



YOU COULD'VE BEEN KINDER! Sunderland's Kevin Phillips (C) argues with the referees after their FA Cup Fifth round match against Watford at the Stadium of Light, in on February 15.

FA Cup
Sorry Sunderland

Football

AFP, London

The misery continued for Premiership bottom side Sunderland, who lost 1-0 at home to First Division Watford through a controversial second half penalty in their fifth round tie on Saturday to go out of the FA Cup.

Tommy Smith's initial effort was saved by Thomas Sorensen but the referee ordered a re-take and Smith shot home the second time.

Howard Wilkinson's men attacked desperately, but to no avail.

The Sunderland boss said he felt "cheated" by the result, although he did not just blame the penalty decision.

"I am disappointed, angry," he said.

"We wanted a cup run. It was crucial that we give them (the fans) something else to hang on to, and today was the opportunity," he lamented.

At St Mary's, despite winning 2-0, Southampton were lucky to see off First Division Norwich, who had the better of much of the tie.

With the game scoreless and just 20 minutes to go, Norwich's Paul McVeigh hit the inside of the post with a wonderful curling shot -- only to see Southampton counter attack immediately and score through Anders Svensson.

Jo Tessem then sealed Norwich's quarterfinal berth three minutes later.

Southampton manager Gordon Strachan admitted that McVeigh's near-goal was a wake-up call.

"We went: 'Oh, we nearly went out of the cup there', and we went up another 20 percent," he said.

Sheffield United had the easiest time of it in their all-First Division game against Wallsall, winning comfortably 2-0 at home with goals from Tommy Mooney and Peter Ndlovu.

On Sunday, last season's defeated finalists Chelsea visit Stoke City, while Leeds United face a tough test at Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton Wanderers are at home to third division Rochdale.

Serie A
Chievo spoil Inter's day

Football

AFP, Rome

Party-poopers Chievo prevented Inter Milan from increasing their advantage at the top of the table to six points by beating the Italian league leaders 2-1 at the Bentegodi stadium on Saturday.

Chievo's experienced midfielder Eugenio Corini netted two first-half penalties to put the hosts in control, either side of Turkey international Okan Buruk's dismissal.

Yet despite being a man down, Inter rallied to halve the deficit in the 69th minute when Italy's leading scorer Christian Vieri grabbed his 100th goal in Serie A and his 19th of the season.

The Italy international's strike ensured a rousing finale during which penalty king Corini was sent off, but Chievo held on for another famous scalp following their home victory over AC Milan earlier in the season.

Inter's shock defeat in Verona means title rivals Juventus and AC Milan can draw level with them on 45 points should they win Sunday's matches against Parma and Lazio respectively.

In Saturday's late match, AS Roma were held to a disappointing 0-0 draw at home to Brescia.

As has been the story of Roma's season, the 2001 Scudetto winners failed to convert a number of chances and remain well adrift of a Champions League place for next season.

Inter coach Hector Cuper criticised Chievo's poor playing surface but refused to use it as an excuse for his side's inept display.

"It was worse than the San Siro was," he said, referring to Inter's own surface, which resembled a ploughed field before being relaid last month.

"The pitch was awful but it was the same for both sides."

Chievo defender Nicola Legrottaglie had to agree with Cuper.

"It was a horrible pitch, a real disaster," said the player, who is wanted by Roma for next season.

Bundesliga
Vintage Bayern

Football

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich handed out a 5-0 walloping to city rivals 1860 Munich to keep the wheels firmly on their bid for an 18th German league title on Saturday.

But second-placed Borussia Dortmund ensured the gap between the two sides was kept at eight points with a crushing 4-1 win over VfB Bochum.

Elsewhere Bayer Leverkusen coach Klaus Toppmoller's job looked even shakier after last season's Champions League finalists suffered yet another humiliating defeat, this time a 2-1 loss to Hansa Rostock.

That left the 2002 Bundesliga runners-up with just 20 points from 21 games, one off the relegation zone.

The 197th Munich derby was poised at 0-0 at half-time.

But the picture changed markedly in the second half when Mehmet Scholl scored three times in the space of 20 minutes, with French international Bixente Lizarazu and Claudio Pizarro adding to the haul.

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, who welcomed back Michael Ballack after a three-match absence with flu, was happy with his team's late surge.

"We held back a lot in the first half, but we applied more pressure and commitment in the second."

"Once we went 1-0 up, 1860 had to open up and we used the room on the pitch really well."

"I was very happy for Mehmet, who was the difference between the two teams."

The result left Bayern, shock first round fallers in the Champions League, unbeaten now in 32 home games and one step closer to their 18th championship.

1860 drop back to seventh place.

Matthias Sammer's pre-match call to arms to his Borussia Dortmund players to keep up the momentum at the top of the league clearly paid off as they ran riot over VfB Bochum in front of a 66,000 crowd at the Westfalenstadion.

Bochum took an early lead via their South African international Delron Buckley but the home side reverted with two first half goals from Giuseppe Reina and Jan Koller, with Torsten Frings doubling the scoreline with a brace of spot kicks.

The result will have put the reigning German champions in just the right frame of mind for their Champions League clash with Real Madrid next week.

"It wasn't easy for us," said Sammer. "I would only have been happy with a fifth or sixth goal."

In Saturday's other Bundesliga action fourth-placed Schalke 04 did their chances of playing in Europe next year a power of good by beating third-placed VfB Stuttgart 2-0 to move up a place into fourth.



Veteran Bayern Munich midfielder Mehmet Scholl celebrates after scoring a goal during his hatrick against 1860 at Munich's Olympic Stadium on February 15.

TOP SIX											
German league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against):											
Bayern	21	14	5	2	45	15	47				
Dortmund	21	11	6	4	35	17	39				
Stuttgart	21	10	6	5	33	26	36				
Schalke	21	9	8	4	29	21	35				
Bremen	21	10	4	7	37	33	34				
Hamburg	2	19	6	6	27	26	33				

Primera Liga
Barca can win after all!

Football

AFP, Barcelona

Goals from Philip Cocu and Xavi Hernandez in the space of less than two minutes at the end of the first half gave Barcelona a vital 2-0 victory at local rivals Espanyol on Saturday.

Before the match, Barca were lying down 15th in the Spanish first division, the lowest point in their history, and had not won in their previous five outings.

The win fulfilled the prophecy, at least temporarily, of new coach Radomir Antic who took over two weeks ago and had promised to bring a smile back to the faces of the fans and players of the crisis-stricken Catalan club.

"I can only see - and say - positive things about this match," said the ever-optimistic Antic.

"This will boost our spirits prior to the Champions League on Tuesday," added the Serb.

Barcelona took the game to Espanyol from the outset and had several chances before Cocu, unusually wearing the captain's armband, broke the deadlock in the 40th minute.

Xavi sent a long-range free kick into the box and Cocu's glancing header looped over the wall of Espanyol defenders before bouncing past an unsighted Toni Jimenez in the Espanyol goal.

Less than two minutes later, it was Xavi himself who got on the scoresheet, the Spanish international midfielder finishing off a fast counter-attack initiated by Patrick Kluivert and continued by Javier Saviola.

"In the first half, we did every-

thing we should. The players went close to perfection. But I think it was normal that we eased up a bit after going two up," said Antic, in response to questions about Barca's less-than-impressive second half.

Espanyol stepped up a gear after the break and, in sharp contrast to the first 45 minutes, continually attacked in a bid to get back into the match.

However, poor finishing and excellent work by Barcelona goalkeeper Roberto Bonano conspired to keep the home side from scoring.

Ironically, Espanyol's best chances fell to former Barca players Roger Garcia and Ivan de la Pena, who made their name as teenage sensations during Johan Cruyff's last two seasons as the Barca coach during the mid-1990s.

Barca's woes may not be over though, despite the three welcome points.

They often looked ragged at the back and Radomir Antic clearly still has yet to find a solution to injury-aggravated defensive problems which plagued his predecessor Louis van Gaal.

Valencia kept up the pressure on the top two in Spain with a 2-0 win over Malaga, a result which extended their unbeaten streak to six games.

The reigning Spanish champions remain in third but only on goal difference.

Valencia have 42 points from their 22 games, the same number as second-placed Real Madrid and just two behind league leaders Real Sociedad although both their championship rivals have a game in hand and play on Sunday.

Sociedad play at Real Betis while Real Madrid have to travel to Osasuna.

After a forgettable first half, Valencia's Argentine defender Mauricio Pellegrino scrambled the ball into the net nine minutes after the break, after the ball ran loose around Malaga's six yard box.

The goal was Pellegrino's first of the season and Juan Sanchez had a similar reason to celebrate when he got Valencia's second after 75 minutes.

The second-half substitute flicked a low cross from Vicente Rodriguez into the net after arrived on the field only a few minutes before.

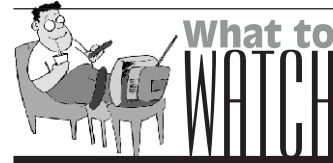
Deportivo La Coruna have not given up in the title either and proved that they are still in the hunt with a 1-0 win at Valladolid on Saturday.

The only goal of an otherwise scrappy game came from Deportivo's Dutch international striker Roy Makaay after 57 minutes.

Makaay produced a spectacular leap into the air to volley home an Enrique Romero cross from the left wing, scoring with the outside of his right foot.

The goal was Makaay's 16th of the season and extends his lead at the top of the Spanish first division scoring charts.

TOP SIX											
Spanish football league table on Saturday (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):											
Sociedad	21	12	8	1	36	24	44				
Real	21	11	9	1	46	22	42				
Valencia	22	12	6	4	36	17	42				
Deportivo	22	11	6	5	31	25	39				
Celta	21	10	3	8	24	19	33				
Betis	21	9	6	6	32	28	33				



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WC Cricket Programme
Repeat at 8:00 am
UEFA Champions League
Deportivo La Coruna vs AC Milan
Repeat at 6:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport Nes
Live at 8:30 pm
STAR Sports
Follow Through Day 8
WC Cricket Programme
Repeat at 7:30 am
Sportline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm

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Bangladesh Sri Lanka India

2. Who finished first in the Prof Abdur Razzak 29th National Chess Championship qualifiers?
Nasir Amin ul Taibur

3. Who clinched the Pan-Pacific Open tennis title?
Davenport Hingis Serena

4. Bangladesh beat Kwazulu Natal in their second World Cup leg-up match by:
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Dizzy stats

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have been made against minor teams -- India spinner Bishan Bedi's one wicket for six runs off 12 overs against East Africa in 1975. Chris Old's four for eight off 10 overs against Canada in 1979 and Curtly Ambrose's two for eight off 10 overs against Scotland four years ago.

England's Derek Pringle, while not exactly an electrifying performer, would be worth a mention in dispatches for his 8.2-5-8-3 against Pakistan, in the same rain-affected match in Adelaide that saw Reeve's once-in-a-lifetime performance.

Sri Lanka left-armed Chaminda Vaas would also be right up there, with his six for 25 off 9.1 overs, including an unprecedented hatrick off the first three balls of the game, against Bangladesh only 24 hours before Gillespie's display.

Bangladesh, though, are not quite India.

For the very best of the World Cup bowling best, you probably have to go back to that inaugural tournament.

Gum-chewing Gary Gilmour, another left-arm quick and built like a boxer, only ever played five one-dayers for Australia.

But he carved his name in history in June 1975 by swinging the ball prodigiously from over the wicket to take six for 14 off 12 overs against England in the semifinals at Headingley.

Anderson downs Dutch

FROM PAGE 16
Troost played across the line and was lbw for eight.

The Netherlands' problems got worse when, on 31, they lost three wickets for no runs in 10 balls.

Bas Zuiderent (2), who has played for Sussex, then chipped Anderson straight to Hussain at mid-off.

Two balls later Klaus van Noortwijk went for a duck, caught by diving wicket-keeper Alec Stewart down the legside.

Anderson's county colleague Andrew Flintoff then had one-day international debutant Nick Statham lbw for seven.

But de Leede hit back with some well-struck boundaries, his fifty coming off 72 balls.

White, playing despite a recurrence of the side strain that ended his Ashes tour, got through 10 overs, taking two for 22.

England's reply got off to a poor start when Marcus Trescothick was bowled by Edgar Schiferli for 12 as he advanced down the track.

But a second-wicket stand of 89 between Knight and Vaughan ruled out any hopes of an upset before

Vaughan fell to van Bunge.

Two balls later Flintoff was caught off the spinner for a duck and van Bunge later snared Knight with England 126 for four.

But Ian Blackwell (22 not out) and Paul Collingwood (five not out) finished the game

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the World Cup Pool A match between England and the Netherlands at Buffalo Park on Sunday:

THE NETHERLANDS
Van Troost lbw b Anderson 8
Van Bunge c White b Anderson 4
Statham lbw b Flintoff 7
Zuiderent c Hussain b Anderson 2
Van Noortwijk c Stewart b Anderson 0
De Leede not out 58
Kloppenburger c Knight b Blackwell 10
Schiferli st Stewart b Blackwell 12
Lefebvre b White 6
Raja lbw b White 2
Smits not out 17
Extras: (lb-10, nb-2, w-4) 16
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 142
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-22, 3-31, 4-31, 5-31, 6-67, 7-90, 8-108, 9-112

Bowler O M R W
Caddick 10 4 19 0
Anderson 10 1 25 4

Flintoff 10 2 29 1
White 10 3 22 2
Blackwell 10 0 37 2

ENGLAND
Trescothick b Schiferli 12
Knight c Zuiderent b van Bunge 51
Vaughan c de Leede b van Bunge 51
Flintoff c Lefebvre b van Bunge 0
Blackwell not out 22
Collingwood not out 5
Extras: (w-3) 3
Total: (For 4 wickets in 23.2 overs) 144
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-107, 3-107, 4-126

Bowler O M R W
Schiferli 5 0 33 1
Lefebvre 5 0 18 0
De Leede 4 0 29 0
Raja 5 0 34 0
Van Bunge 3 0 16 3
Kloppenburger 1.2 0 14 0
Result: England won by six wickets

Man-of-the-match: Jimmy Anderson
Toss: England
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (Rsa) and Darrell Hair (Aus)
TV umpire: Tyronne Wijewardene (Sri)
Match referee: Mike Procter (Rsa)

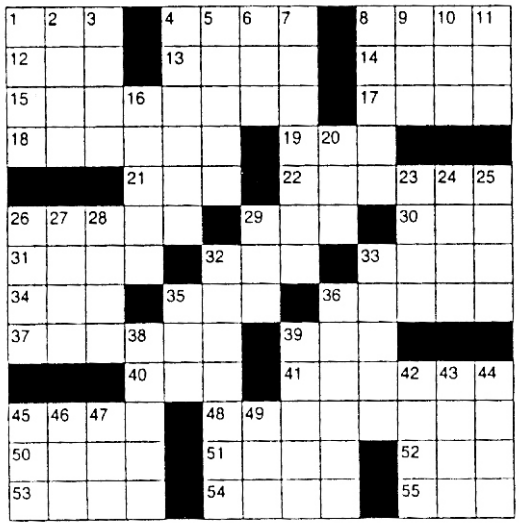
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 --relief ready to rumble
4 Argonauts' patron
8 Trilled
12 Earn an Obie, maybe
13 Rotation pivot
14 Malarial symptom
15 Alvin, for one
17 Camp structure
18 Fore-shadow
19 Pigs' home
21 "Holy cow!"
22 Black-footed, masked creature
23 Sports-shoe attachment
28 "Spin City" star
30 Flamenco cheer
31 Ode of honor
32 St. Andrew's statistic
33 Play umpire

DOWN
1 Cantata creator
2 Rue the run
3 Move
4 Olivier role
5 Girls
6 -- Tin Tin
7 Requests
8 Bacchanal participant
9 Vital stat
10 "Sound of Music" extra
11 Compre-hend
16 Heathen (Abbr.)
20 John Ritter's dad
23 Fork option
24 Scat star extraordinaire
25 Betray a confidence
26 Plug of tobacco
27 Stringed instrument
28 Bunton of the Spice
29 Girls
32 Dispose
33 Driver's license
34 Form a heap
35 Driver's license
36 Courteous
38 Man behind the wheel
39 Geisel pseudonym
42 Get ready
43 Interstate hauler
44 Differently
45 Dinner for Dobbins
46 Coach
47 Clamor
49 Status follower

Solution time: 25 mins.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS
ACROSS: 1. relief, 4. Argonauts' patron, 8. Trilled, 12. Earn an Obie, maybe, 13. Rotation pivot, 14. Malarial symptom, 15. Alvin, for one, 17. Camp structure, 18. Fore-shadow, 19. Pigs' home, 21. "Holy cow!", 22. Black-footed, masked creature, 23. Sports-shoe attachment, 28. "Spin City" star, 30. Flamenco cheer, 31. Ode of honor, 32. St. Andrew's statistic, 33. Play umpire.
DOWN: 1. Cantata creator, 2. Rue the run, 3. Move, 4. Olivier role, 5. Girls, 6. -- Tin Tin, 7. Requests, 8. Bacchanal participant, 9. Vital stat, 10. "Sound of Music" extra, 11. Compre-hend, 16. Heathen (Abbr.), 20. John Ritter's dad, 23. Fork option, 24. Scat star extraordinaire, 25. Betray a confidence, 26. Plug of tobacco, 27. Stringed instrument, 28. Bunton of the Spice, 29. Girls, 32. Dispose, 33. Driver's license, 34. Form a heap, 35. Driver's license, 36. Courteous, 38. Man behind the wheel, 39. Geisel pseudonym, 42. Get ready, 43. Interstate hauler, 44. Differently, 45. Dinner for Dobbins, 46. Coach, 47. Clamor, 49. Status follower.



CRYPTOQUIP

M D N S N H X D W P W
S L X C H P W W L I H N I D R L U R
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D W J J . M N W C U R R I X T N I W .
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I ONCE CROSSED A MALAMUTE WITH A POINTER, AND ALL THAT RESULTED WAS A MOOT POINT.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: W equals E
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.