

**Changpai cricket**

**Sports Reporter**  
Munshibart Eleven recorded their first victory in three matches in the Changpai cricket tournament when they beat Amateur Club by 40 runs at the Golapbagh ground yesterday.  
Munshibart batted first to score 148 for nine with Siraj topscoring with 52. Johnny with 22 and Farid with 11 were the other notable scorers.  
Titu took four wickets for 23 runs while Suman bagged two for 16.

**Swimming course**

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The Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation will start a coaching programme for swimmers ranging from young girls to older women at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex on February 23, says a press release.  
Interested trainees have been requested to contact the federation office.



A cricket fan asks African National Congress (ANC) President Nelson Mandela for an autograph on his shirt at a one-day international match between Pakistan and the West Indies in Johannesburg on Feb 13. — AFP photo

**Wright, Patel pull out NZ Board XI vs Aussies tie**

WELLINGTON, Feb 14: Test veterans John Wright and Dipak Patel have both withdrawn from a New Zealand Board XI that will face Australia in a three-day cricket match starting Tuesday at New Plymouth, reports AP.  
Opener Wright was forced to withdraw Sunday with tonsillitis, while allrounder Patel has a knee injury.  
The New Zealand selectors called in batsman Blair Hartland and allrounder Shane Thomson to replace the pair for the opening match of the Australians' tour.  
Hartland, who opened the New Zealand batting with Mark Greatbatch in last month's one-off Test against Pakistan, is battling to hold his spot for the series against Australia.  
Since making 43 and nine against Pakistan, Hartland has been out of touch in first-class cricket, with his last four scores being 2, 0, 1 and 12.  
Thomson, meanwhile, has made successive centuries in Shell Trophy games.  
The Australians arrived in New Plymouth on Sunday with only 12 players from which to choose.  
Opener David Boon is out of contention after returning home to attend his father's funeral.  
Spinner Tim May had treatment for a bruised heel on Sunday morning, but is expected to play.  
The New Zealand Board XI is Martin Crowe (captain), Mark Greatbatch, Blair Hartland, Andrew Jones, Shane Thomson, Chris Harris, Adam Parore, Dion Nash, Chris Pringle, Mark Haslam, Michael Owens.



New Zealand's Danyon Loader sets a new world record in the 200 metres butterfly event at the World Cup swimming meet in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on Feb 13. Loader's time was 54.21 sec. — AFP photo

**Bubka brilliant, Ottey outstanding**

LIEVIN, France, Feb 14: The irrepressible Sergi Bubka and the irresistible Merlene Ottey broke their own world records in a sensational day of indoor athletics on Saturday, reports Reuters.  
Ukrainian Bubka, throwing aside all thoughts of tiredness after a 23-hour flight from Japan, set the 33rd world record of his astounding career when he cleared 6.14 metres in the pole vault, one centimeter higher than his previous mark.  
Bubka was stung into action when his arch-rival Rodion Gataullin of Russia threw down the gauntlet with a six-metre clearance. The Ukrainian replied with 6.05 metres at the first attempt and then 6.14 at the second in the first meeting ever to see vaulters clear six metres.  
Ottey, putting behind a succession of disappointments at major championships, ran her best race at the age of 32 as she shattered her own women's indoor record by 0.37 seconds.

Canadian sprinter Bruny Surin produced the second fastest 60-metre indoor run ever in 6.45 seconds and Namibia's Frankie Fredericks was within one-hundredth of a second of the men's 200 metres record with 20.37 seconds.

German Brigitte Kraus, is a hand-timed 2.34.8.  
Bubka's phenomenal performance took his tally to 17 world indoor records to add to his 16 outdoor. He set eight world records in 1991 and four last year and his first of 1993 was the sixth he had set

make a valid vault.  
In a day of premiers, it was the first time that the six-metre height has been cleared three times at the same meeting.  
Ottey, who collected a double by winning the 60 metres in 7.01 seconds, was overjoyed by her triumph. "I didn't think I was on such good form," she said. "I can hardly believe it. I haven't run anything like this fast for two years."

The Jamaican, sensing the 200 metres record was on, glanced up at the electronic scoreboard as she came out of the last bend and put her head down as she surged on the line.  
She left Mary Onyiah of Nigeria trailing by more than a second with third-placed Valerie Jean-Charles of France almost two seconds behind.  
Narozhilenko equalled the record she set herself three years ago and Surin was four-hundredths outside American Andre Cason's 60-metre record of 6.41 seconds clocked last year.  
Bubka said later that his world record jump had not been too good from a technical point of view and that he was suffering from an ankle problem.

There was a lot of pressure on me today," he said. "I'm very happy but I'm very, very tired as well."  
Gataullin, who failed with three attempts at 6.10 metres before Bubka's world record, said, "He vaults too well. It's just incredible."

**Russians edge US booters**

ORLANDO, USA, Feb 14: The Russian national team used a first-half goal and a smothering defence Saturday to beat the US national team 1-0 in an international exhibition soccer match, reports AP.  
Facing the United States for the first time since the breakup of the Soviet Union, Russia continued their dominance against the Americans in front of a Florida Citrus Bowl crowd of 13,651.  
Before Saturday's victory, Russia held a 5-0-1 advantage against the US as the USSR and a 1-1 mark as the Commonwealth of Independent States.  
The exhibition match didn't count towards 1994 World Cup qualifying. The Russians remained undefeated, 2-0-0, in qualifying play, while the Americans are 1-0-2.

**Ashe's dream comes true**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 14: A 1.25 million dollar foundation for AIDS research among children has been set up in honour of the late Arthur Ashe, reports AFP.  
The money will be raised by the Racquet Club of Memphis, the Kroger supermarket chain and an ATP Tour fund, and handed on to the St Jude children's research hospital here.  
Ashe, the only black tennis player to win Wimbledon, the Australian and US Open, died of AIDS related pneumonia on February 6.

**Mekonnen wins Tokyo Marathon**

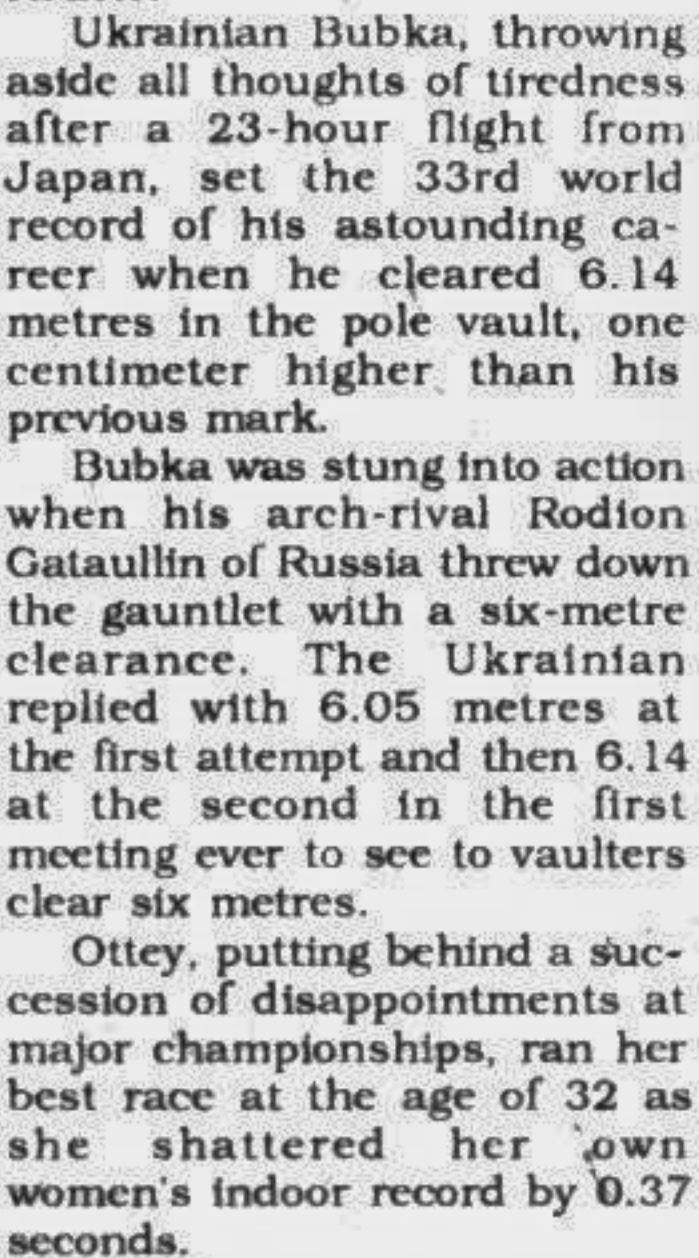
TOKYO, Feb 14: Abebe Mekonnen of Ethiopia ran alone for the last five kilometres (three miles) to capture the Tokyo International Marathon Sunday, reports AP.  
Mekonnen covered the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) in an unofficial time of two hours and 12 minutes, running through the streets of Tokyo in sunny but windy weather.  
Australian Steve Monaghan finished second.

**Gunnell back on winners' podium**

BIRMINGHAM, England, Feb 14: Olympic champion Sally Gunnell received a heroine's welcome on her return to British athletics on Saturday and celebrated with the first victory of her 1993 campaign, reports Reuters.  
Gunnell was cheered to the rafters by a 6,000-strong crowd at Birmingham's national indoor arena as she lined up for her first race in Britain for five months in an international against the United States.  
Shaking off the ring-rust which saw her beaten on her seasonal debut in Ghent in Belgium on Wednesday, it was back to business as usual she swept to an impressive win in the 400 metres.  
Brushing aside an audacious challenge from her young front-running teammate Louise Fraser, Gunnell left her challenge late before powering home in 53.38 secs.  
It was a slower time than Gunnell recorded when finishing third in Ghent, but after a winter of constant off-track assignments, she looked relieved to be back on the

mpic champion, Mike Stulce. The burly shotputter filled the role admirably, producing a 21.77 metres effort, the longest ever at a British indoor meeting.  
Briton Colin Jackson started his campaign in dazzling style, destroying compatriot Tony Jarrett and Powering home in the 60 metres hurdles two metres clear in 7.46 seconds — easily the best in the world in 1993.  
The time was only five-hundredths of a second outside his European record, but the Welshman was slightly fortunate to be given a second chance.  
He slipped in his blocks at the first time of asking but the field was recalled because of a false start.

**Molina retains IBF crown**  
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb 14: John Molina stopped challenger Francisco "Pancho" Segura in the eighth round Saturday night and retained the International Boxing Federation junior lightweight crown, reports AP.  
Molina, fighting in his native Puerto Rico, dominated the first seven rounds and bloodied the Mexican challenger with a series of punches that prompted referee Roberto Ramirez to stop the fight 2:24 seconds into the eighth round.  
Segura, who spent much of the fight backing away, was bleeding from his nose and the left side of his head and acknowledged after the fight that he was having trouble seeing.



SERGEI BUBKA

MERLENE OTTEY

The Jamaican ran away on her own, after Russian rival Irina Privalova pulled out of the meeting with a fever, to clock 21.87 seconds and become the first woman under the 22-second barrier.  
Russian Lydmila Narozhilenko chose the occasion to equal her own world record in the women's 60 metres hurdles with a time of 7.69 seconds.

Frenchman Bruno Marie-Rose's six-year-old 200 metres record of 20.36 seconds was set on the same Lievin track.  
Russian middle-distance runner Lyubov Kremlyova came within a whisker of yet another world record in the women's 1,000 metres, winning in two minutes 34.84 seconds. The record, set 15 years ago by

**Becker sails through to final**

MILAN, Italy, Feb 14: Boris Becker served 15 aces Saturday and sailed to a 6-4, 7-6 victory over Australian Wally Masur to join Sergi Bruguera in the final of the \$1.8 million Muratti Time indoor tennis tournament, reports AP.  
The 25-year-old German, ranked fourth by the ATP Tour, took one hour and 32 minutes to beat the unseeded Masur and reach the Muratti final for the third time since 1987.  
Becker relied on his serve and volley play and never appeared in danger on his serve.  
"I can say I'm very happy with my serve. I did not give any break point. It was a key factor in this tough match," Becker said.  
Masur, expected to play for the Australians in their Davis Cup match against the United States next month, was broken only once, in the fifth game of the first set.  
He held serve to force a second-set tiebreaker, but Becker's serve produced three aces and easily overcame the Australian 7-2.  
Becker, who started 1993



BORIS BECKER

impressively by winning the Qatar Open in Doha and who announced his intention to reclaim the top ranking, favouritely.  
"A final is a final, no matter who you play. Sergi proved a better player than seeds this week. I'll take him very seriously," Becker said.  
In the earlier semifinal, Bruguera rallied from being routed in the second set and 3-0 deficit in the third to upset third-seeded Czech Petr Korda 6-4, 0-6, 7-5.  
The unseeded Spaniard, ranked 17th, needed an hour and 51 minutes — and some luck — to reach his first Tour event final of the season. He reached the quarterfinals in Marseille last week.  
Korda, ranked sixth, appeared well on his way to winning after rebounding from his first-set loss to rout Bruguera in the second set and broke his opponent to lead 3-0 in the third.  
Bruguera, who slightly injured his knee slipping on the carpet in the opening game of the second set, tied the set at 4-4, broke Korda in the 11th game to lead 6-5 and held serve to win. The final points came when Korda, bothered by two dubious calls, netted an easy smash and hit two forehands out.



Action from the Dhaka Metropolis girls' schools volleyball championship tie between Viquarunnessa Noon School and South Breeze at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Viquarunnessa won the match 9-15, 15-3, 15-2 and 15-10. — Star photo

**Saive in Euro Top 12 TT semifinal**

COPENHAGEN, Feb 14: Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive on Saturday denied world champion Joerg Persson a place in the semifinals of the European Top 12 table tennis tournament.  
Saive beat Persson 21-19, 21-13, 22-20 in the fifth and final round of the round-robin series, consigning the Swede to his only defeat of the preliminary matches.  
European champion Joerg Roskopf of Germany gained the other semifinal place from Group A after a walkover victory over injured Chinese-born Chen Xinhua of England.  
Roskopf, Saive and Persson each suffered one defeat in the round-robin series but Roskopf conceded fewest games and Saive's win over Persson settled the other semifinal berth.  
In today's semifinals, Saive meets Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner, who won all his five group B matches, while Roskopf faces another Swede, Peter Karlsson.  
In the women's semifinals, Aasa Svensson of Sweden meets Olga Nemes of Germany and Emilia Ciosu takes on fellow Romanian Otilia Badescu.

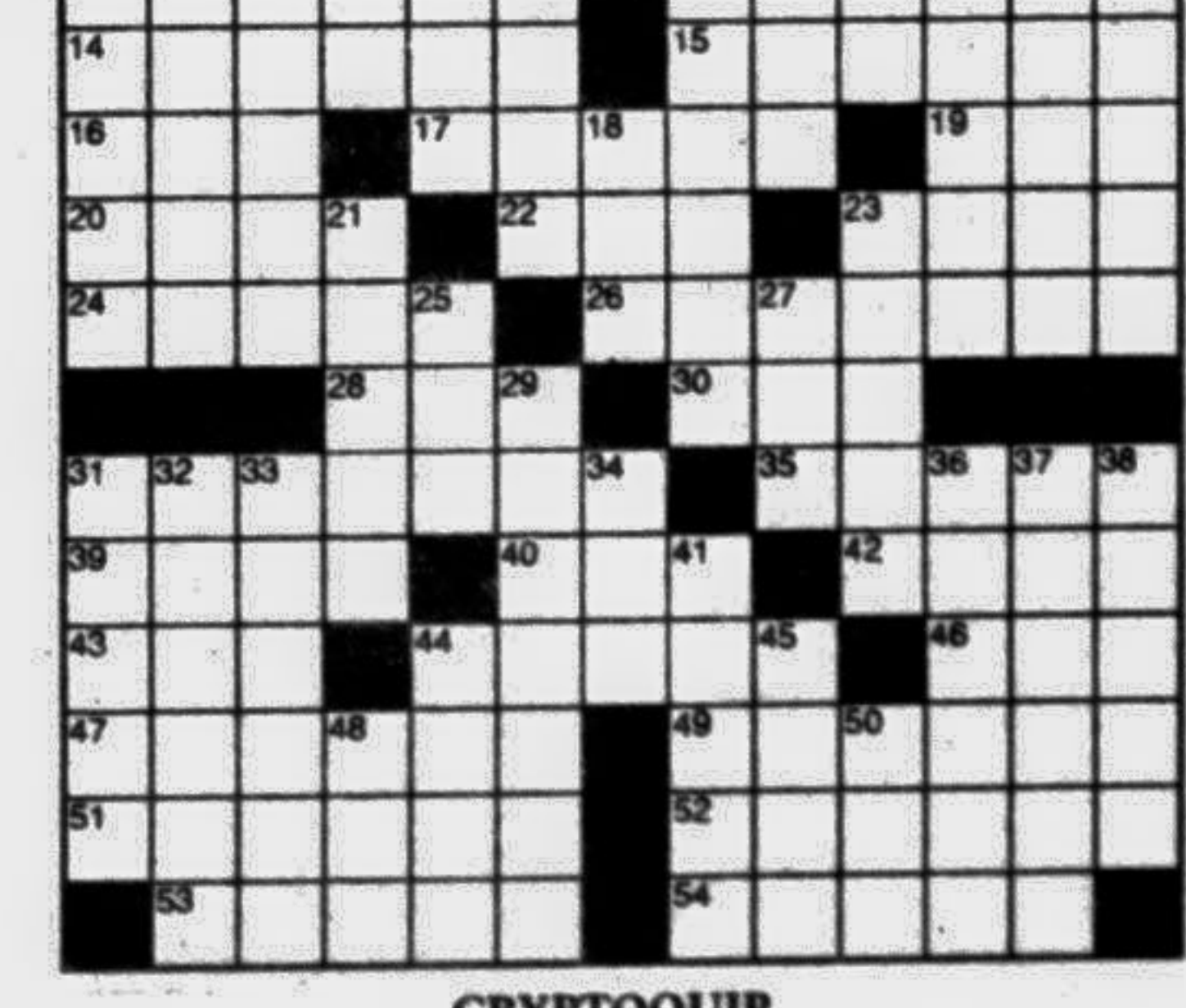
**Girls' volleyball final today**

Bashabo Girls' High School and Viquarunnessa Noon School yesterday qualified for the final of the four-team Metropolis girls' schools volleyball tournament, reports UNB.  
The final match will be held at 3:30 this afternoon at the Volleyball Stadium. Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar will be the chief guest on the occasion.  
Bashabo Girls' High School booked a seat in the final beating Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High School 15-5, 15-9, 15-10 in the morning and South Breeze School 15-2, 15-2, 15-13 in the afternoon.  
Viquarunnessa Noon School reached the final eliminating South Breeze School 9-15, 15-3, 15-2, 15-10 points in the morning and Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High School 15-11, 15-12, 5-15, 15-12 in the afternoon.  
The third-place deciding match between Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High School and South Breeze School will also be held today at the same venue.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

- ACROSS**  
1 Succotash ingredients  
6 Future soph  
11 Canal zone  
12 Hang around  
14 Pay attention  
15 Fascination  
16 Oklahoma city  
17 Gaze steadily  
19 June honoree  
20 Conventuals  
22 Copper head?  
23 Window ledge  
24 Exceed 55  
26 Divorce topic  
28 Neither partner  
30 Pick up the tab
- DOWN**  
1 Bedridden  
2 Mad  
3 WWF surface singer  
4 Sinner Ed  
5 He's got a bag on  
6 Sudden angry outburst  
7 Part  
8 "Texas tea"  
9 Atelier  
10 Trumpet island  
13 With a components  
18 Rudiments  
21 Logic  
23 Mode  
25 Speck  
27 Just hang there  
29 Edited extremely  
31 Throw  
32 Sign up  
33 Like a cryptogram  
34 Sandra or Ruby  
36 Mystery writer Eric  
37 Temptresses

**Solution time: 28 mins.**  
PUMAS RAH BIP  
ATOLL EVE LIP  
LARVA MORSELS  
MAMMON TAKE  
ZOO SET PETES  
INNS TENSE  
PESTER OILMAN  
AROSE YODA  
GAMMA ALA ROB  
ODIE KISMET  
MORNING BLIND  
ERE DOO ESSAY  
ZED OWN REEVE



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
DLWDYRNZBO XFT LWDN-ZDP BOTRFDN BNNTKBORIG ZBY RTIP RT KDR TJJ FZY FZKF FTNYD.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LACONIC WALNUT FARMER INFORMED HIS SLEEPY HELPER: "IN A NUTSHELL, YOU'RE FIRED."  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals W  
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.

**Yesterday's answer 3-21**  
38 Rock  
41 Secluded road  
44 "Night Court" cast member  
45 Angry  
48 "L.A. Law" cast member  
50 Ending for pay or gran