

# Tyson begins a new life

INDIANAPOLIS (Indiana), Mar 28: Mike Tyson began a new life on Friday, as convict number 922335 in the Indiana prison system, while his lawyers tried to get him out of jail for the year of more it may take the courts to rule on the appeal of his rape conviction, reports Reuter.

A hearing on whether the former world heavyweight boxing champion should be released on bond pending the appeal was scheduled for PM EST(1900 GMT) at the Indiana Court of Appeals. It was not clear if the court would act immediately or take the matter under advisement.

Tyson, meanwhile, spent the night in a cell at a diagnostic and screening centre at Plainfield, just outside Indianapolis, a facility to which all new prisoners are sent for evaluation to determine which state prison they should be sent to for their sentence.

He was awakened at dawn for breakfast, and prison officials said he would undergo a physical and medical evaluation later on Friday. Most prisoners at Plainfield share a cell and officials said Tyson had not yet been assigned a roommate, but would be.

He was allowed a private cell after his arrival on Thursday directly from the

courtroom where he was sentenced because one happened to be available and not because of his celebrity status, officials said.

The only recreation area at the prison centre, which is surrounded by a fence topped with rolls of razor wire, is a



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small basketball court. Alan Dershowitz, the Harvard lawyer whose clients have included financier Michael Milken and socialite Claus Von Bulow, dismissed as "ridiculous" the idea that Tyson would try to flee the country freed on bond.

"Mike Tyson won't flee. He has scarlet letter on his head," Dershowitz said. He has one of the most recognisable faces in the world.

Tyson, 25, was sentenced on Thursday to six years in jail for the rape last summer of

19-year-old Desiree Washington, a Rhode Island College student who was entered in beauty pageant which Tyson attended in Indianapolis. With time off for good behavior, Tyson would likely serve three years, if his conviction is not overturned on appeal.

"This is a very, very serious appeal," Dershowitz said on Thursday. "It would be a tragedy if Mike Tyson spent a year in jail, then won his appeal."

He said it could very well take a year before the courts rule on Tyson's appeal. Dershowitz said he would raise more than a dozen issues in appealing Tyson's conviction, including the fact that some defence witnesses were not allowed to testify at his trial.

In sentencing Tyson on Thursday, Judge Patricia Gifford of the Marion County circuit court said the boxer should go directly to jail because he might rape someone else and because he might flee the country if allowed to go free.

In court before sentencing, Tyson apologised but said he was guilty of nothing more than "crass conduct."

Smiling and waving his handcuffed wrists at photographers, the fighter was frisked, fingerprinted and taken to the prison facility directly from the courthouse.

# Japanese to bid for Barcelona marathon golds

TOKYO, Mar 28: Astan Games winner Takeyuki Nakayama and World Championship gold medalist Hiromi Taniguchi will be among the six Japanese marathon runners in the Barcelona Olympics this year, sports officials said Saturday, reports AFP.

Nakayama, who won the marathon race in the 1986 Asian Games, and Taniguchi, winner of the 1991 world marathon championship, were two of the three men chosen by the Japan Amateur Athletic Federation.

The other is Koichi Morishita, a winner of Japan's Mainichi marathon last year.

The three women selected by the federation for the coming Olympic Games included Sachiko Yamashita, silver medalist in the 1991 world marathon championships.

Yumi Kikamo, who marked the best Japanese time in the Osaka international marathon this year, and Yuko Arimori, who finished fourth in the 1991 world marathon championship, were also selected.

Each country is allowed to field three representatives in the men's women's marathon races in the Olympics.

An official announcement on the selection of the six marathon representatives to Barcelona will be made Sunday, federation officials said.

# Giants clash for league honours today

Victoria Sporting Club, a name that transduces tradition in the sporting realm of this country, had their name a little beamed when the hockey team of the club confirmed relegation after nearly four decades in the Senior Division.

In yesterday's second match of the Green Delta First Division league at the Hockey Stadium, Victoria went down fighting to Bachelor's Sporting Club by a solitary goal.

Bachelor's, who had forced six penalty corners, held a slight edge over their opponents and got the match-winner two minutes from time when Khwaja Fayyaz sounded the board from a penalty corner.

Victoria launched some offensives but could neither register parity nor forge ahead to earn a play-off which could have given them a slim chance to survive in the league.

Bachelor's Sporting Club have ten points from 15 matches while Victoria finished with six from their 15 matches.

Dhaka Ansars and Police Athletic Club shared points in the goalless first encounter of the day.

Ansars dominated most of the proceedings, forcing three penalty corners in the process. Ansars have 12 points from 15 matches while Police have ten from 15 matches.

**DECIDING MATCH** Meanwhile, the issue of the

1992 Green Delta league championship will be decided today with reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra meeting their archrivals Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the last match of the league

game to lay claim to the coveted title. Besides, Mohammedans have a formidable forward line spearheaded by the redoubtable Pakistani Muntaz Haider who has been in prolific goal-scoring form.

On the other hand, Abahani are already a point behind their traditional rivals having been held to a draw in a hot-tempered clash with Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club earlier this month. If Abahani are to



Action yesterday's Green Delta league match between Ansars and Police at the Hockey Stadium. —Star photo

starting at 3.15 in the afternoon.

Mohammedans, who are yet to drop a point, having won all their 14 engagements in this year's 16-team campaign, should start as the favourites. They need only draw today's

retain the title nothing short of an outright victory will suffice for them. For their part, Mariners had to be content with a third-place finish, just ahead on points over former champions Ajax Sports Club.

# Muhammad Ali no longer an outcast

PRINCETON (By Mail): Muhammad Ali, "the Greatest" and the world's most recognisable face, had a

tryst with destiny. Before him, sportsmen in general and boxers in particular were treated as no more than race horses. You fed them well and expected them to knock the brains out of opponents in the ring. They were to be tigers in the ring and pussycats outside it. They were not supposed to have a mind of their own. That role did not sit well with a certain Cassius Marcellus Clay.

In a sport known more for brawn, he turned out to be one of the brainiest sportsmen to grace the earth. He smoothed boxing's inherent brutality by adding touches of elegance and chic to it. Because of his versatility and charm, Ali became the first and only sportsman to transcend his sport and become a worldwide folk hero.

Clay was born with an inquiring mind. He could not understand why he was considered good enough to represent his country and win a gold medal for it (Rome Olympics, 1960, Light heavyweight), yet not good enough to eat in a restaurant in his native Kentucky. He could not but be embarrassed when in a dinner reception organised to honour him, he was ushered in and everyone cheered, and was ushered out as the white folks sat down to have their dinner. It puzzled him why he had to go fight and die for the freedom of the Vietnamese people when his own people did not enjoy the same freedom. It bothered him as to why the prize fighters received so little money, and the promoters so much, when it is the fighters whom the fans come to see. The facts simply did not add up, and something needed to be done.

Cassius Clay's February, 1964 astonishing victory over Sonny Liston to capture the world heavyweight championship was considered a fluke. Forty-two out of forty-four top sports writers had picked Liston, who had beaten the previous champion Floyd Patterson twice, in only 2 minutes each! Liston once killed an ox with his bare hands, so went the legend. How could a wiry, 23-year old normal human being have a chance against him? Ali, however, was never a fan of popular beliefs. With lightning foot and arm speed, he made Liston swing and miss so much that he tore an arm muscle and was unable to continue after the 7th round.

After dethroning Sonny Liston as the heavyweight champion of the world, Clay put the world and America on notice: "I am not going to be what you want me to be. I am free to be what I want to be." The world was not prepared for the deluge that was to follow. Since the religion he was born into did not fight for his rights ("white man's religion"), he decided to embrace the religion whose adherents were mostly non-whites, Islam. Although America did not care what denomination of Christianity Clay or other negroes belonged to, they became outraged when he changed his religion. Secretly, Clay was delighted. At long last he was getting through to white America!

pulling for Clay. President Kennedy, of course, did not live long enough to see his wishes fulfilled. After Clay became the champion, however, America made a U-turn, and for the rematch with Liston, everyone seemed to be rooting against "Gaseous Cassius". Most people refused to call him by his Islamic name, Muhammad Ali, (even Joe Frazier did not call him Ali before 1974), and his brash, but usually accurate



MUHAMMAD ALI has Liston on the mat, 1964

pronouncements of which round his opponents would fall, earned him the contemptuous nickname of "Louisville Lip" (Ali was born in Louisville, Kentucky).

Before his rematch with Liston in Lewiston, Maine, in May, 1965, Ali began receiving so much hate mail from irate whites that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) felt compelled to step in to protect him. All this affected Liston much more. He really believed that someone planned to do some shooting during the contest, and reasoned that since Ali was so fast, the bullet was sure to hit him (Liston)! In a mad rush to knock Ali out quickly, Liston was met with a devastating "phantom" punch that knocked him cold, within a minute of the first round. One of the all-time great sports photographs of this fight has Ali towering over Liston and bellowing: "Ce up, you bum! We are on television. People deserve a better fight!" Liston did not get up of course, and the frustrated fans whose predictions went awry, began chanting, "Fix! Fix! Fix!" (a US Senate investigation that found no evidence that the fight was fixed, there are people who still believe that Liston made more money by losing than he would have by winning. You cannot win against these fans. If they are right they will say, "I told you so." If they are wrong, then the fight was fixed! More to the point, as the Americans are

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fond of saying, "There is a sucker born every minute." In the next two years, while Ali was mesmerizing the world with his pugilistic prowess, the forces against him were getting organised. His draft (for Vietnam war) eligibility was upgraded from a failing grade to an A. (They told me I was dumb, now they call me a genius!). Ali commented wryly. Traditionally, superstars were exempted from war.

pic had thought that Ali was a fake, no more than a juvenile loudmouth. When he walked away from millions of dollars that a heavyweight champion earns and stood up for his beliefs, America took notice. He was for real, after all! Although he had conquered the world by this time, this single event, slowly, or so very slowly, began to win admiration from white America.

The world would never know how good Muhammad Ali really was as a boxer. At his prime, from the age of twenty-five to twenty-eight and a half (from April 1967 to October, 1970) Ali was barred from boxing as he argued his case all the way to the US Supreme Court, spending some time in jail on the way. In a unanimous decision (8-0, with only the present Chief Justice William Rehnquist abstaining) in 1970, the Justices ruled in his favour.

The next unanimous decision did not go in Ali's favour. In a hurry to reclaim the heavyweight throne now occupied by Joe Frazier, Ali fought Frazier too soon after his three-and-a-half year lay off. Ali lost for the first time in the March, 1971 title bout. It is a measure of Ali's greatness that he would average this loss by beating Frazier twice subsequently, as he would also do in case of Ken Norton.

Ali may have been hasty in challenging Frazier for the title, but he was meticulously prepared for the title bout against George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire in October, 1974. (Foreman, the 1968 Olympic heavyweight champion had pulverized Frazier to win the title in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1973). To absorb Foreman's phenomenal punches, Ali prepared by soaking his stomach in brine every morning. Employing the now-famous "rope-a-dope" tactics, Ali would lean on the ropes so that the rope, as much as he, would absorb Foreman's punishing blows until he punched himself out. When Foreman was through punching, Ali knocked him out in the eighth round to become only the second fighter ever to reclaim the heavyweight throne (Floyd Patterson was the first).

After three and a half years of tumultuous reign, Ali became careless and lost to Leon Spinks in February, 1978. He honoured us by visiting Bangladesh soon afterwards. Ali rectified the slip by crushing Spinks in the September, 1978 rematch, thus becoming the world's only three-time heavyweight champion. After a two year hiatus, his ill-advised attempt to become the world's only 4-time champ at the cost of Larry Holmes in 1980 came up short.

Ali never avoided any opponent. His greatness can be gauged from the fact that he fought and defeated three opponents, Liston, Frazier and Foreman, who could have laid claim to all-time greatness had they not had the misfortune of running into Ali. Liston and Foreman's reputation were so fearsome that boxers avoided being in the same city, let alone in the same ring with these two. Liston and Foreman routinely knocked opponents out with half a punch. Frazier's reputation was as deadly. He was like a truck with no reverse gear. He knew only how to go forward, swinging those devastating left and right hooks. His persistence wore down fighters and usually sent them to the hospital for an after-fight check-up. Ali, in March, 1971 was no exception.

Very few fans, including this one, had sensed the depth of Ali's convictions. As a conscientious objector, he refused to be drafted. Then all hell broke loose. In a fit of moral fervour, he was immediately stripped of his world heavyweight title. (How can a so-called "world" body strip him of the title for not joining US army still remains a mystery!) Most US States, including New York revoked his licence to fight. In a commentary on these events, TIME magazine captioned, "Duped from Greatness", while NEWSWEEK was downright intransigent. "The Muslim muzzled!"

In a land that prides itself in pronouncing someone innocent until proven guilty, Ali suffered the fate of the guilty although he was never convicted. This was a watershed moment both for Ali and America. Hitherto, most peo-

# Volleyball results

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army won their respective matches of the Mv Eagles Independence Day volleyball competition at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Rifles beat Bangladesh Air Force 15-7, 15-4 and 15-10 while Army outplayed Bangladesh Navy 15-9, 9-15, 15-13 and 15-9.

Organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, five teams are taking part in the meet.

Titans Club is the other team taking part.

The competition is scheduled to conclude on March 30. Following is the points-table:

	M	W	L	Pts
Army	2	2	0	4
Rifles	2	2	0	4
Navy	3	2	1	4
Air Force	3	0	3	0
Titans	2	0	2	0

# Cute handball

Sports Reporter Tarun Sangsad posted their maiden win in the Cute First Division handball league beating Banianagar Sporting Club 26-11 in a one-sided affair at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

The winners led 13-2 at the breather.

Kamal netted nine goals and Iqbal six for Tarun Sangsad while Tony with four and Jewel with three were the main goal-getter for Banianagar.

With this victory in their ninth game Tarun thus opened their account while Banianagar are yet to get off the mark after nine outings.

# COOB resents deadline lapse

BARCELONA, Spain, Mar 28: Germany and Britain were among countries who had their knuckles reaped by Barcelona Olympic organisers on Friday for failing to register their athletes by Wednesday's deadline, reports Reuter.

The Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee (COOB '92) said only 107 of the 170 teams had officially registered their numbers attending the Games by the deadline.

"We hope that the registration forms from important elements such as Germany and Britain will arrive in the next few hours at COOB '92 headquarters," the organisers said in a terse statement.

The statement also castigated other countries, without naming them, for registering too many athletes and officials.

"The Olympic village is not made of rubber," complained COOB '92 chief executive Jose Miguel Abad.

Only 2,219 spaces are left for the 63 countries yet to register and Germany and Britain alone are likely to take the majority of those.

A British Olympic Association spokeswoman said: "The deadline was midnight on March 25 and we sent our entry forms by overnight courier on the 24th."

"It was supposed to be a guaranteed delivery by midday on the 25th. We are ringing up now to make sure they were couriered."

So far, the United States has registered the biggest team, of 648 athletes and 170 officials. The Spanish hosts

come next because of a vast contingent of 301 officials among its 786-strong delegation, while the Commonwealth of Independent States has 677 representatives.

Newcomers South Africa have registered 216 athletes and 70 officials for the country's first Games since 1960, although their officials said recently they expected their team to comprise no more than 150 members.

COOB '92 said it would extend the registration deadline to July 10, just two weeks before the opening ceremony, for all sports except basketball and soccer, which get an extra five days to lodge their forms.

"We have already prepared letters to remind all the relevant National Olympic Committees that they should send their numbers as a matter of urgency," the COOB '92 statement said.

"We will also be writing to those committees who have exceeded their allocated number of the places to readjust their participation to respect the limitations on numbers they agreed with the International Olympic Committee (IOC)," it said.

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# Title bout

KITAKYUSHU, Japan, Mar 28: Japanese champion Hiroki loka and Filipino challenger Noel Tunacao on Saturday passed a medical check for their World Boxing Association junior flyweight title match, reports AP.

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# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Uproar  
12 Federal dept.  
13 Brilliant star  
14 Anagram for door  
15 Actress Meyers  
16 Ursa Major  
18 Silly blunder  
20 Fictional dog hero  
21 Soviet news agency  
24 Dashboard indicators  
28 Gorilla, for one  
32 Water, in Acapulco  
33 Steiger or Stewart  
34 Wear away  
36 Sought office  
37 Wading bird  
39 Large sea bird  
41 One of the

**Downs**

23 Womb mate?  
4 Unappreciative one  
5 June bug  
6 First mother  
7 River in Europe  
8 Luca della  
9 Wrath  
10 Harem room  
11 Anderson's "High"  
17 Young boy  
19 Sched. info  
22 Mari-onette maker  
23 Anagram  
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29 Anagram  
30 Check for errata  
31 German river  
35 Zealous and sincere  
38 Staid  
40 Literary initials  
42 Get overly ripe  
45 Dutch treat?  
47 Word before line or post  
48 Strong impulse  
49 Party line?  
50 "I— ideas" ('51 song)  
51 Author Bradbury  
52 Psychic's sense?  
53 Med. org  
54 And. org

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**LEAR ARAN IVA**  
**FIREBRAND RED**  
**TAOS OPERA**  
**REFER TRIP**  
**URIS STARTLES**  
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"K W U S V N O W U U I U"?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF WHARF WORKERS ARE CONSISTENTLY LATE, THEY'RE DOCKED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y 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.