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- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?  
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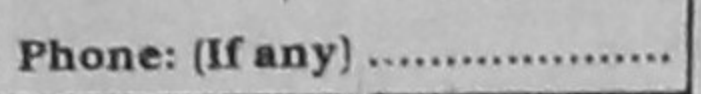
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SPORTS TALK



**Pieter van den Hoogenband**  
(Holland's star swimmer)

"I won two golds, yes, and I broke the world records, at this moment I'm the best."

After winning the 100m and 200m freestyle gold at the Sydney Olympics.

**ICC knock-out**

**India pick 3 rookies**

BANGALORE, India, Sept 21: India named three new players including a specialist wicketkeeper in a 14-member squad for the ICC Trophy one day tournament in Nairobi next month, reports Reuters.

All-rounder Yuvraj Singh, left-arm medium pacer Zakir Khan and wicketkeeper Vijay Dahiya were picked after a two-hour meeting of Indian selectors in the southern city of Madras, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

For the first time in two decades, the Indian squad contains seven left-handed batsmen, PTI said.

Earlier this month Indian selectors left out former captain Mohammed Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja and off-spinner Nikhil Chopra from the list of 23 probabilities for the tournament.

The three have been questioned by federal investigators following a match-fixing scandal triggered last April when Delhi police accused South African skipper Hansie Cronje of corruption.

Former India opener Anshuman Gaekwad will be the Indian coach after former captain Kapil Dev, also under investigation in the match-fixing scandal, quit the job last week halfway through his two-year term.

The Nairobi tournament involves all to Test-playing countries, plus Kenya, and begins on October 3.

**SQUAD**

Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, Hemang Badani, S. Srinam, Yuvraj Singh, Vijay Dahiya, Robin Singh, Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, Venkatesh Prasad, Zakir Khan.

**Thorpe sick, Hackett not**

SYDNEY, Sept 21: Ian Thorpe is suffering from an upper respiratory tract infection and has been competing below his true ability, Australian team doctors said Thursday, but they dismissed claims that Grant Hackett was ill, reports AFP.

Doctors said Thorpe started to feel the effects of the infection "a couple of days ago."

"He wouldn't have been competing at as high a fitness level as he would have liked," Australian team head doctor Brian Sando told reporters.



Scene from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter between Abahani and Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. —Star photo

## Abahani grill Arambagh

Sports Reporter

Abahani recorded their sixth successive win in the National Bank Premier Football League in the most convincing fashion, thumping down a 4-1 defeat on Arambagh Kira Sangha at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The victory also exacted Abahani's sweet revenge against Arambagh, who pulled off a stunning 3-1 win in the Federation Cup last month. In an up and down match, the Ghanaian recruit of Abahani Kennedy struck twice after rookie striker Galib scored his first League goal in the seventh minute.

Nazrul, who has had another busy day in the defence, also showed his scoring abilities when the tall central defender headed home the fourth goal of his side seven minutes away from the final whistle.

Hard-working midfielder Bakhtiar scored the only goal for Arambagh in the 69th minute. But that was not enough for the mediocre outfit to avoid their third defeat.

A strong ten thousand crowd, who flocked to the big bowl in anticipation of an absorbing contest, definitely enjoyed an exciting first half despite the poor ground condition. Galib, who was included in

the first eleven as part of the Bangladesh Football Federation's mandatory fill-up law for newcomers, sent the Abahani supporters into joy when the shaven-headed youngster stabbed a Zakir cross from the right into the net (1-0). The goal however could not lengthen his presence on field more than 17 minutes.

Although Galib made the early breakthrough, it was an other eventful day for Kennedy. As the only player with an enviable record of scoring in every games, the muscular Ghanaian showed his prowess once again firing home a scorching right-footer from an acute angle just before the half time.

His second goal, a first time-time volley off a Titu cross from the right in the 67th minute, was a clinical finish that gave Abahani an unassailable 3-0 lead. With this double strike Kennedy leapfrogged Mohammad striker Nakib to be the leading scorer. He scored eight goals, one more than that of the ace marksman at the rival tent.

Arambagh however held the honour of scoring the most spectacular one of the five on the day when their diminutive midfielder drove a sublime right-footer that baffled as many as three Abahani defenders in front of him and the otherwise dependable custodian Biplob. It was only the second

goal the reserve national custodian conceded in six games. Nazrul's header off an Arman flag-kick in the 83rd minute that sealed the fate of the match was also a superb goal by any standard.

Arambagh played without their national forward Khokon, who is serving a two-match ban for spitting at the referee and lacked the necessary firepower in the attack as a result. Still, they could have avoided such a heavy defeat had not Bakhtiar missed a sitter from close and medio Apu's head come off the cross bar within a space of 12 minutes during the first half.

**Yellow cards:** Iqbal, Kennedy (Abahani), Roxy, Ritu and Apu (Arambagh).

### TEAMS

Abahani: Biplob (Apel), Titu, Nazrul, Ghansha, Mithu, Iqbal (Partho), Zakir, Arman, Galib (Sentu), Kanchan and Kennedy Arambagh: Himu, Gobinda, Kamruzzaman, Biplob, Barat, Kamal, Roxy (Prince), Nayan, Bakhtiar, Ritu (Taju) and Apu Referee: Golam Mostafa

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj SC v Victoria SC (3:30pm)  
Muktijoddha Sangsad v Dharmad Club (5:30pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

## Tom McCarthy b'ball BKSP-BAF Shaheen final today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) and BAF Shaheen College moved into the final of the Tom McCarthy School basketball tournament after winning their respective semi-finals at the Dharmad Club basketball gymnasium yesterday.

In the first semifinal, BKSP outplayed Saint Gregory High School by 120-79 points. Shaheen caged in highest 33 points for BKSP while Manik and Anjad added 23 and 29 points respectively.

In the other semifinal, BAF Shaheen College recorded a 105-55 win over BN College. Rabat scored the highest 31 points for the winners.

The final will be held at the same venue today at 3:30 pm.

## Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 21: Abdul Rab Serinabat First Division football league begins tomorrow at the Abdul Rab Serinabat Stadium at 3 pm.

Nineteen teams are taking part in the league.

# Alamgir back with a bang

Sports Reporter

Abahani, riding on a four-goal heroic from Alamgir Alam, kept their runners up hopes alive in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league with a 6-1 thrashing of Farashganj Sporting Club in their return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

It was a startling return to form for the speedy national attacker who amazingly got on the scoresheet for the first time in the season. The hat-trick was the seventh in the league so far. Mohammedan striker Shamim Reza and Usha's Kamal have scored two while Usha's Prince and Ajax's Pakistani recruit Aleem Raja have one each.

With yesterday's win, Abahani raised their tally to 29 points from 12 matches and remained in second place, seven points behind leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club.

On the other hand, it was the ninth defeat for Farashganj against four wins which kept them glued to their previous collection of 12 from 13 games. Farashganj took an early lead against their mighty counterparts when Indian recruit Jagmohan Singh converted a penalty corner in the fifth minute.

Rajib leveled the margin flicking home a Moksed pass in



BIDDING BYE: Sadharan Bima's coach-cum-player and former national hockey captain Abdul Malek, who made a brief appearance for his side during yesterday's Green Delta First Division Hockey League match against Bachelors' Club, was garlanded after the game at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. —Star photo

the 19th minute. Alamgir put Abahani in front six minutes later. It stayed 2-1 in the first half.

Alamgir, under severe pressure for his goal-less eleven-game run, scored his second capitalising on a long ball from defender Hasan Roni in the 42nd minute. The former student of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) completed his treble converting a penalty corner in the 53rd minute.

As if to prove a point, Alamgir blasted in his fourth ten minutes later after being brilliantly fed by Rajib.

Roni's solo effort in the 64th minute resulted in Abahani's sixth and last.

Earlier, in the day's first match, Sadharan Bima hammered Bachelors Club 5-2.

The winners led the first half 3-1.

Skipper Murad Ekramullah scored three goals for Bima while Roni and Mamun added one each. On the other hand, Atiq and Sumon had a goal apiece for Bachelors.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Mariner YC v Bangladesh SC (2:15 pm)

Mohammedan SC v Ajax SC (4 pm)

Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.



A goalmouth action during yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League match between Abahani and Farashganj at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. —Star photo

## Agrani blank PWD

Sports Reporter

Agrani Bank trounced PWD 3-0 in one of the two National Bank First Division football league matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Agrani led 2-0 at the 39th minute while Babu sealed PWD's fate in the 87th minute.

Away at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, hosts Mirpur Chalanika hosted a solitary goal win over Prantik Kira Chakra.

After a barren first half, Munna scored match winner in the 55th minutes.

There will be no First Division matches today.

## Bevan takes a time-out from Sussex

LONDON, Sept 21 (AFP): Sussex are searching for a new overseas player for next season after Michael Bevan's decision to take a year off from county cricket.

The Australian, who scored over 2,200 runs for the county this season and finished top of the national averages, has revealed he wants to take some time off after playing non-stop for seven years.

Bevan will definitely be back in 2002 when he completes a three-year contract and say he would like to carry on playing for Sussex beyond then.

The 30-year-old said: "I haven't had an off-season since 1993 because of county and club cricket, an Ashes tour and the World Cup."

"But this was the first summer I've really felt that my body couldn't handle playing non-stop all the year round."

Bevan, who has been plagued with niggling injuries recently, admitted there were occasions during the season when he put his body on the line for the county.

"I played when I shouldn't have done, but they were important games for the team and I wanted to do my bit."

Sussex will be moving fast to sign a new overseas player with chief executive Dave Gilbert stressing that many other clubs will be looking to replace Australians likely to be on next season's Ashes tour.

Worcestershire have already announced that they are replacing fast bowler Glenn McGrath, the spearhead of the Australia Test attack, with fellow countryman Andy Bichel.

# Cronje transcript breakthrough

New Delhi, Sept 21 (Internet report):

Shamla Batohi, chief prosecutor of the King Commission, has received the transcripts of a crucial tape recording made by the Delhi police of a conversation between former cricket skipper Hansie Cronje and an Indian bookmaker.

Delhi police officials handed over the transcripts of the recording to Batohi, the Press

Trust of India news agency reported.

"It is a major step forward in our investigations. We are now in the process of getting the tapes authenticated," Batohi told journalists as she emerged from her meeting with police officials.

India has not handed over a copy of the tapes to the South African investigators since these are court property in the probe that Indian police are conducting into charges of match-fixing in Indian cricket.

"We were not expecting to get the tapes since these are in the custody of the courts. But we will make a formal request for handing over the original tapes," Batohi said.

The King Commission begins a second round of hearings in Johannesburg on October 2.

Batohi also met officials from the Central Bureau of Investigation on the investigations, the United News of India reported.

The CBI is conducting a larger probe concerning cricketers in India. It is scheduled to submit its report by September-end.

India has sought South Africa's help in getting controlled voice samples of Cronje and Johannesburg-based businessman Hamid Cassim which would help Delhi police substantiate its arguments in court.

The request, initially made through Interpol in April, was again made to Batohi on Wednesday.

Indian authorities have asked Interpol to help obtain Chawla's extradition from Britain where he fled when the scandal broke.

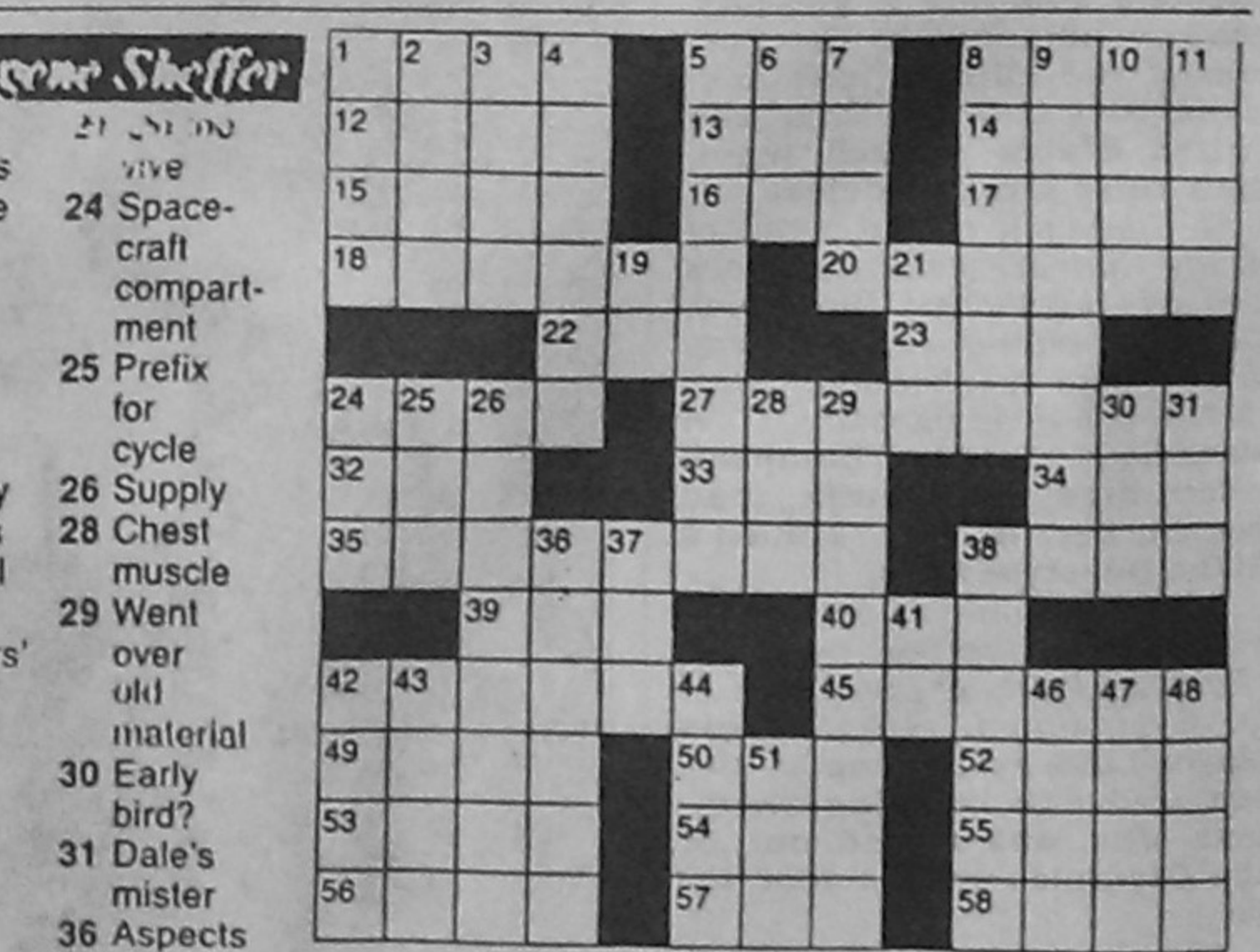
## Perkins a la Popov

SYDNEY, Sept 21: Kieren Perkins is poised to beat the Olympic odds once again as he vies to become the first man to win the 1500m freestyle at three straight Games, reports AFP.

Australian Perkins has owned the world record for more than eight years — his current mark of 14min 41.66sec standing up since the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

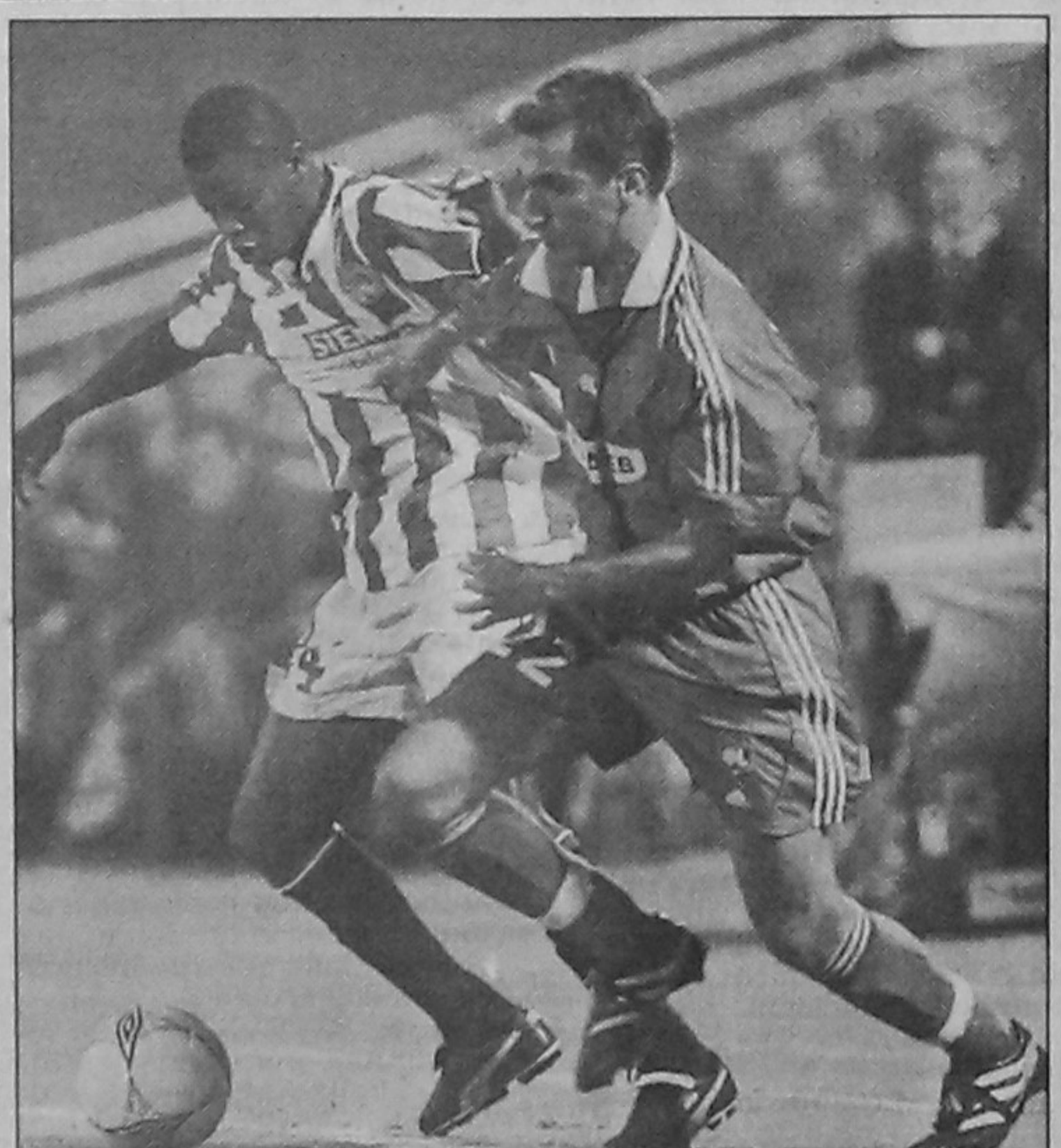
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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HL BHFZR Z AZRRWLGYH  
GB BDPF HL SFH  
Z QFZP GY HMF WFY  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: THIS GUY WHO BLUFFED AND PRETENDED TO BE A GANGSTER WAS PLAINLY A FALSE HOOD.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals L

The Cryptquip 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.



Olympiakos' Piraeus Peter (L) and Lyon's David Lynares are engaged in a battle for the ball during their Champions' League encounter in Athens on September 20. —AFP photo