Abahani blank Bima

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Abahani Krira Chakra continued heir winning spree in the First Division football league with a 3-1

victory against Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at the Mirpur Stadium yester-day. The defending champions, who now have full twenty points from ten outings, failed to score in the first half des-pite their undisputed supre-macy over their opponents.

Bima, one of the lower tier teams which attained some eminence after their 1-0 victory against Federation Cup champions Brothers, did well to keep their rivals at bay for 49 minutes.

Gaus relieved the Abahani fans of their tension in the fourth minute of the second session when he headed home a cross from Mamun Joarder (1-0).

Abahani sealed the fate of the match in the very next minute when Aslam leapt to nod a lovely cross from Sergei Zhukov (2-0).

Rumi added the third 25 minutes into the post-lemon

session when he, in a solo dash, dodged past a couple of Binia players to find the net with a neat grounder (3-0).

Bima reduced the margin 12 minutes from time when Jahangir scored from the

melee to make it (3-1). Sadharan Bima have managed six points from ten matches.

In the first match of the day, which began at the odd time of 1.30 pm because of the onset of Ramadan, Dhanmondi Club beat Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation by two goals to nil. Both the goals were scored by Aziz Babu in the first

Aziz Babu tapped a Javed cross in the 14th minute. The nippy forward found the net again when he cashed in on a defence lapse in the 30th minute (2-0).

Dhanmondi's collection rose to eleven points while BJMC remain at two from ten outings each

TODAY'S MATCHES Adamjee vs Wanderers (1-

Mohammedans vs Rahmat-

gani (3-30 pm)

Haider hattrick spurs MSC

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brilliant hattrick by Munitaz Haider. Mohammedans' Pakistani recruit, helped the title-

aspirants record their 12th consecutive victory in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they swamped Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha 7-0 at the Hockey Stadium.

Mohammedans led 4-0 at the breather.

Barkatullah Chapal sounded the board for the winners in the fifth minute with a spectacular field goal (1-0).

Mumtaz Haider doubled the margin in the 14th minute in a similar fashion (2-0). He got the third one for the blackand-whites in the 17th minute

Mumtaz Haider completed his hat-trick by converting a penalty corner a minute from the breather (4-0).

Tariquzzaman Nannu got the fifth one and Ashar Karim, another Pakistani, netted the sixth goal for Mohammedans respectively in the 39th and 49th minutes.

Munitaz Haider scored his fourth goal in the match to complete the tally for the winncis with a fine field goal (7

on Friday with his first

straight-set victory of the

weck, defeating Russian

All three of Chang's previ-

Andrei Cherkasov, reports AP.

ous matches went to three

sets, but the 12th seed said his

6-4, 6-2 win over Cherkasov

was harder than the score

Thompson sets

new US mark

Jenny Thompson, who already

set a world record this week.

broke the American record in

the 50-metre freestyle twice

on Friday, the final-day of sc-

lection for the US Olympic

seconds in the morning pre-

liminaries and came back to

25.50 Leigh Ann Fetter, who

valuable swimmer of the meet

after breaking the world

record in the 100 metres

freestyle at 54.48 on the first

day of the meeting and qualify-

ing for the US team in the 200

metres freestyle and 400 free

Thompson said. "We know

the sprinters will have to swim

fast to contend with the

Chinese. I think we've proven

this week we are serious about

kicked off the 1988 US

Olympic team after testing

positive for stcroids, qualified

in her first individual event.

placing second in 25.46,

Martino, who was suspended

for 16 months, returned to

training less than two years

for the 400 metres freestyle

fled for her fourth individual

terfly. Sanders, the second

fastest American swimmer

ever in the event, won in two

minutes, 08.86 seconds.

Sanders also won both the

200 and 400 metres individu-

als events and the 100 metres

butterfly earlier in the week.

event in the 200 metres but-

relay earlier in the week.

She already had qualified

Summer Sadness, 19, quali-

Angel Myers Martino, 24,

the Olympics."

The US women's team is

to be strong.

The previous record was

Thompson was named most

Thompson, 19, swam 25.44

swim tea, reports Reuter.

better her mark in 25.20.

failed to make the team.

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 7:

Calif Mar 7 :

Michael Chang

advanced to the

semifinals of the

Champions Cup

Mitul of Mohammedans and Chanu of Bima were shown the green cards while Bappi of Bima, who had carlier invited the yellow card, was sent off the field.

Mohammedans, still unbeaten, have full 24 points while Bima have ten from twelve encounters each.

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, another unbeaten side in the league, got the better of Victoria Sporting Club 2-0 in another one-sided affair on the

With this victory, Mariner placed themselves alongside defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedans with 24 points from twelve games while Victoria have only three points to show from their dozen engagements.

Janul Parvez Lulu put the side from Arambagh ahead in the 51st minute with a beautiful field goal [1 0] while Biaka Lusai completed the tally for Mariners a couple of minutes from the hooter by converting a penalty corner (2-0).

TODAY'S MATCHES

Railway vs Bangladesh SC (1.45 pm)

Ajax SC vs Bachclors SC (3.15 pm) Chang, Stich in semis

> "Actually, I still think it was Yokohama Arena. a tough match," he said. The points were so long.

and the balls were so fluffy." Chang will face unseeded Francisco Clavet of Spain in Saturday's semifinal. The other sentfinal matches No. 3 seed Michael Stich of Germany

against unseeded Andrei

Cheenokov of Russia.

"The first time I came in he passed me, so I knew right then and there it was going to take patience," Chang said "It's good to play an aggressive game but you have to be smart.

"When I got behind in the first set I just stuck to my game and started to go for more, and he started missing."

Chang is the only remaining American after five seeded players lost in earlier rounds, including No. 1 and 2 seeds Jim Courier and Pete Sampras.

"I know I'm the only American left, but I have no thoughts on that." Chang said. Everybody is good here. There are no guarantees on anything."

With the top seeds gone the path to the championship seems wide open for Stich, the reigning Wimbledon champ He hasn't dropped a set in the tournament and rolled over 11th-seeded Sergi Bruguers of Spain 6-1, 6-2.

"I think I played a perfect match today," Stich said. "It was pretty easy. I haven't lost a set yet and I'm in the semifinals so I'm pretty happy with these surroundings.

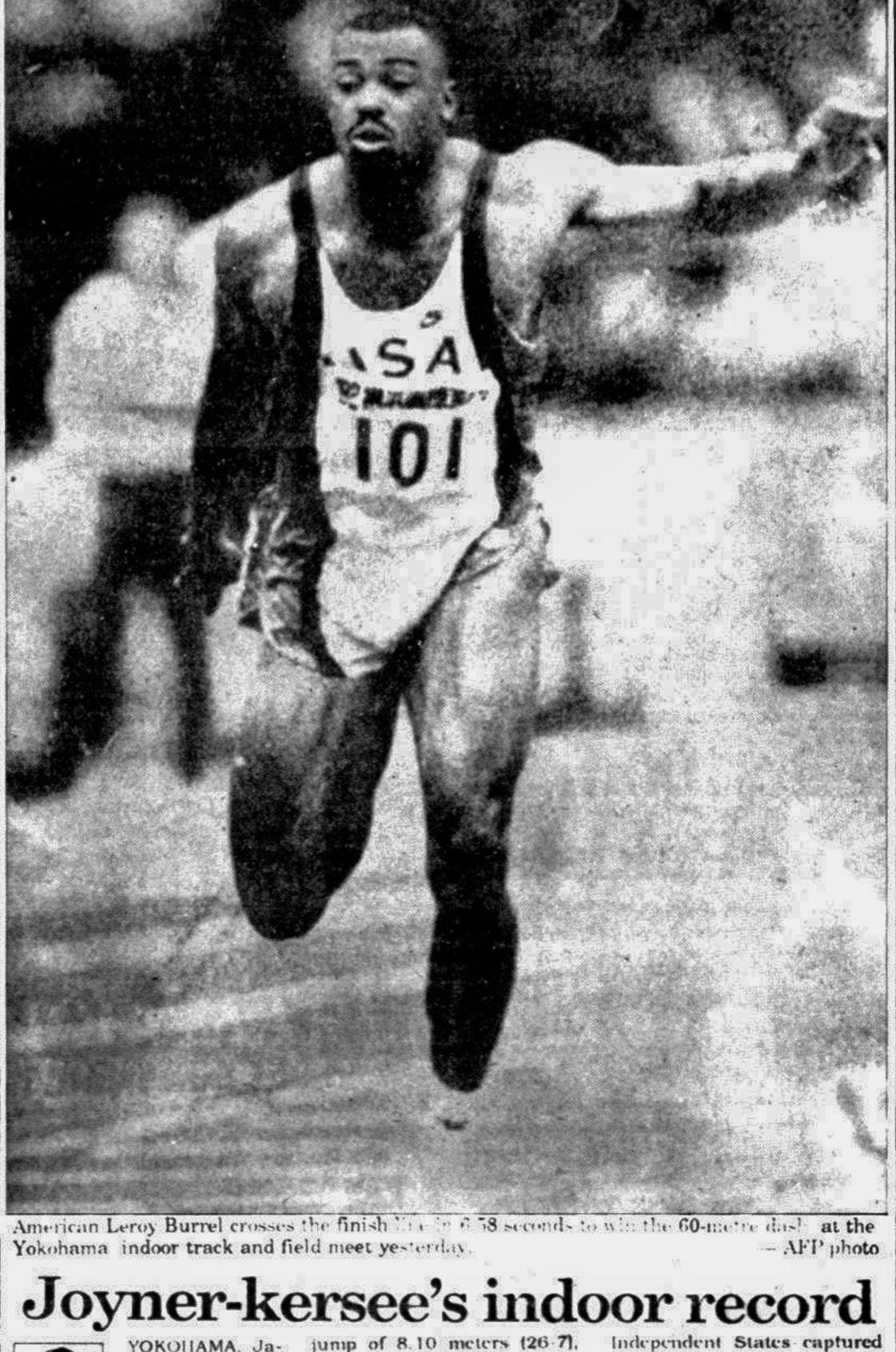
Stich used his strong scrvcand-volley game and outpowcred Bruguera. The German lost only two points on his serve in the second set.

He never let me into the match and his serve was very strong," he said. "I couldn't break him and he also played very well from the baseline. He's definitely the favourite

Stich's semifinal opponent ousted the world's No. ranked player, Courter, in Thursday's third round. Chesnokov pulled another upset in the quarterfinals. beating No. 7 seed Emilio Sanchez 7-5, 7-5 in a match delayed for almost 90 minutes by rain.

Chesnokov was serving for the match at 30-0 when the rain started. After play resumed, the Russian won on two consecutive backhand errors by Sanchez.

"It's tough to play after a rain delay," Chesnokov said.





YOKOHAMA, Japan, Mar 7: Anicrican Jackie Joyner-Kersee won the women's long

jump Saturday with a national indoor record and world champion Mike Powell finished second in the men's event in the Yokohama international track and filed meet, reports AP.

The 30-year-old Joyner Kersee leapt 7.04 meters (23 lect 1 1/4 inches) in her 5th and last try to break he own national indoor record at

The old mark of 7.02 (23-0 1/2) was set at Rutherford, N.J. in 1988.

the men's long jump with a

46.11 and Terril Davis took 149 15

China's Huang Geng won

the men's 800 meters in

beating Powell by five centime

World champion Michael

Johnson captured the men's

200 meters in 20.58 and

American compatriot Greg

Foster won the men's 60-me-

ter hurdles in 7.64 seconds.

below his world record of 7.36.

States, who took the silver in

the men's 100 meters at the

1991 World Championship in

Tokyo, won the men's 60-me-

won the men's 400 meters in

Americans Mark Everett

ter dash in 6.58 seconds.

Leroy Burrell of the United

ters (two inches).

Commonwealth of the 7.24 seconds.

the pole vault with a 5.60-meter [18-4 1/2] jump. CIS's Aleksandr Klimenko

won the shot put with a haul of 20.36 (66-9 3/4) meters and while Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg took the men's high jump with a leap of 2.35 meters [7-8

The triple jump was won by Leonid Voloshin of CIS, soaring 17.08 meters (56-0 1/2).

Serget Melnikov took the men's 1,500-meter in 3:41.27, beating American bill Burke who finished second in 3:42.03.

In the women's events, American Evelyn Ashford cap-Prote Bochkaryov of the tured the 60-meter run in

SINGAPORE. Mar 7: The 17th Southeast Asia (SEA) Games will be held here from June 12 to 20 next year, the Sca Games Federation announced Saturday,

The committee, which met here earlier Saturday to fix the dates and the number of events in the 10-nation Games. decided the games would feature 29 events.

Nebiolo appointed as IOC member

LAUSANNE, Switzerland. Mar 7: Primo Nebiolo, president of the world governing body for track and field, was appointed Saturday as a mem ber of the International Olympic Committee, reports

The announcement was made by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch during a council meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The move came just one month after the IOC, at its session before the Albertville Winter Games, approved changes in its by-laws to allow Samaranch to name two atlarge members of his own choosing.

The change was made specifically for Nebiolo, who had been frustrated for more than a decade in his efforts to become an IOC member. The Italian's membership

had been blocked because of the IOC's limit of two members per country. Italy already has two IOC members, Franco Crraro and Giorgio de Stefani.

Nebtolo has argued that, as president of one the world's most powerful sports bodies, he deserved to be of the IOC. An IOC statement said

Nebiolo's appointment was madein the interest of unity within the Olympic movement "It is necessary to

strengthen still further the existing close ties between the IAAF and the IOC," the statement said. Nebiolo has been president

of the IAAF since 1981. He's also head of the International Federation for University Sports and the Association of Summer Olympic Federations.

Gulshan avert relegation

Sports Reporter the Dhaka Stadium yesterday to steer clear of the danger of being demoted down to the

Milnars First Division league.

Gulshan Youth

Kalabagan Krira

Chakra by 26

runs in the

Navana Premier

Club

Division relegation league at

Div II cricket

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Bazar Athletic Club won their

respective Rank-Xerox Second

Division cricket super league

encounters at two different

Stadium, Dhanmondi recorded

an impressive six-wicket vic-

tory over Nirman Schools

wickets each for Dhanmondi.

with six wickets to spare.

47 for Dhanmondi Club.

Schools Eleven.

the T&T ground.

River Bazar.

yesterday.

two wickets.

19.2 overs.

in reply, Dhanmondi nee-

Shontosh made 74 and Ujjal

Qazi Asad and Suman took a

Rayer Bazar AC registered

wicket apiece for Nirman

an emphatic 35-run victory

over Orient Sporting Club in

the other match of the day at

scored 183 for seven wickets

in their stipulated 40 overs

with Ullash making an un-

wickets each for Orient.

beaten 54 with the help of four

Shoag and Rajib took two

In reply, Orient were dis-

missed for 148 runs in 37

overs. Pappu and Mamun made

35 and 23 respectively for

DU cricket

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skipper Mahbub helped

Department of English record

a massive 96-run victory over

Department of Chemistry in

the Dhaka University inter-de-

partment cricket competition

at the Jagannath Hall ground

Department piled up a huge

180 runs for the loss of three

wickets in 24 overs with

Mamun getting an unbeaten 88

and Mahbub 48. The third

wicket partnership between

Mamun and Mahbub added an

invaluable 160 runs to the to

Farhad of Chemistry took

In reply, Chemistry were

Mahbub bagged four wickets

dismissed for a paltry 84 in

while Mamun took three and

Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman took

two wickets in two successive

deliveries without conceding a

SEA Games

Put in to bat, English

All-rounder performances

Manunur Rahman and

Batting first, Rayer Bazar

Electing to bat, Nirman

At the Dhanmondi Cricket

city venues yesterday.

liveries and Aapon 26.

Dhanmondi Club and Rayer

defeated

Put into bat by Kalabagan skipper Ishtiaq, Gulshan made 195 for five wickets from the 41 overs sent down by the Kalabagan bowlers within the stipulated time. Raj Kumara. Gulshan's Shri Lankan allrounder, was the top scorer with an unbeaten 82 off 80 balls, inclusive of seven fours. Skipper Rupom gave him ad mirable support with 49 that contained two hits to the fence.

None of the Kalabagan bowlers could claim any wicket as all the five Gulshan batsmen were run out.

Kalabagan began disas-Schools scored 189 runs for trously, losing opener Dipu Roy seven wickets in 40 overs with Quzi Asad getting 70 off 62 de-Chowdhury for one to Rajkumara, Indian Sridhar was run out cheaply and Kalabagan Zaman and Ekku got two hopes of laying a solid foundation for the victory chase were ded 37.1 overs to score 190 seriously jolted.

> Veteran Runit played in his usual carefree fashion to make 37 studded with five boundaries. Later wicket-keeper Pilot tried to push things for his side with a fine 54 off only 56 balls made with the help of four fours. Although Pappu and Tanveer with 19 and 16 respectively tried to match Pilot's valiant efforts the runball equation was a little too high for our standards and Kalabagan were all out for 169 in 37.3 overs.

Rajkumara who had lifted Gulshan's hopes with his fine innings, picked up two wickcts for 23. Shamin took two for 32. Skipper Rupom, however.

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superseded the others with figures of three for 24.

TODAY'S MATCHES Mohammedans vs Brother

Union (Dhaka Stadium) Surja Tarun vs Rupah Bank

Nirman cricket Sports Reporter

Wills Little Flower School and Naznin High School won their respective matches in the Dhaka zonal championship of the ninth Nirman Schools cricket competition at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday. Little Flower School recor-

ded a massive 138-run victory over BDR High School. Sent into bat, Little Flower

School made 205 runs all out in 31 overs, with Opi top scoring with 94 off just 41 balls. Satter, Prince and Amin took two wickets each for BDR

In reply, BDR School were booked for a poor 67 in 17.4 overs with Satter making 20.

School.

Halim claimed three while Pavel and Abir took two wickcts apiece for Little Flower School.

Naznin Iligh School beat Scholastica by four wickets in the other match of the day. Batting first, Scholastica made 194 for nine wickets in

their allotted 35 overs with Ridwan scoring 35. Nizam took four wickets for Naznin School.

In their turn, Naznin School cruised past Scholastica's total scoring 198 in 33 overs for the loss of six wickets.

for the winners. Tassabur and Iresh took two wickets each for Scholastica.

Shamim got 56 and Saif 28

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CRYPTOQUIP

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TMCBZE? OUI CTCBZEO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FRUSTRATED COME-DIAN WHO WASN'T FUNNY ANYMORE WAS AT HIS WIT'S END.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals G

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.

No platform pitches in '94 Cup quire tields to be 100 metres ding to be sites for the 52-NEW YORK, Mar [110 yards] long and 68 megame tournament, to be played 7 : Organizers of from June 17-July 17, 1994. tres (75 yards) wide. A field of the 1994 World Eight-to-twelve sites will be that size would just fit in Cup have dro



pped plans to construct platfor-

ms at three potential sites and would be willing to play on Melds that are slightly narrower than usual, reports

Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, the Pontiae Silverdome in Michigan and Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo, are the three stadiums that would need narrower fields. Officials had investigated constructing platforms above the permanent fields. but have abandoned the idea because of cost -- over dirs 1 nullion - and concern with

sightlines. "We have the feeling that playing with a few yards less is better than playing on platform. And a lot cheaper," FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said Friday in Zurich, Switzerland.

World Cup regulations re-

for fields that may be narrower or shorter by a maximum of

We do not believe that suc promise on one or two stadi-

selected by FIFA, the Giants Stadium, but there International Federation o wouldn't be any room for corner kicks or throw-ins. A platform would have been

needed to raise the field above a 10-foot concrete wall that surrounds the field at Giants Stadium. That also would have required the climination of several front-row seats to allow for the additional room neces sary for the so-called buffer zone" around the playing field. Officials are studying plans

five yards. cess of world football is dependant on one or two yards. Tognoni said. "We have our field dimensions, but maybe the committee agrees to com-

Twenty-two stadiums from 19 communities are still bid

Association Football, based on the recommendation of the organizing committee.
Sites will be announced March 23 in New York and the allocation of games, including the opener and the final, will be announced during the first week of July in Zurich.

Still competing to be World Cup sites are Atlanta: Foxboro. Mass: Chitago: Columbus. Ohio: Dallas: Denver: Pontiac; Ransas City: Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif; Miami; New Haven, Conn. East Rutherford and Piscataway. N J: New Orleans: Orlando, Fla; Philadelphia; San Francisco and Stanford, Calif; Scattle; Tampa, Fla., and Washington.

Philadelphia bid officials say they have almost no chance and one World Cup official said Scattle had pretty much dropped out.

IOC, IAAF moot key issues the atening to keep it's track



terriand, Mar 7; Sports officials are turning their attention to two

pressing issues before the Summer Games in Barcelona: South Africa's return to international track competition and formation of a unified team from the former Soviet Union, reports AP.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (fAAF), the world governing body for track and field, scheduled an extraordinary council meeting Saturday which should ease the way for South Africa's readmission.

The International Olympic Committee, meanwhile, meets on Monday with representatives of 12 former Soviet republics to finalize the terms of their participation in Barcelona and beyond. IAAF sources said the coun-

etl planned to give federation

President Primo Nebiolo the

mandate to visit South Africa next month, meet with President F. W de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela and grant provisional membership to the country's track

The visit will coincide with a track meet in South Africa on April 24-25, the second leg of the so-called African Unity Games beginning April 17 in Dakar. Scnegal. The meets will mark the return of South African track and field athletes to American competition. South Africa last competed

in the Olympic in 1960 and was formally expelled by the International Olympic Committee in 1970 over its policy of apartheid. The IAAF later followed suit. Following the abolition of apartheid laws, South Africa

was reinstated by the IOC last July and invited to compete in Barrelona. But the IAAF has so far refused to readmit South Africa.

in I field athletes out of the Stillmer Games. On Monday, Samaranch is scheduled to meet with a delegation of more than 30 repre-

Five former Soviet republies competed as the Unified Team the Winter Games in Albertville, using the Olympic flag and anthem. The plan is to field another

sentatives from the defunct

single team in Barcelona but under different protocol arrangements, when a unified team member wins a gold medal in an individual event, the flag of the athlete's home republic will be raised and the republic's own anthem played. There have been signs that

some republics, particularly Ukraine and Georgia, are reluctant to join a unified team and would prefer to compete independently. But they may have no