

Papin sidelined

PARIS, May 24: An ankle injury may rule out European footballer-of-the-year Jean-Pierre Papin from next Wednesday's friendly in Lausanne between France and Switzerland. French team boss Michel Platini said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Papin has not trained all week with the rest of the French squad at their camp in Clairefontaine where they are



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN

preparing for next month's European Championship in Sweden.

Platini said Papin needed to rest his ankle for three more days before training again. "It would be better for him to start work from the beginning rather than play a match," he added.

France's other casualties in the 20-strong squad are all improving, however. Stoppers Basile Boli and Emmanuel Petit, both sidelined earlier by back injuries, have resumed full training and full back Manuel Amoros, who has a calf problem, would be back in action soon, Platini said.

France have a second friendly before the Sweden tournament opens on June 10, a match in Lens on June 5 against the Netherlands.

Vialli deal biggest ever



GIANLUCA VIALLI ... biggest-ever soccer transfer

ROME, May 24: Italian club Sampdoria will get four new players plus a cash payment in the record-breaking deal which takes striker Gianluca Vialli to Juventus, newspapers reported on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Genoese club, beaten by Barcelona in the European Cup final this week, said on Friday that the 27-year-old Vialli would play for Juventus next season, but gave no details of the deal.

But most newspapers put the total value of the deal at between 25 and 30 billion lire (20.25 million dollar).

This figure would easily make Vialli the most expensive player in the world, beating the 13 million dollar Juventus paid to Fiorentina for Roberto Baggio two years ago.

Newspapers said midfielder Eugenio Corini and forwards Mauro Bertarelli and Michele Serena would join Sampdoria along with one of two players from the Juventus youth team.

Corini and Bertarelli, who is currently on loan to Second Division Ancona, are both members of the Italian under 21-squad which has reached the final of the European Championship.

Estimates of the cash payment involved varied between four billion and 10 billion lire (3.3 to 8.3 million dollar).

Turin's Juventus have won the Italian title, a record 22 times, their last success coming in 1986, but they will have to settle for second place behind AC Milan this season.

Another chance for Barnes

LONDON, May 24: Liverpool's inspirational winger John Barnes won a place in the England squad for next month's European Championship finals on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Barnes, who has struggled with a high injury that kept him out of England's recent warm-up matches and Liverpool's FA Cup winning side on May 9, was passed fit after a practice match.

"I'm delighted with the display that John put on after so long without a game. Now we have to work on his match fitness," manager Graham Taylor said.

Taylor kept a place open for Barnes when he named his squad on Monday. Queen's Park Rangers winger Andy Sinton will make way for him.

The eight-team tournament in Sweden starts on June 10 with England facing Yugoslavia in their first match the following day. France and Sweden complete the group.

Y'slav soccer coach quits

BELGRADE, May 24: Yugoslavia coach Inca Osim quit on Saturday just two weeks before the European Championship, reports Reuter.

Osim, a Croat, said he took the decision in solidarity with his home city of Sarajevo, the Bosnian state capital heavily damaged in ethnic fighting.

His assistant Ivan Cabrinovic will take charge of the team in the tournament in Sweden starting on June 10 with help from Red Star Belgrade coach Vladimir Popovic.

Yugoslav Federation sources said their 20-strong championship squad would be named on Monday.

Players from newly-independent Slovenia and Croatia have dropped out of the squad that qualified for the finals.

The Federation's national team committee, headed by former coach Miljan Miljanic, did not name a long term successor and hopes to persuade Osim to change his mind.

Osim, at the helm in 51 international since 1986, said he would continue to coach First Division Partizan Belgrade.

Gillingham does it yet again

SHEFFIELD, England, May 24: British swimmer Nick Gillingham twice broke the European and Commonwealth records for the men's 200 metres breaststroke on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Gillingham, double European 200 metres champion, improved his heat record time of two minutes 11.98 seconds to 2:11.62 in the final at the British Olympic trials.

It was the fastest time this year and only American world record holder Mike Barowman has swum faster in 2:10.60.

Gillingham, 1988 Olympic silver medalist, was 0.41 of a second inside, the European mark held by Hungarian Norbert Rozsa.

The Briton's personal best before Saturday was his Commonwealth record 2:12.55 set in retaining his European title in Athens last August.

JU basketball

SAVAR, May 24: The inter-department basketball tournament of Jahangirnagar University will begin on May 26 (Tuesday) at the university gymnasium, reports UNB.

Eight teams from eight departments are likely to participate in the tournament.

IAAF may ban Krabbe



BONN, May 24: The International Amateur Athletics Federation is set to ban world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe from competing in the Barcelona Olympics. The Der Spiegel magazine reported here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Although the German Federation last month lifted a four-year ban imposed in February, the IAAF's Anti-Doping Committee agreed last week that the evidence supported the allegation that Krabbe and two fellow athletes tampered with urine samples.

"The five experts unanimously concluded that the IAAF should reopen the investigation closed by Germany," the magazine said.

The matter is now likely to go before the IAAF's Judicial Commission, which will call on the German Federation to defend its decision to lift the suspensions on Krabbe, Silke Moller and Grit Breuer.

Krabbe, 22, is the world 100 and 200 metres champion, while Moller, 27, is the former world champion at the same distances and Breuer, 20, won a bronze medal at the Seoul Olympics in the 4x400 metre relay.

If the commission upholds the anti-doping officials' findings—which is probable, said Der Spiegel—the three former East Germans will be suspended.

The athletes were tested during a training session in South Africa in January.

Although the drug tests proved negative, analysis showed that the urine specimens came from one person.

According to Der Spiegel, some experts believe they were provided by the wife of Krabbe's trainer, Thomas Springstein.

Under IAAF regulations, tampering with urine samples is liable for the same penalty—a four-year suspension from competition—as a positive result.

The German Federation banned the three on February 15 and the sentence was upheld by the IAAF two days later.

But on April 4, the Federation's Independent Judicial Commission lifted the bans,



KATRIN KRABBE ... may miss Barcelona Olympics

stating that the drug test procedure was flawed.

The decision, reached amid heated public debate in Germany, left the federation

in an extremely difficult position because, according to its President Helmut Meyer, it has to "defend an acquittal it was not satisfied with."

World record

VARNA, Bulgaria, May 24: China's Chang Xiaoli broke both the world snatch and jerk records to take the under 82.5 kg category gold medal at the women's weightlifting championship here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Xiaoli snatched 110 kg, beating the record previously held by compatriot Li Hongling by 7.5 kg, and then went on to jerk 142.5 kg, beating Hongling's record by 4.5 kg.

Ngugi beaten in Kenyan Army race

NAIROBI, May 24: Unknown Simon Chemotwo beat a world class field, including Olympic champion John Ngugi, to win the armed forces athletics championships 5,000-metre race here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old soldier overtook world 10,000-metre junior champion Richard Chelimo in the final straight to clock 13 min 40 sec. Chelimo followed him home in 13:40.8.

"I knew Chelimo is good and more experienced, and the best way to beat him was not to let him go, Chelimo said.

Ngugi, running at home for the first time since winning the world cross-country title for a fifth time in March, finished a poor ninth, and admitted he was out of form.

The Olympic champion has yet to begin his serious training for the Kenyan Olympic trials in July.

Moses Kiptanui, the world 3,000m steeplechase champion won over barriers here in 8:30.7 but was beaten into third place in the 1,500m.

William Tanui took the event in 3:36.2 to follow up his win in the 800m in 1:46.2. Joseph Cheshire was second in both events 3:36.4 and 1:46.4.

Nagata's title

KASUGAI, Japan, May 24: Fusako Nagata came from behind Sunday with the day's best score, a 6-under-par 66, and won the Chukyo TV-Bridgestone ladies golf tournament by one shot, reports AP.

Nagata, who started the final round six shots off the pace, shot three birdies each on the front and the back nines, finishing with a three-round total of 212, four under par.

Junko Yasui, who led through the fifth hole Sunday, faltered with four bogeys after the eighth in a round of 73 and finished second at 213.

Nagata received 9 million yen (dls 69,300) for her first triumph since 1988 — when she won this same tournament — and her sixth career victory.

American Jane Geddes shot a 72 and finished third at 214. Yoko Moriguchi placed fourth at 217 after shooting a 73 on the 6,204-yard, par-72 Kasugai Country Club course in central Japan.

Azad Products volleyball

Sports Reporter

Al-haj Sona Miah Smriti Sangsad lifted the Azad products 1992 Narayanjanj volleyball league title by beating Soma Hosley Club 15-10, 15-13 and 15-3 at the Osmani Stadium, Narayanjanj yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain gave away the prizes as chief guest.

Hanover lift German cup



BERLIN, May 24: Hanover became only the second Second Division club to win the German Cup when they beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in a penalty shoot-out on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hanover goalkeeper Joerg Sievers saved two penalties as his side won the shoot-out 4-3 at the end of extra time in a scoreless match.

It was Hanover's first major title since their German championship triumph in 1954.

Second Division Kickers Offenbach upset Cologne in 1970.

It was the second successive final decided on penalties. Hanover join German holders Werder Bremen in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup.

Jordan stars for Chicago Bulls

RICHFIELD, Ohio, May 24: To hear Michael Jordan tell it, you'd think the Chicago Bulls defensive plan Saturday happened entirely by accident, reports AP.

Jordan attached himself to Cleveland point guard Mark Price — not his usual assignment — and completely disrupted the Cavaliers offense while also scoring 36 points as the Bulls beat the Cavaliers 105-96 for a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Game 4 will be Monday at the Richfield Coliseum, where the Cavaliers are 5-2 in the playoffs this year.

For three quarters, the game was a mirror image of Cleveland's 107-81 win at Chicago on Thursday night, in which Jordan scored 20 points while battling a sore throat and a swarming Cleveland defense.

This time, it was Chicago taking control from the start, rushing to leads of 19-2 and 26-4 by setting play after play

for Jordan of offense while using him defensively to hound



MICHAEL JORDAN

Price. Jordan scored 17 points in the period; Price scored 11 but had no assists in the quarter.

"I found myself in switches now and then, I did what I could to cover Price," Jordan said.

But what about those times Jordan picked Price up before any screens had been set?

"I just tried to keep a bigger body on him, keep him off the 3-point line," Jordan said. "The refs wouldn't call as many cheap fouls on me. The other guys (John Paxson and BJ Armstrong) have been getting called for touchy, touchy fouls."

"That was of his own volition," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "We were mismatched on our presses after free throws a couple of times, and he liked it and wanted to stay with it."

The Cavaliers still trailed by 18 early in the fourth quarter until Brad Daugherty's rebound basket and two jumpers by rookie Terrell Brandon woke up the sellout crowd of 20,273.

All eyes on Konishiki, but Akebono wins

TOKYO, May 24: As the tournament started, all eyes were on Konishiki—a Hawaiian who had been quoted as saying racism had kept him from becoming the first non-Japanese wrestler to reach sumo's highest rank, reports AP.

Konishiki denied ever saying that, but expectations were that he could gain promotion to yokozuna—or grand champion—by winning the 15-day Summer Grand sumo tournament.

Instead, another Hawaiian, Akebono, won the championship in impressive fashion while Konishiki floundered.

The likely result was Akebono joining Konishiki at sumo's second-highest rank—ozeki, or champion. The promotion committee meets Wednesday. So far, Konishiki is the only foreign wrestler to climb that high in the Japanese traditional sport.

Akebono, 22, now a sekiwake (junior champion), clinched victory in his final match Sunday, finishing at 13-2 after blasting No. 7 maezashira (senior wrestler) Wakahanada out of the ring with fierce hand thrusts. Wakahanada could have tied Akebono at 12-3 by winning, forcing a playoff for the championship.

A roar of approval went up

from the capacity crowd of 11,000 when the 204-centimeter (6-foot, 8-inch), 200-kilogram (440-pound) former Basketball player received his trophy.

Meanwhile, the 262-kilogram (576-pound) Konishiki finished at 9-6 by throwing down komusubi (junior champion) meeting.



KONISHIKI

pion second class) Akinoshima. He doomed his chances with a four-match losing streak in the tournament's first week. He did, however, beat Akebono in their meeting.

The question had arisen whether the tradition-bound sumo world would accept a foreigner as a yokozuna. Aside from standards requiring two consecutive tournament victories, or a record deemed of

equal worth, there is an undefined requirement of "dignity," which critics say could be used to deny top ranking for foreigners.

Konishiki, 28, whose real name is Salevaa Fuuali Atisano, had won two of the last three tournaments, but not two in a row.

The question now fades into the background for a while. Sumo experts say Konishiki needs to start over to put together two good tournaments. Akebono isn't ready for consideration for yokozuna rank because he has not reached ozeki yet.

Still panting from exertion, Akebono said after Sunday's bout that he had gone in feeling confident after Jesse Kuhaulua, master of his training stable, told him, "you will win the championship if you keep calm and wrestle your own sumo."

"I am extremely happy," said Akebono, who became only the third foreign wrestler to win a major tournament. Konishiki has won three.

Kuhaulua, a Hawaiian native who now is a Japanese citizen, won one 20 years ago under the name Takamiyama.

"It's like a dream. He (Akebono) wrestled well," Kuhaulua said.

Akebono, whose real name is Chad Rowan, received 5 million yen (dls 39,000 billion) for the tournament championship and another 5 million yen for his fourth outstanding performance award.

In ceremonies in the ring, US Ambassador Michael Armacost read a statement in Japanese: "Representing the American people, I congratulate wrestler Akebono's first victory in a tournament."

He expressed hope that Akebono would devote himself more to Japan's traditional sport.

Shortly after first arriving in Tokyo in February 1988, Akebono told reporters that he hoped to become like Kuhaulua, who wrestled for 20 years and at one point reached sumo's third highest rank of sekiwake.

Bowan, who wrestled and played basketball at Kaiser High School in Honolulu, had his first bout in the spring tournament in 1988 and reached the makuuchi division, the top level, in 15 tournaments. Kuhaulua had done it in 23 of the six-year tournaments.

Konishiki reached makuuchi in 12 tournaments and Hawaiian Musashimaru, or Piamalu Penitani, in 13.

Jager sounds a warning



FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, May 24: World record holder Tom Jager of the United States won the 50-metre free-style at the Alamo Challenge swimming competition on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Jager, 27, got off to a good start and won the event in 23.49 seconds, taking advantage of being in lane 7 where he could watch the rest of the field, as he breathes on his left side.

Todd Pace, the 1991 Pan American Games gold medalist, was just touched out by Jager to finish second in 23.56.

Matt Biondi, 1988 Olympic gold medalist in the event, was third at 23.63.

It was the first time since 1986 Jager and Biondi did not finish in the top two.

The two, considered to be of swimming's greatest and

longest-lasting rivalries, have exchanged the world record four times since 1986.

"I won it on the start," said Jager, who holds a 16-8 edge over Biondi in the 50-metre freestyle. "I felt good the



TOM JAGER

minute I hit the water. Matt had a poor start."

Olympic triple gold medalist and world record holder Janet Evans won her third event of the meet in the 400-metre freestyle at 4:12.03. Evans won the 200- and 800-metre freestyle events on Friday.

Costa Rica's Claudia Poll was second in 4:18.08.

World record holder Mike Barrowman won the 200-metre breaststroke in two minutes, 16.46 seconds. His world record in the event is 2:10.60.

Spain's Martin Zubero, world record holder in the 200-metre backstroke, won the 100-metre backstroke in 55.36.

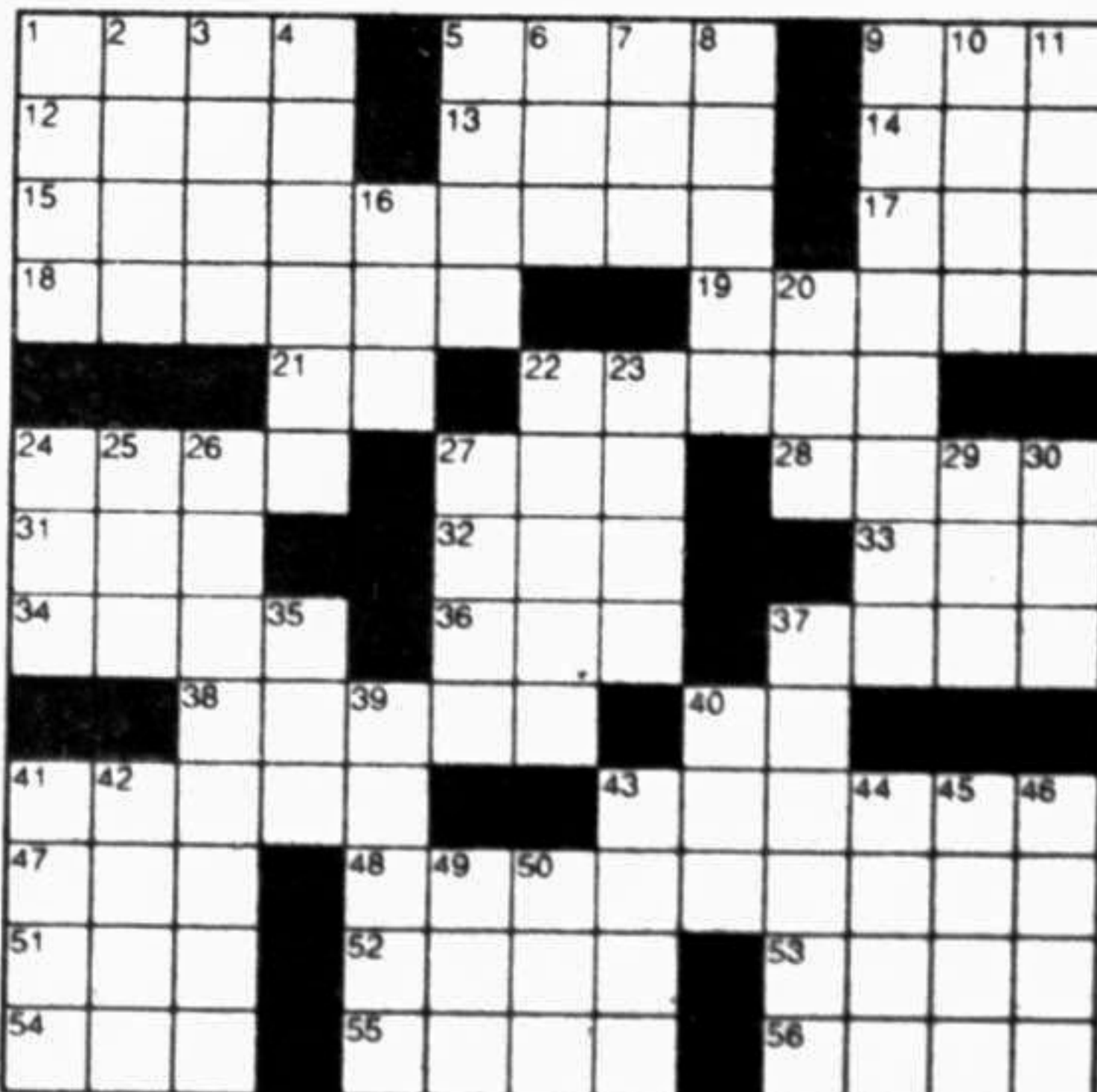
CIS spikers beat Japan 3-0

NAGOYA, Japan, May 24: The Commonwealth of Independent States beat Japan 3-0 today in a volleyball world league Group A match here.

CIS won by scores of 15-7, 15-13, 15-6.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Actress Delany	41 Horse's cousin	3 Salt, to a chemist	24 Nabors or Morrison
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12 Verve	48 In the wings	6 Harem	27 — macum (hand-book)
13 Between assignments	51 Beach bum's hue	8 River of forgetfulness	29 Harrison of Hollywood
14 King topper	52 — B'rith	9 Play area	30 Bagel topping
15 1991 Ron Howard movie	53 Hurler	10 Farm fraction	35 Wing, to Dumbo
17 Emulate Niobe	54 Estival quencher	11 Actress Susan, et al.	37 "If You Knew Susie..." singer
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21 High transport?	1 Obligation	22 Detroit	41 Greek letter
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27 Irritate			44 Have the gumption
28 Marx or Malden			45 Playwright James
31 George's brother			46 Holler
32 — "Blue?"			49 Hill builder
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptquip clue: D equals S

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