Australia England coach's final frontier

England coach Duncan Fletcher dismisses suggestions that by beating Australia in this summer's Ashes Tour it puts them on top of the world.

"I still believe we've got to beat Australia in Australia," he told the Daily Mail.

That challenge is just 16 months

And he admits he deliberately smiled at Ricky Ponting when the Australia captain blew his top after he was run out in the fourth Test by Gary Pratt, a crack substitute fielder, who had been subbed on for a

Ponting says it was Fletcher's smile from the England team balcony after he was run out by Pratt that incensed him and led to him

But Fletcher says Ponting was already ranting and raving when he walked out onto the balcony after watching the replay on TV.

"I like to see how people react to things because it tells you a story," the Zimbabwe-born coach said.

"As he came towards me I didn't want to turn and walk inside. You shouldn't do that. I wanted to stand my ground. I looked at our players to see what they were doing and when I looked back at Ponting he was still going on. So I thought 'Just smile'. I could have said 'Shut your mouth' but I just smiled. It was a smile that said 'Cone on, forget it.'

"Later I went and shook Ponting's hand. Didn't say anything, just shook his hand. It annoved me when people tried to argue he had some kind of point, because he didn't.

Fletcher said he was looking forward to touring Pakistan next month to get away from the hullabaloo surrounding the Ashes triumph.

"If we were going anywhere else there would be distractions and people making calls on our time. At least in Pakistan we'll just get locked into serious cricket."

ODIs in India

improve its one-day record in India where it has won only eight of 26

"We have played well at home, now it is our turn to do it in India," said Moody. Sri Lanka has won nine of 10 one-day matches since July when

Moody started as coach. **TEAMS**

Yadav, Sri Sreesanth.

matches.

INDIA (from): Rahul Dravid (captain). Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Yuvraj Singh, Venugopal Rao, Suresh Raina, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Harbhajan Singh, Murali Kartik, Irfan Pathan, Ajit Agarkar, Jai Prakash

SRI LANKA (from): Marvan Atapattu (captain), Mahela Javawardene, Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Upul Tharanga, Thilan Samaraweera, Chaminda Vaas, Upul Chandana, Farveez Maharoof, Russel Arnold, Dilhara Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan, Dilhara Lokuhettige, Nuwan Zoysa.

Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Krishna Hariharan (India)

Booters leave

Cruciani, who prefers a flat-four backline, will also field four in the middle with one playing as the 'free

"I am impressed with Ujjal's performance in the camp. Arman is also a contender for this position but I can use him on the right side as well. I am looking forward to sort out these details from this tournament, which is my preparation for the matches against Pakistan and the SAFF Championship Those are my real targets.

"All I can say now is that I am happy with the boys. They were serious, sincere, well-behaved and disciplined in the camp. A coach can't ask for

Asked about the appointment of Arif Khan Joy as captain, Cruciani

informed that the shaven-headed Abahani midfielder was an ideal "He plays with authority and is a

crucial member of the team. I feel that the others are also happy with his leadership," Cruciani added. Assistant coach Jubair Nipu

informed that apart from former captain Rajani, there are no injury problems in the squad. "We had to include Tipu at the last

moment in place of Rajani. If Rajani improves soon, he has every chance to

return," Nipu said **SQUAD**

Aminul Haque, Biplab, Atiqul Islam Tareq, Faisal Ahmed, Mohammad Sujan, Parvez Babu, Firoz Mahmud Titu, Nazrul Islam, Wali Faisal, Arif Khan Joy (captain), Arman Aziz, Arman Mia, Zahed Parvez, Matiur Munna, Abul Hossain, Faisal Mahmud, Mehdi Hasan Ujjal, Hasan Al Mamun, Asadur Rahman Asad, Alfaz Ahmed, Ariful Kahir Farhad, Shahaiuddin Ahmed Tipu, Rokonuzzaman Kanchan and Zahid Hossain Emily

EUROPEAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Brazil, Juve rule the list

Football

REUTERS, Paris

Brazilians and Juventus players appear in force on the list of candidates for European Footballer of the Year unveiled by French magazine France Football on Monday.

Last year's winner, Ukraine striker Andriv Shevchenko of AC Milan, is among the nominees as well as 2003 winner, Juventus midfielder Pavel Nedved of the Czech Republic.

Eight of Nedved's team mates are also on the 50-strong list. Brazil midfielder Emerson is among them, alongside nine of his compatriots.

England midfielders Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard, who led Liverpool to their fifth European Cup last season, are rewarded for their fantastic year respectively with Chelsea and the Reds by being included.

The Premier League and Serie A are the two most represented leagues.

The winner of the Ballon d'Or will be announced on November 28

THE LIST

David Beckham (England, Real Madrid), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy, Juventus) Mauro Camoranesi (Italy, Juventus), Fabio Cannavaro (Italy, Juventus), Jamie Carragher (England, Liverpool), Petr Cech (Czech Republic, Chelsea), Andriy Shevchenko (Ukraine, AC Milan) Gregory Coupet (France, Olympique Lyon) Cris (Brazil, Olympique Lyon), Deco (Portugal, Barcelona), Dida (Brazil, AC Milan), Didier Drogba (Ivory Coast, Chelsea), Emerson (Brazil, Juventus), Michael Essien (Ghana, Olympique Lyon/Chelsea), Samuel Eto'o (Cameroon, Barcelona) Luis Figo (Portugal, Real Madrid/Inter Milan), Diego Forlan (Uruguay, Villarreal), Luis Garcia (Spain, Liverpool), Steven Gerrard (England, Liverpool), Thierry Henry (France, Arsenal), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sweden, Juventus) Juninho Pernambucano (Brazil, Olympique Lyon), Kaka (Brazil, AC Milan), Frank Lampard (England, Chelsea), Roy Makaay (Netherlands, Bayern Munich), Claude Makelele (France, Chelsea), Paolo Maldini (Italy, AC Milan), Pavel Nedved (Czech Republic, Juventus), Michael Owen (England, Real Madrid/Newcastle), United Park Ji-sung (South Korea, PSV Eindhoven/Manchester United), Andrea Pirlo (Italy, AC Milan), Raul (Spain, Real Madrid), Juan Roman Riquelme (Argentina, Villarreal), Arjen Robben (Netherlands, Chelsea), Roberto Carlos (Brazil, Real Madrid), Robinho (Brazil, Real Madrid), Ronaldinho (Brazil, Barcelona) Ronaldo (Brazil, Real Madrid), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal, Manchester United), Wayne Rooney (England, Manchester United), John Terry (England, Chelsea), Lilian Thuram (France, Juventus), David Trezeguet (France, Juventus), Marc Van Bommel (Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven/Barcelona), Ruud Van Nistelrooy (Netherlands, Manchester United), Patrick Vieira (France, Arsenal/Juventus) Xavi (Spain, Barcelona), Zinedine Zidane (France, Real Madrid)

SERIE A

Old Lady now equal best

Football

Leaders Juventus won 3-0 at Lecce on Sunday to maintain their 100 per cent league record and equal the best ever start to a Serie A season.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's first league goal gave Juve an early lead before late strikes from Adrian Mutu and Marcelo Zalayeta sealed an eighth consecutive victory for the reigning Italian champi-

The record for the best start already belonged to Juventus whose teams of the 1930-31 and 1985-86 seasons won eight games in a row. Both of those sides went on to win the championship.

Juve, beaten 2-1 at Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday, have 24 points, five more than title rivals AC Milan who came from behind to beat Palermo 2-1.

Filippo Inzaghi, whose career has been blighted by injuries, scored the winner at the San Siro with his first goal in Serie A since March 24, 2004.

Iulio Cruz, a 30th minute substitute for the injured Adriano, scored the only goal as Inter Milan won 1-0 at Udinese to stay a point behind Milan while Fiorentina, who thrashed Parma on Saturday, are fourth on 16 points.

In the Rome derby a superb headed

equaliser from Tommaso Rocchi earned Lazio a 1-1 draw against Roma

Francesco Totti had given Roma a first half lead with a cool finish after being put through by Rodrigo Taddei's clever through-ball.

Roma could find themselves in hot water if the Italian football federation decide to act after referee Gianluca Paparesta was hit on the cheekbone by what was believed to be a coin thrown from the crowd.

In other matches, Livorno recovered from having Stefano Morrone sent off in the 24th minute to beat Reggina 1-0, Cristiano Lucarelli sealing victory three minutes from the end.

Cagliari and Treviso are both still looking for their first wins after suffering 2-1 defeat to Chievo and Empoli respectively, while a stoppage time penalty from Sergio Volpi earned Sampdoria a 3-3 draw at home to Siena. At Lecce, Ibrahimovic broke his

domestic goal drought in the ninth minute with an an angled right-foot drive before Mutu's deflected leftfooted shot nine minutes from time eased the visitors' nerves.

Zalayeta finished off a swift counterattack in the third minute of stoppage time to complete Lecce's misery.

AC Milan, whose leading striker Andriy Shevchenko is nursing a heel

Juventus Milan Inter Fiorentina Chievo	8 8 8 8	8 6 6 5 4	-	1 2 2 2	. •	6 5 11 7	1 1 1
Lazio	8	4	2	2	11	10	1

Primera Liga

injury and is doubtful for next

Barcelona's 3-0 win over Osasuna on Saturday.

FIXTURES

Wednesday (kick-off times in GMT):

Real Betis v Villarreal (1800), Real

Mallorca v CeltRa Vigo (1800), Osasuna

v Athletic Bilbao (1800), Barcelona v

Malaga (1830) ,Deportivo La Coruna v

Thursday: Alaves v Espanyol (1800),

Atletico Madrid v Cadiz (1800), Real

Sociedad v Getafe (1800), Real

Zaragoza v Racing Santander (1800),

100,000 World

The 2006 World Cup will help create

up to 100,000 new jobs in Germany,

according to the Federal

"We want to provide all the poten-

Unemployment is one of

Germany's biggest problems with an

estimated 5.2 million people, 12.6

percent of the working population,

"We have five million people

unemployed in this country and you

cannot ignore that," said Theo

Zwanziger, president of the German

likely to be short term for the World

Cup it is good for the unemployed to

gain references and work experi-

June 9 to July 9 with over three mil-

lion visitors expected for the 64

The 2006 World Cup runs from

"Even if half of the jobs are only

Football Federation (DFB.

tial employers with new qualified

workers at the tournament,'

explained BA director Heinrich Alt.

Employment Agency (BA)

Real Madrid (2000)

Valencia v Sevilla (1900)

Cup jobs

AFP, Berlin

Football

England skipper David Beckham was sent-off as Real Madrid crashed to a 2in the Spanish championship.

Zaragoza 5-2 while Real's four-game their home defeat.

To compound their misery, Real ended the game with nine men as Danish midfielder Thomas Gravesen was also sent-off.

the lead after 10 minutes when Zinedine Zidane put his penalty against the post and they were punished 12 minutes later when Ruben Baraja fired home a curling free kick

after 35 minutes when he received the ball on his thigh and in one swift turn volleyed into the far corner of the net, but Valencia again got their noses in front three minutes later, from a David Villa penalty after a Pablo Aimar shot had hit Real defender Sergio Ramos on the elbow.

Real, who slipped to third in the table, had Gravesen dismissed for a wild tackle on Vicente Rodriguez eight minutes from time and, shortly afterwards, Beckham got two quick-fire yellow cards for disssent.

Both men will miss Wednesday's match at Deportivo La Coruna.

The scoring started early at Getafe

Daniel Guiza got Getafe's second from the penalty spot after 21 minutes after Gabi Milito had brought him down, and Guiza exploited Zaragoza's

half time humiliation by heading home $Getafe's fourth goal \, after \, 36 \, minutes.$

point behind Getafe, after David Silva stabbed the ball home with his left foot eight minutes from time to get the only goal in their 1-0 win over Espanyol.

Malaga went one better than Chelsea in the Champions League on Wednesday by hammering Real Betis 5-0 to hand the Seville-based side their

from close range after seven minutes and headed his second after 27 minutes. connecting with a cross from Gerardo Fernando Sanz got Malaga's third

just six minutes after the break and Pablo Counago added two more later in the second half to complete Betis' rotten

sufficed for a comfortable 3-0 win over bottom club Real Mallorca. Juan Roman Riquelme and Jose Mari

got early goals before Diego Forlan, the joint European Golden Boot winner last season, put an end to his six-game goal drought with Villarreal's third in injury time at the end of the first half.

TOP SIX

Spanish football league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, ost, goals for, goals against, points):

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leal	8	5	0	3	18	8	15
alencia	8	4	3	1	14	11	15
sasuna)	8	5	0	3	9	8	15
arcelona	8	3	4	1	17	10	13

Nigerian international Stepher Makinwa headed Fabio Grosso's leftwing cross back across goal to give Andrea Caracciolo an easy tap-in.

Saturday's crunch clash against Juve

fell behind in the 28th minute at the San

But the Sicilians' lead last less than two minutes with Gennaro Gattuso pouncing on a headed clearance and sending a looping shot over Nicola

Inzaghi clinched victory 13 minutes from time, diving low to head home Marek Jankulovski's cross.

Italy international Luca Toni netted a hat-trick as Fiorentina thumped Parma 4-1 on Saturday to take his league tally to nine, the best haul in Serie A.

In Saturday's early match Messina were denied their first win of the seasor after drawing 1-1 against Messina.

TOP SIX

Italian football league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Juventus	8	8	0	0	16	2	24
Milan	8	6	1	1	15	6	19
Inter	8	6	0	2	16	5	18
Fiorentina	8	5	1	2	18	11	16
Chievo	8	4	2	2	10	7	14
Lazio	8	4	2	2	11	10	14

Valencia's favour for Gatafe

AFP, Madrid

1 defeat to Valencia on Sunday leaving city neighbours Getafe to take top spot Getafe, in only their second season

of top flight football, beat Real winning streak came to an end with

Real threw away a chance to take

from more than 20 metres. Raul Gonzalez equalised for Real

with Veljko Paunovic finding the net from 10 yards after nine minutes, guiding the ball unchallenged into the shocking defending to put the hosts $further\,ahead\,three\,minutes\,later.$

Ruben Pulido added to Zaragoza's

Jose Maria Movilla and Delio Toledo got two back for Zaragoza early in the second half before Pablo Redondo added a fifth goal five minutes from

Celta Vigo move up to second, one

worst league defeat for 22 years.

Salva Ballesta opened the scoring

Villarreal's three first half goals

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Real	8	5	0	3	18	8	15
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Osasuna	8	5	0	3	9	8	15
Barcelona	8	3	4	1	17	10	13
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Adriano (Brazil, Inter Milan), Michael Ballack (Germany, Bayern Munich)

Glenn McGrath were once at each other's throats, but now they are the best of friends. Sarwan and McGrath went toe-totoe in an ugly shouting match in Antigua in May 2003. McGrath, Test cricket's thirdhighest wicket-taker, was rebuked by Cricket Australia for his actions following an outraged reaction from the Australian cricket community. The incident was sparked after Sarwan, on his way to a matchwinning second-innings century, reportedly reacted to lurid taunts from McGrath by telling him he should ask his wife the answer. At the time McGrath's wife, Jane, was recovering from radiation ther-

AFP, Brisbane

apy for secondary cancer. But more than two years on and Sarwan said the incident was in the past and had patched up their differ-

Sarwan, McGrath

West Indian vice-captain Ramnaresh Sarwan and Australian paceman

getting on well!

ences after the match. "That's behind us now," Sarwan said after training here Monday ahead of the tourists' opening Australian tour match against Queensland, starting on Thursday.

"We spent some time in Antigua and we're the best of friends.

"I thought what happened in Antigua was unfortunate and it's not going to happen again."

The first Test, starting at the Gabba on November 3, will be the first time the two teams have met in a Test since the match at St John's which the Windies won by three

Sarwan is treating an injured shoulder and upper back but said he would play against a full-strength Queensland. At 25, he is seen as the man to

eventually replace run machine Brian Lara, 36, as their top batsman. The right-handed No.3 averages 40.87 with eight centuries in 55 Tests

but is intent on lifting his game. "(Coach) Bennett (King) wants me to take up that role and I've been trying my best to do that," he said.

"Obviously Brian is 36 and we don't know how long he is going to go "We have to try and make the best

of use of him (until then)." BFF admits

FROM PAGE 12 "As long as they are in the chair, we will not overturn their decisions. But if the executive committee finds that they are not functioning as expected. it can dissolve the committee," said the BFF general secretary clarifying

the positions of NTMC and the BFF. When contacted, Salahuddin, who also resigned from the post of BFF vice-president, informed that he was yet to get the news officially.

"I can't make a comment unless I am notified officially," said the former national captain and coach.

Shoaib joins

launched a scathing attack on Shoaib, accusing him of being a destructive influence in the dressing room and

uncommitted to the club this season. Shoaib hasn't played for Pakistan since January this year and in his performances during the Super Series failed to make any sort of impact. With the return to fitness of Mohammad Sami and Umar Gul, the return to action of Shabbir Ahmed and the emergence of bowlers such as Navedul Hasan, Mohammad Asif, Rao Iftikhar and Mohammad Khalil, Shoaib faces stiffer competition than ever before to make the starting lineup for the England series.

Pakistan=Ashes

"Don't forget Australia played well in the Ashes series, the results were too close. They are still a pretty good side, something they proved in the world series.'

hard to come to terms with all the attention he had received since he hit 402 runs and took 24 wickets in the five tests against Australia "Our profiles have gone through the roof after the Ashes triumph. But

Flintoff said he was still finding it

essentially nothing has really changed apart from that I am an Ashes winner. "I have the same family, the same friends, I still go to the same places, so in that respect not a great deal has

changed."

November 12.

England are scheduled to play three tests and five one-day internationals in Pakistan. The first test in Multan starts on

Photo exhibition on Ganguly here A photo exhibition on Indian cricket

hero Sourav Ganguly will be held in Dhaka early in 2006, a press release The decision in this regard was

taken at a seminar when a 7-member

Bangladesh Photo-journalists

Association visited Kolkata recently.

PREMIERSHIP

Finally they don't win one

Football

AFP, Liverpool

Frank Lampard saved Chelsea from their first defeat of the season with a stunning second-half equaliser, but the Premiership champions saw their ninegame winning streak come to an end with bottom club Everton deservedly holding on for a 1-1 draw on Sunday.

Lampard's 30-yard strike on 50 minutes cancelled out James Beattie's first-half opener from the penalty spot in a game where the home side more than matched the league leaders.

The result also denied Chelsea the

opportunity of moving to within one

win of equalling Tottenham Hotspur's top-flight record of eleven straight wins at the start of the season, a record set in the 1960-61 campaign. With Everton having lost seven of their eight Premiership games this

season prior to this clash, with only one goal scored all campaign, this bottomversus-top encounter appeared destined to go only one way. It seeemed even more certain especially when Lampard was denied the opener for Chelsea on five minutes

liantly saved his long-range effort. Instead of crumbling under the pressure, however, the home side responded by taking the game to the runaway leaders and Everton's front two

when goalkeeper Nigel Martyn bril-

of Beattie and Duncan Ferguson tormented the Chelsea rearguard with their aerial power and willingness to bully John Terry and Robert Huth with every chal-

The approach ruffled Chelsea's feathers and defender David Weir should have done much better when he was left unmarked to head Mikel Arteta's corner goalwards on 15 min-

It was a clear chance, but the Scotland international wastefully headed straight at Petr Cech, allowing the goalkeeper to punch clear.

In contrast to Everton's muscular approach, Chelsea relied on their pace and creativity to find the breakthrough and Joe Cole, Lampard and Shaun Wright-Phillips went close following rapid counter-attacks.

up the home side's refusal to be dominated by the champions And on 36 minutes, Everton's fighting

Everton stood firm, though, and

Beattie left Terry with a bloodied nose in

a tough aerial challenge which summed

spirit led to the opening goal Australia midfielder Tim Cahill dispossessed Wright-Phillips 30 yards out and burst into the penalty area but the England midfielder conceded a

penalty with a clumsy foul on Cahill. It was a pressure penalty for Beattie, whose Everton career has been stopstart since his six-million-pound move from Southampton last season, but the

former England striker sent Cech the wrong way to claim only his second league goal for the club. Holding onto the lead until full-time would be a tall order for any team against Chelsea. never mind one lying at the foot of the table, and the visitors found themselves level within five minutes of the restart when Lampard scored his ninth goal of

Yet again, though, Everton refused to buckle and they matched Chelsea step-for-step for the remainder of the game and, although the champions had a Didier Drogba goal disallowed due to Eidur Gudiohnsen straving offside, David Moyes's team thoroughly deserved to claim the point.

It could have been three had referee Mark Clattenburg awarded a second Everton penalty for handball when Terry's arm blocked Marcus Bent's cross, but the appeals were waved away and Chelsea held on.

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals

Chelsea	10	9	1	0	24	4	28
Charlton	9	6	1	2	15	9	19
Tottenham	10	5	4	1	12	6	19
Wigan		•	1	2	10	5	19
Man Utd	9	5	3	1	14	7	18
Man City	10	5	2	3	11	8	17

Pak emergency

Pakistan has chalked out a top-level

security programme for a tour by

England's cricket team, with a special

emergency evacuation plan in case of

an earthquake, an official said on

The England team is set to arrive in

Islamabad early Wednesday, some

plan for Eng

in place

AFP, Islamabad

Monday

Nadal clinches **Madrid crown**

Tennis

even see the hall.

September.

Rafael Nadal shrugged off injury fears to clinch his first-ever fightback from two sets to love down to beat bigserving Ivan Ljubicic 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 and take the 2.1-million-euro Madrid Masters on Sunday.

"I had doubts throughout the

whole match," admitted the teenaged

world number two and French Open "Two sets behind, he was playing great. How many aces did he make? 32? What do you think about that? I didn't

four hours, with Spain's top seed earning his 11th title of the season. Ljubicic also struck 87 winners on

The dramatic match took nearly

The Croatian eighth seed came in

riding a 16-match win streak, taking

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the way to his first loss since

and Vienna. But none of that bothered the increasingly confident Nadal. Despite his knee problems, the

Spaniard will play in Basel this week as

top seed in the injury absence of rival

back-to-back titles this month in Metz

thrilled a full house at home with his performance, then thanked the public for their undying support. "Sometimes you lose your hopes,

Roger Federer.

he confessed.

events as well.

"You think: 'Let's win the game. But it's very difficult to break his serve. However, I was looking forward to winning something. "I was enthusiastic, you need to

fight. Mentally, I was strong. That

made me win. As I said, thanks to the crowd for their support." The 19-year-old now stands level with world number one Federer in the title stakes on 11 this season; each man has now won four Masters Series



Spaniard Rafael Nadal is ecstatic after beating Croatia's Ivan Ljubcic in the

hensive plan of security which also includes an emergency evacuation plan in case of certain natural eventu-

Hundreds of aftershocks have shaken the country since the October 8 quake. The latest on Sunday measured 5.9 on the Richter scale. "Our plan constitutes crisis man-

same level of security which was provided to India last year we are leaving no stone unturned," said Khan, a police superintendent.

agement and since the Pakistan

government has assured England the

on Sunday. "There will be extensive security with no parking on the road when the team moves and the plans for the movement of the convoy to and from the stadiums are ready," said Khan.

them here and we want to prove the point that we can provide flawless

"Teams have not been willing to

come here and we are willing to con-

cede on any ground because we want

Pakistan has been a security risk for international teams in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, with teams like Australia and the West Indies refusing to play here.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals D

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.

final of the Madrid Masters tennis tournament on Sunday. By Eugene Sheffer DOWN 11 Substan 1 Few and 13 Rendezbetweer vous 2 Inn 18 Soviet 3 Tolkien space-

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SITCOM THAT FEATURES A FAMILY FULL OF ILL-MANNERED CHILDREN: "THE BRATTY BUNCH."

Khan also briefed two English security experts, Andy Allman and Faisal Nigel, about the arrangements

security.'

two and a half weeks after a 7.6-The reigning Roland Garros winner magnitude quake killed more than 53,000 people in the north of the "We have chalked out a comprealities," tour security chief Sohail Khan told AFP