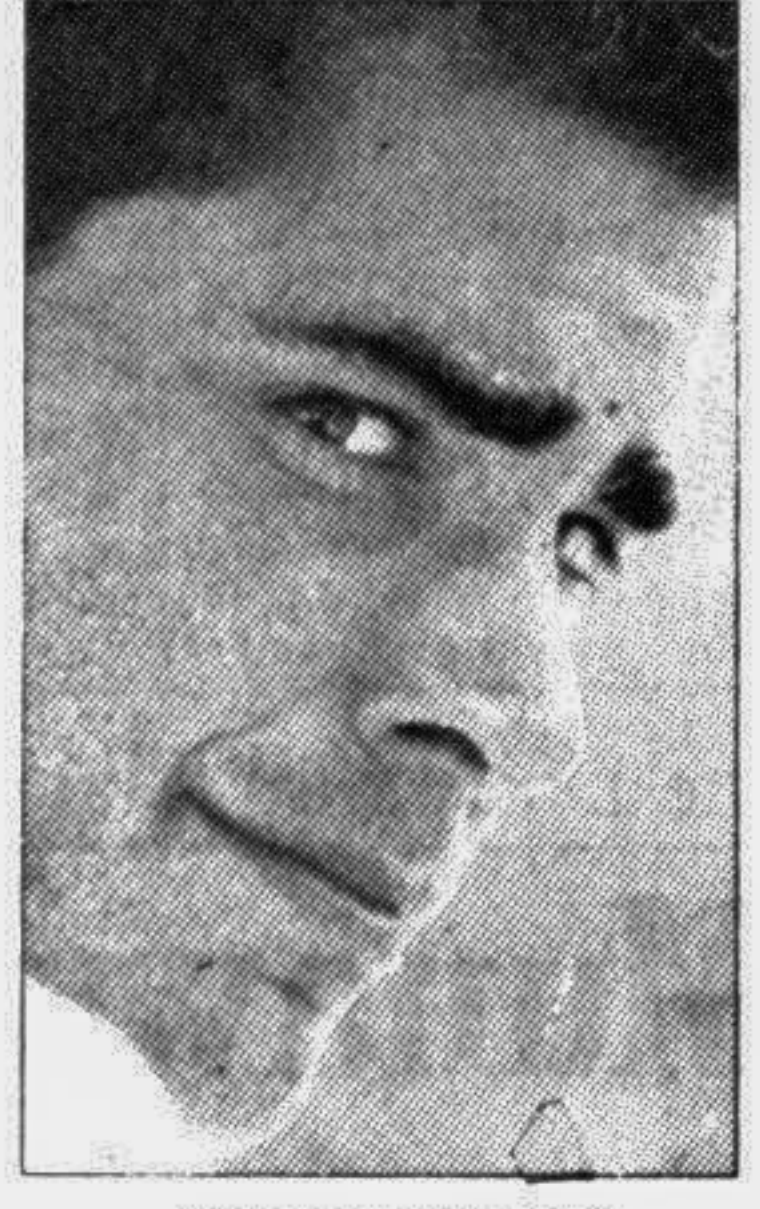
Sampras confessed he was struggling slightly near the end of a long season, especially as he has been forced to spend an unusually lengthy time away from home defending his number one position on the European indoor circuit.

"It's my fifth week here. Mentally it takes its toll," he said, adding that he might play

in Moscow or Stockholm next week should it be necessary.

"The ranking is up for grabs and I have to hang in there."

That is precisely what he did against Johansson when he



PETE SAMPRAS

suddenly moved up a gear in the end of the first set to hear himself.

Rafter, who has had knee problems lately, did not have to work too hard against Escude,

who had beaten Boris Becker in the previous round.

The Frenchman received treatment on court for a bruised shoulder but was outclassed anyway.

Rafter confessed he needed a rest to heal his injury and said he was not obsessed with finishing top.

"Obviously, if number one comes about, it comes about. But it's not something I'm dwelling on," he said, hinting he might even miss the season-ending ATP Tour world championship to rest his knee.

Rios had never previously won a match in the \$2.55 million event, nor had he beaten Woodbridge in two earlier encounters.

The Chilean did not permit his opponent a game in the first set although Woodbridge salvaged some pride by holding serve early in the second set. But it was only a reprieve as Rios broke to lead 4-2 and went on to win.

Czech Petr Korda lost all hope of qualifying for the world championship later this month when he lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to U.S. Open finalist Mark Philippoussis of Australia.

Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov kept alive his hopes of reaching Hanover, Germany, with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Swede Magnus Norman.

**Ticket sale worries BAGOK**

BANGKOK, Nov 5 (AFP/Reuters): Asian Games organisers have admitted they will fail to reach their 330 million baht (nine million dollars) target for ticket sales at next month's event, Deputy Prime Minister Bhichai Rattakul said.

As Thailand and the rest of Asia fight a crippling financial crisis, ticket sales have failed to match hopes, Bhichai, chairman of the Bangkok Asian Games Organising Committee (BAGOK) said late Wednesday.

"We will not be able to reach that target," he told reporters. "We hope to get 250 million baht."

Bhichai said only 40 per cent of the tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies in a sparkling new stadium in Bangkok has so far been sold.

"We hope that from now on the trend is very positive," Bhichai said.

Tickets have been on sale across the region for the December 6-20 Games, featuring 38 sports and 43 countries, since last month.

Despite the failure to meet the target, the government still hopes to turn a profit from the Games. "We hope that we will probably make a profit from these Games," said Bhichai.

"This was my thinking a few months back but I would be happy if we can make it even," he said, adding that the Games could go into the black with

more ticket sales or increased revenue from television in the month leading up to the event.

As efforts intensify to stimulate ticket sales, organisers are facing further financial problems as two unidentified main sponsors, who had between them promised 14 million dollars have so far failed to deliver.

"Out of 11 main sponsors two are not able to fulfil their pledge," Bhichai said, adding that he would have meetings with both local companies in the coming days.

Bhichai said all arrangements for the Games were going ahead smoothly despite a host of problems with the budget and delays in building new sports complexes and expressways linking the three different locations to the centre of the city.

The Cabinet approved Tuesday a 500 million baht (13 million dollar) extra budget for the Games due to poor copyright and licensing revenues.

glass from the sun, he will not use matches," Bhichai said in a Wednesday evening address to the club.

The flame would be kept at Bangkok's Grand Palace until December 6, the opening day of the Games, when a team of runners will relay it to the new National Stadium in eastern Bangkok for the ceremony.

The first runner would be Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, Bhichai said.

"Unfortunately, I will be the second one," the 72-year-old former foreign minister said.

Other runners would include veteran athletes and possible his son Bhichai Rattakul, the governor of Bangkok.

**COLOURFUL OPENING AND CLOSING**

More than 10,000 students will take part in the opening and closing ceremonies, organisers said.

A total of seven shows have been prepared for the opening ceremony on December 6, which will focus on the "spirit of Asia," they said.

Another five shows have been prepared for the closing ceremony on December 20. The two ceremonies will cost 70 million baht (1.9 million dollars).

The shows will present the original cultures of the Thai people and the Asian people," an organiser said.

**MAGNIFYING GLASS TO LIGHT GAMES FLAME**

Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej is to use a magnifying glass to light the flame for the Games and the prime minister will help run it to the opening ceremony.

"The king will be lighting the torch on December 3rd at around 4 o'clock," Bhichai told the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand. "He will light the Games with a magnifying



A beaming Steffi Graf of Germany rushing towards the net to shake hands with Japan's Ai Sugiyama after the former world number one beat the latter in the second round of the Leipzig Grand Prix on November 4. — AFP photo

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD LETTERS YOU'D COMPOSE AT THE BEACH SIMPLY BE WRITTEN ON SANDPAPER?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals P

The Cryptoquip 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.

**ACROSS**

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5 Uppercase  
9 Leno's prominent feature  
12 Fraternal felder  
13 Jai  
14 Actress Hagen  
15 Use cables  
17 Take blades to  
18 Circuits  
19 Key letter  
21 Big Apple st.  
22 Unisex wear  
24 King's mad dog  
27 Ben  
28 Melt  
31 Midwestern sch.  
32 Mantric words  
33 Jima preceder  
34 One of the Three Bears  
36 Likely  
37 Jet forth  
38 College

**DOWN**

1 Mexican peninsula  
2 Familiarly  
3 Stringent Starter  
4 "High Sierra" official actress  
5 "...to count she in Zanzibar"  
6 Wing blades  
7 Stat for Woods  
8 Alaskan city  
9 Desert saying...  
10 On  
11 Radner

**CHARACTER**

16 Pen  
20 Pismire  
22 Nervous  
23 Former  
24 Web site address end  
25 "Born in the..."  
26 Cagers' start  
27 Fraud  
28 Reverential fear  
30 Knock (em) dead  
35 Meyers of TV  
37 Swift hound  
39 Relish  
40 Bad: prefix  
41 Incurious  
42 Leer lecherously  
43 Took off  
44 Panorama  
45 Virginia willow  
46 Egyptian cobras  
49 Work sweat  
50 Trouble-plagued spacecraft

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

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LIGIA ALI OLIO  
SPACEJAM JACK  
HELENA EPOCHS  
DOM ROUE  
ALF SAL MRMOM  
GOAT BIR NAVE  
ASCAP PEZ TIAO  
EGRO VILE  
BECKON ENVLIES  
OVAL GRACEGUP  
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Yesterday's answer