but precocious Gianfranco Zola plays for lower league sides Nourese and Torres until he was 22. In 1989, Luciano Moggi, then general manager of Napoli, the southern Italian club that had just clinched their first scudetto (Italian Serie A title), makes a rare scouting trip to the beautiful island. "I have been

title in four years. After Maradona is banned and departs Italian shores, the Sardinian emerges from Diego's shadow, picking up the famous number 10 shirt and breaking into the Italian national side. With Napoli in financial disarray by 1993, Zola moves north to Parma where he would solidify his position alongside rival Roberto Baggio as Italy's most talented fantasista.

After seven seasons in London for Chelsea, Zola takes his family back to Sardinia fulfilling a promise to finish off his footballing days in his homeland. Zola keeps his word and his form as he leads the island club to Serie A in his first season. Fighting fit in his 39th year, there is no letting up back in the top flight.

In a recent interview with FIFA.com the genius who has revolutionised Calgiri even at the age of 39, talks about his late arrival on the football scene and the help he received from Diego Maradona.

Question (Q): Would you describe and wanted to learn, and he really

yourself as a natural? Gianfranco Zola (GZ): I really divisions

GZ Well it wasn't young then either. But yes, now it is even more difficult for someone of 23 to get into one the big teams. In those days a coach might not have had the possibility to get to see a player until a late age - remember television wasn't involved as much as now. For me to get the possibility to show the others what I could do was not easy.

GZ: We were one of the biggest clubs in Europe. It was great player, I made a big step forward.

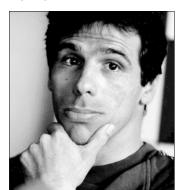
dressing room with Maradona and these big players? Weren't you a bit intimidated?

obviously. For me everything was new. Plus I had in front of me one of my idols and so certainly at the start I was a little bit embarrassed. But then I caught up quickly.

GZ: Every time I think of that experience I feel lucky because I had a great opportunity. I was young was a big help.

Q: Did he give you any special

GZ: Everybody was close to Maradona because he was a very kind boy. If you talk to anybody who has played with him, I'm sure you won't find anything bad said. He has problems, we know now he has problems, but he never loaded anybody else with them. He was



GIANFRANCO ZOLA

very human and simple as a man. I remember many things, first day, for example, when we met and he said 'finally I've found someone smaller than me' (laughs). Actually he was lying because I'm not, though he never admitted that. But no, we had a very good relationship and it gave me a lot of confidence.

Q: Of course when he left in 1991, you took over the number 10 shirt. Did it weigh heavily on your shoulders?

miss qualifiers



AP, Rio de Janeiro

Inter milan striker Adriano has been ruled out of Brazil's World Cup qualifiers

against Peru on

3-2 Serie A win over Fiorentina on Sunday.

He is also struggling to be fit for Inter's Champions League quarterfinal against city rivals AC Milan next month.

injury to Adriano's right knee which makes it impossible for him to take part against Peru and Uruguay. said the CBF on its official website.

had a "suspected light strain to his medial ligament on his right knee."

Despite his outstanding season with Inter, Adriano is still not a requplay in attack.

He has not started a game since the friendly away to Germany last September

Copa America, scoring seven goals to finish top scorer and help Brazil to

midfielder Ricardinho, a reserve in the 2002 World Cup-winning squad, had been named as a replacement.

Brazil face Peru in Goiania on Sunday before facing the difficult visit to Montevideo's Centenario stadium.

ond in the 10-nation South American qualifying group with 20 points from 11 games

Liza dethrones Rani in nat'l women's chess

SPORTS REPORTER

National Women's Chess Championship vesterday

National sub-junior champion Liza beat Rani in the tenth and penultimate round at the federation hall room to improve her collection to 9.5 points. Liza will get a bye in today's final round which secures



Rani Hamid was in the second position with 8.5 points

Eva drew with Masuda Begum, Zakia Sultana beat Afroza Khanam, Shirin Saima beat Sharmin Sultana and Farjana Hossain beat Kiswara Shajrin. Shamiha Sharmin got a bye

Flemo latest on Aussie hit list

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand's Stephen Fleming has joined an exclusive club of world cricket captains scalped by Australia. England's Alec Stewart and Nasser Hussain, West Indies' Jimmy Adams,

Inzamamul Haq were already claimed by the Australians. Australian captain Ricky Ponting said Fleming was always their target. He averaged 15.80 in a recent oneday series which Australia won 5-0,

and is now 9.00 from four Test innings in the series which the Kiwis trail 0-1. "We try and be very tough and

disciplined on the opposition captain and try and get on top of them early on in the series," Ponting said Tuesday as the second Test against New Zealand ended in a rained-out

While speedster Brett Lee did the job in the one-day series with three early dismissals of Fleming, Glenn McGrath has been the man in the Tests with three consecutive Ibw decisions.

Zealand in 13 winless trans-Tasman Tests, knew he would be targeted by Australia's pacemen. He has the third Test starting in Auckland on Saturday

Chelsea could be thrown out



Chelsea could be kicked out of the Champions League for manager Jose Mourinho's claims that Barcelona coach Frank Riikaard influenced referee Anders Frisk during their game last month.

In an unusually stern statement UEFA on Monday charged Mourinho with bringing the game into disrepute. The European governing body stopped just short of accusing Chelsea officials of lying but said Mourinho had created a 'poisoned and negative" atmosphere at the game, which Barcelona won 2-1.

The sanctions include the full range of things, from a reprimand to expulsion from the competition, and everything in between," UEFA

Blatter red

AP, Zurich

and his mother.

cards racism

The president of soccer's governing

body stressed Monday that racism

must be eliminated at stadiums, his

comments coming one day after

Real Madrid star Ronaldo threw a

water bottle at fans for insulting him

our most important tasks," FIFA

president Sepp Blatter said in a

statement. "Whether associations.

teams or players at each and every

level, we all have a duty to ensure

that our conduct does not lead to

85th minute of Sunday's 1-0 home

victory over Malaga in the Spanish

league. He was putting on his jacket

when a piece of gum was spit at him

mother and I had a bad reaction,

"They insulted me and my

There has been an upsurge in

racist conduct by Spanish fans this

Meier wants ban

Former referee Urs Meier has urged

UEFA to hurt Chelsea coach Jose

Mourinho by banning him from the

touchline for next month's

Champions League quarterfinal

who retired at the end of last year,

told Stern magazine in an interview

"A penalty has to hurt," Meier,

Mourinho is on a disrepute

April 6, with the return in Germany

marker Faisal Mahmud before

Biplab was also responsible for the

third goal when Paul's decent curl-

ing shot from the left flank beat him

At the other end goal, skipper

Aminul was oozing with confidence,

stopping both the chances that fell

another chance to reduce the mar-

gin ten minutes into the second half

but Alfaz's flick on Kim Zeu's centre

was brilliantly saved one-handed by

Muktijoddha, who attacked

rarely after the break, could have

made it 4-0 just two minutes later but

Biddut's powerful drive from the top

of the box was fisted out by

Mohammdans substitute custodian

Mohammedan's pressure finally

paid dividend when Kim Zeu's

header on a left-side chip by Faisal

slipped through Aminul's grip. The

goalkeeper recovered the ball but

the referee and his assistant agreed

that it had crossed the line, sparking

protests from the Reds resulting in

Mohammedan earned two more

chances against the ten-man Muktis

but Aminul had the last laugh when

he defied long-range efforts by

In the day's earlier match

which had only academic interest

in the group, Sheikh Russel Krira

Chakra recorded a consolation 1-0

victory against Arambagh Krira

Sangha with substitute striker

Bulbul slotting the all-important

goal in the 64th minute.

bookings for Aminul and Arman.

Faisal and Hasan.

The Mohammedan captain had

Belal throws

placing home a left-footer.

on Mourinho

REUTERS, Frankfurt

against Bayern Munich.

published on Tuesday.

Bayern, that would hurt "

Frank Rijkaard.

upheld.

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at the near post.

to Alfaz.

and fans yelled racist remarks.

the Brazilian star said.

Ronaldo was replaced in the

anybody being marginalized."

"Fighting this scourge is one of

spokesman William Gaillard said. We regard this a very, very serious

matter

UEFA also opened proceedings against the club itself, assistant manager Steve Clarke and security official Les Miles on the same charges.

Mourinho alleged that he saw Rijkaard talk to Frisk in the referee's dressing room at halftime of the Feb. 23 game at Camp Nou. He claimed the meeting influenced the

Frisk sent off Chelsea striker Didier Drogba in the second half and Barcelona rallied from a goal down UEFA accused Mourinho of

making "false declarations" in a report sent by Chelsea following the "Ry further disseminating these

wrong and unfounded statements, Chelsea FC allowed its technical

AFP, Pyongyang

to journalists

Dozens of foreign

journalists arrived in

Pyongyang on

Tuesday to report on

North Korea's World

Cup football cam-

paign, kicking off a

rare major international media

secretary general Peter Velappan

said 51 foreign journalists had been

accredited to cover two of North

Korea's World Cup qualifying

matches, against Bahrain on Friday

He said between 200 and 300

more journalists were expected to

be allowed into Pyongyang to report

on North Korea's clash with Japan

on June 8. All three matches will be

played at Kim II-Sung stadium in

and Iran five days later.

Pyongyang.

Asian Football Confederation

presence in the Stalinist state.

staff to deliberately create a poisoned and negative ambiance among the teams and to put pressure on the refereeing officials,

UEFA said. In a brief statement Monday, the London club said: "Chelsea is in receipt of the UEFA charge of bringing the game into disrepute and is reviewing our position before mak-

ing any response." UEFA's control and disciplinary body is scheduled to examine the case March 31. A ruling is expected the same day.

Mourinho's comments about Frisk were blamed for inciting a spate of death threats against the Swedish referee and his family. Frisk cited the threats in quitting as a referee 10 days ago.

Chelsea beat Barcelona 4-2 in the second-leg match in London on March 8, advancing to the quarterfinals 5-4 on aggregate

"And it's quite understandable

because this is the first time that

Japan will have gone to play in North

Korea, so naturally all the Japanese

Pyongyang for the two early

matches will stay for nearly two

weeks, and will be allowed to travel

with escorts to the demilitarized

zone that borders arch-rival South

Korea and to other places outside

Foreign journalists are rarely

allowed into North Korea, one of the

world's most isolated nations which

typically makes international news

more for its authoritarian regime and

nuclear ambitions than sporting

Velappan said the North Korean

government was obliged to allow

the foreign journalists into the

country as part its conditions for

"They would serve and volley

"An example is Roddick, the way

more or play more aggressive or

he played at the Wimbledon finals.

haven't seen him be that aggres-

sive. Then the same in Toronto and

in Bangkok. It was always very

different. He's tried to change things

up but they didn't work. For them I

Biscayne, Florida this week where

Up next for Federer is the ATP

Asked if there is any unfinished

think it is tough to switch."

he has been seeded first.

from tennis.'

entering the World Cup.

Some of the journalists in

media want to come.

the capital.

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more safe

N Korea open doors

Robinho seeks Luxenburgo assurance

INTERNET SOURCE

Santos whiz Robinho has spent the week in contact with Real Madrid over the future of coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

Robinho has admitted to Real directors some concern that Luxemburgo could be sacked before his arrival in the summer.

The Brazil international regards his former Santos coach as a second father, particularly after the support he received from Luxemburgo during his Mum's

kidnapping late, last year. In the 41 days his Mum was missing, Robinho was taken care of by Luxemburgo, who made sure Santos shielded him from the media. The youngster will never forget the support he received and will forever remain loyal to potentially his new Real coach.

A Real representative is reported to have informed Robinho late, last week: "You do not have to worry, in the last days the club and the players have shown absolute support for Luxa continuing next season.

Morientes woes for Liverpool

THE GUARDIAN

The repercussions of a furiously contested Mersevside derby hit hard at Anfield Monday night when the Liverpool striker Fernando Morientes was ruled out for up to three weeks with a torn thigh muscle.

Morientes underwent a scan on his left thigh vesterday which revealed the tear that forced him off before half-time in the 2-1 victory over Everton . The £ 6.5m striker is now ruled out of the Premiership game against Bolton, emerging from the pack as genuine contenders for the fourth Champions League place, next month as well as the trip to Manchester City on April

His loss will be felt more keenly given the absence of Milan Baros, the only fit recognised striker at the club, who begins a three-match ban against Bolton for his ugly foul on

United revenues slump

AFP, London

dollars)

fall in income from European matches, declining media revenues and rising player wages, United

said. The club is the subject of a potential takeover bid from US sports tycoon Malcolm Glazer

"A challenging first half to the vear was made even more difficult by the continued speculation surrounding a possible offer for the company," chief executive David

ened through signings and contract extensions and our aim is to continue to grow the business despite the tougher market conditions.'

BDNEWS, Dhaka

BRAC University reached the quarterfinals of the AIUB Cup interprivate university cricket tournament beating Darul Ihsan by 46 runs at BKSP yesterday. BRAC scored 177-9 with Fazle

BRAC in gtrs

Elahi, who was adjudged man-ofthe-match, making 40. In reply, Darul Ihsan were all out

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for 131. Amit Sazed scored 55.

Manchester United, the world's richest football club, posted Tuesday a 54-percent slump in halfyear profits to 12.4 million pounds (17.9 million euros, 23.6 million

That compared with pre-tax profits of 26.8 million pounds for the same period last year, reflecting a

Gill said

Bandarban cricket

recorded a massive ten-wicket win against College Hostel XI in the Bandarban DSA Cup Cricket

win, easily reached the paltry target of 74 runs without losing any wicket.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals G

XSOLSHNOH, EW BPVQL

The Cryptoquip is a substitution clpher 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

Born in Oliena, a mountainous, remote corner of northern Sardinia, on 5 July 1966, the small, wafer thin

down to Sardinia," he says once back home, "and I can assure you that this is a little Maradona." Playing as the great Argentine's understudy, Zola plays his part as Napoli claim their second Serie A

worked hard to become a footballer. I had a little bit of talent but I had to work on top of it. I first realised that I would do something important in football when I arrived in Naples at the age of 21 or 22 I think. Before that I was playing in Italy's lower Q: Twenty-two is pretty old nowa-

Q: Naples were a huge club at that time with Maradona, Careca and the rest.

because in front of me I had some of the best in the world and I had the possibility to learn something. As a Q: What was it like to be in the

GZ: Well at the beginning yes

Q:What memories do you have of playing with Maradona?

Ashraful scripts

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aries and a six in his 154-ball knock. His partner Sabbir remained 103 not out with the help of 15 fours. Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak claimed five wickets conceding 116

SYLHET-BARISAL Alok Kapali's leg-breaks claimed

somewhat against Sylhet

runs in 33.2 overs

Chasing a huge 478, Barisal scored 187-6 after resuming the day 20 for no loss, still 291 runs behind Sylhet's first innings total.

four for 42 but Barisal recovered

Towhid Hossain was not out on 51 and Hannan Sarker added 46 in

CORES IN BRIE

DHAKA-RAJSHAHI RAJSHAHI: First innings 217 and second innings 253 all out (Farhad 9, Naeem 110 n.o, Anisur 35, Shahajada 10, Alamgir 27, Moniruzzaman 30, extras 23; Talha 2-38, Mahmud 3-55, Riyad

DHAKA: First innings 311 and second innings 160 for 7 (Javed 32, Mehrab Jr 17, Mehrab Sr 14, Ashraful 57, Sajjad 25, Mahmud 10 not out; Shafaq 1-19, Anisur 1-13, Reza 2-58, Hasanuzzman 1-

Result: Dhaka won by three KHULNA-CHITTAGONG KHULNA: First innings 406 all out

33.3 overs (Sajjadul 15, Sahagir 64, Monirul 14, Bashar 20 batting, Habib 1-30, Hasan 2-33). **CHITTAGONG:** First innings 380 all out (Masum 69, Arif 20, Dhiman 115, Sabbir 103 not out;

and second innings 114 for 3 in

Razzak 5-116 SYLHET-BARISAL

SYLHET: First innings 478-7 BARISAL: First innings 187 for 6 in 99 overs (Imran 19, Hannan 46, Proshenjit 12, Towhid 51 not out,

Salahuddin 20, Nadif 8 not out, extras 30; Nabil 2-41, Kapali 4-Fischer plays **Icelandic**

defence AFP, Reykjavik

Chess legend Bobby Fischer was on Monday granted citizenship by the parliament of Iceland, a move which could allow him to avoid deportation from Japan to the United States where he is wanted for violating sanctions against the former Yugoslavia.

"It is done. The decision is valid from today." Atli Gislason, a deputy from the Left-Green movement, told Fischer, 62, who is in detention in

Japan, faces prison if he returns to the United States.

tant part of the team. At 38. I'm still doing what I like and doing it well. GZ: Honestly I have to say that I took advantage of it because

Rain robs Australia right-hander clobbered 18 bound-

Cricket

AFP, Wellington Australia were robbed of the chance to wrap up their Test series against New Zealand when rain brought an

early end to the second Test on Tuesday The rain set in soon after the lunch break with New Zealand in trouble at 48 for three in their second innings, requiring a seemingly impossible 278 runs to make Australia bat again, and leaving

The draw means the three-

Maradona's popularity was unbe-

lievable all over the world and, you

know, being nominated as his

successor was big publicity for me -

In any case, it never entered my

mind that I had to do what Maradona

did because that would have been

impossible. He was unique. I just

said to myself that I'd try to play my

best football and to carry out on the

pitch all the things I learned off it.

Our supporters and the other play-

ers helped because they let me play

GZ: I love watching Zidane, but

now Ronaldinho and I particularly

like Kaka - I think he's going to

Q: A message for the smaller

GZ: The best advice I could give

to them is to love the game and work

hard. Having the talent is not

enough: you have to make it work

effectively for yourself and the team.

If you understand this concept you

can achieve great results. Without a

mind you can't do anything. You

have to find out the best way to

make your qualities work or you will

spoil all the good things that you've

Q:And you keep on going. How

GZ: (laughs) I was 35, 36 three

years ago. What keeps me going is

the passion for the game. Even now,

it's very difficult for me to think of

something that is not football. That

makes me work hard all the time on

fitness and skills. So far it allows me

to be competitive and be an impor-

Q: Stars for the future?

become a great player.

old you are..35, 36?

it made things a lot easier!

the way I liked.

BRIEF SCORES AUSTRALIA: First innings 570 for 8 declared (Martyn 165, Gilchrist 162,

(Vincent 63, Vettori 45, Cumming 37; Kasprowicz 3-42, Warne 3-69, McGrath 2-50)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 48 for 3 (Vincent 24; McGrath 2-10)

Coming out of the Wall's

the 1999 World Cup. Dravid made a

masterly 145 but Ganguly had a cocky 183 that included seven sixes. Against Australia in 2001, Dravid scored 180 in India's greatest Test partnership of 376 but it was Vangipurappu Laxman who grabbed

Even when Dravid scored 148 at

all the plaudits with his 281.

Headingley in 2002, Tendulkar trumped him with a 193 that took him past Bradman's 29 centuries. Dravid changed the script at The Oval in the following Test, hitting a flawless 217. When he walked back to the pavilion, India had amassed 508

and the next highest score was Tendulkar's 54. He had finally broken the jinx.

Since then, there has been no looking back. His centuries have moved from nine to 20 and his average from the

When he struck a century against

late 40s to nearly 60.

Inzamam wants a gift

FROM PAGE 12 336 one-dayers with 10 hundreds. "By drawing the first Test from a losing position at Mohali we proved we have talent. Had we taken a firstinnings lead at Kolkata, the result

would have been different." he said.

Pakistan, 281-2 on the third morning of the second Test after unbeaten centuries from Younis Khan and Yousuf Youhana, lost their last eight wickets for 112 to be bowled out for 393 in reply to India's 407. Rahul Dravid scored a century in

each innings to help India set a stiff 422-

run target for Pakistan, who then failed

to cope with leg-spinner Anil Kumble (7-

63) and were shot out for 226. "It would have been great to be 1-0 up going into my 100th Test," said Inzamam, who took over as captain in "We can still win and square the

series. It will be a great achievement forus.' Inzamam said the most forgettable

moment of his career was when he was axed along with seven others following Pakistan's first-round exit from the 2003 World Cup in South match series will be decided in the final Test starting in Auckland on Saturday after Australia won the first

Hayden 61, Warne 50; Franklin 4-**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 244

Australian skipper Ricky Ponting frustrated at being denied a likely Result: Match drawn. Third Test: Mar 26-30, Auckland.

West Indies in Mumbai in 2002 he became only the fourth player in Test history, after West Indian Everton Weekes. Australian Jack Fingleton

and South African Alan Melville, to score hundreds in four consecutive Dravid has grown in stature in India, where cricketers are worshipped. He is seen as a role model because of his pleasant looks, grit,

determination, reliability and good He was picked as the 2004 Youth Icon, ahead of Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan, in a nationwide poll con-

ducted by music channel MTV Predictably, Dravid described the award as "humbling". With a keen sense of history,

Dravid is well aware of all that he has achieved "Cricket is a learning process, I'm learning all the time," he said. "I'm still

trying to improve, I'll keep doing that."

"That was a very difficult period.

Everybody said my career was over

but I knew I had plenty of cricket left in me," said the middle-order batsman, who scored just 19 in six games during the World Cup. His most memorable moment was being part of Pakistan's World Cup-

winning team in Australia in 1992. Inzamam, then 22, gained international recognition with a brilliant 60 off 37 balls to help his team beat New Zealand in the semifinal. Imran Khan. Pakistan's skipper in

1992, then predicted Inzamam would

soon be a world-class batsman and

was proved right. "I have come a long way," Inzamam said. "I have achieved a great deal in both forms of the game and have matured a lot.

of running between wickets. I am a keen student of the game." Only Javed Miandad (124 Tests),

"I have also overcome my problem

Wasim Akram (104) and Salim Malik (103) have played more matches for

Sunday and Uruguay the following Wednesday because of a knee Adriano was taken off on a stretcher in the 43rd minute Inter's

"The Italian club's medical department sent the CBF (Brazilian federation) a report explaining the

Intersaid on Sunday that Adriano

lar in the Brazil team, where Ronaldinho and Ronaldo usually

However, Adriano made his mark at international level when Brazil fielded a second string at last year's

The CBF said the Santos

The world champions are sec-

Shamima Akhter Liza dethroned International Women's Master Rani Hamid when the voungster became unbeaten champion in the 26th

SHAMIMA AKHTER LIZA another point for her hence the title.

In the other tenth round game,

India's Sachin Tendulkar, and Pakistan's Wasim Akram and

Fleming, who has led New

"There's unprecedented media interest," Velappan told AFP by Taking tennis to next level

record in finals

After he turned pro in 1998, Roger

Federer fretted about his poor track

lost more than I won," said the Swiss

nerstar who heat I levton Hewitt in

"Somehow I turned it around. To

top four players in the world --

Federer, Safin, Hewitt and Andy

opponents are having to raise the

level of their games and working

harder than ever to try and beat him.

But with a remarkable run of 17 consecutive wins in finals he has appeared in, the only thing the world number one worries about these "If Mourinho got a suspension days is setting new records. and was not allowed to sit on the "I didn't have a great record in the bench in the quarterfinal against beginning of my career in finals. I

charge from UEFA for suggesting the final of the Indian Wells Masters that referee Anders Frisk influenced Series event on Sunday. the result of Chelsea's 2-1 first-lea "I remember I had a good record defeat by Barcelona in the last in finals in juniors. I was very disapround of the competition, following a pointed to have a bad one in the half-time chat with Barca coach beginning of my pro career.

UEFA, European football's governing body, say Mourinho and come through here is very special, especially in my first Masters Series two other Chelsea employees could of the year. be fined or suspended if charges are When Marat Safin upset Federer to win the Australian earlier this year Chelsea host Bayern Munich in it sparked talk of a rivalry among the the first leg of the quarterfinal on

Roddick. But the 23-year-old Federer showed once again on Sunday just how huge the gap by dismantling No 2 Hewitt in straight sets. from the left and shrugged off his Federer is so dominant that his

> "I sense that some players have changed a bit when they play me,' CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** 35 Rocky 56 Type 1 Put peaks 37 Molasses-57 Whatan end like

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HSVTW. Saturday's Cryptoquip: GRILLS AND STEAM IRONS ARE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES. THEY'RE

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error

business to take care of this year besides defending the 11 titles he won last year, Federer said he looks forward to the challenge of playing in the French Open which begins "The team has been strength-May 23. the wall and walking away

> **OUR CORRESPONDENT** Bandarban Youth Cricket Club

League at the local stadium yesterday. Youth Cricket Club, who finished group champions by virtue of this

DEFINITELY HOT ITEMS.