the initiative for the touring

from a missed chance, West

Indies captain Richie Richard-

son putting down Thorpe on

six and Smith on 14, both at

third slip and with Bishop the

his finest innings in the Lord's

Test against West Indies four

years ago when he made an

unbeaten 148, faced 107 balls

and hit seven fours before he

became the first of Hooper's

spinner, Smith effectively

turned the delivery into a

yorker and was bowled driv-

Using his feet to the off-

With only two runs added,

Ramprakash departed when

he drove at Hooper and edged

to first slip where Sherwin

Campbell held a comfortable

slump with a delivery that

had Thorpe edging his drive

to Lara at first slip. The left-

hander faced 108 balls and hit

Indies grip by digging one in

short at Darren Gough (11) whose attempt to fend it off

sent the ball spiraling to

Campbell in the gully.
With England reeling at

255 for eight, all-rounder Co-

Gibson tightened West

Ambrose accelerated the

Smith, who played one of

suffering bowler.

two victims.

seven fours.

ing across the line.

Both batsmen profited



Players and officials of the Jatiya Press Club team which left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the SAARC media cricket tournament in the Indian city of Hyderabad. - Star photo

Press Club media cricket squad off to Hyderabad

A 16-member Jatiya Press Club cricket squad left Dhaka yesterday for the Indian city of Hyderabad to represent Bangladesh in the first ever-SAARC media cricket tour nament, reports UNB.

A delegation of the Jatiya Press Club, led by its General Secretary Khondker Monirul Alam, accompanied the team. The week-long tourna

ment, scheduled to begin at Hyderabad on Monday, will conclude on July 2. Besides Bangladesh, Pak-

istan, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, the Maldives and host Hyderabad will participate in the tournament.

Partha Tanveer Naved of the Daily Sangbad is the captain of Bangladesh team while Qamful Islam Chowdhury of BSS and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Times are team manager and coach respectively.

SQUAD

Partha Tanveer Naved (Sangbad), Mohammad Quamruzzaman, Masud Ahmed Rumi, Syed Saydur Rahman Shamim (Dainik Bangla), Afzal H Khan [Daily Star], Syed Mamun (Observer), Mujtaba Danish (Radio Bangladesh) SB Chowdhury Shishir (Azad) Dilu Khondker and Mohibul Ahsan Shaon (Ittefaq), Al Musaffir Sadi Pammel (Independent), MZ Bhutto Bhorer Daki, Rezaul Hasan Ripon (Media Syndicate) and SR Siddiqui (New Nation).

Bangladesh Express, licensee of Federal Express, are the partial sponsors of the Bangladesh media team.

New DMFA ad-hoc body formed

National Sports Council (NSC) has cancelled the existing ad-hoc executive committee of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association and reconstituted it with another ad-hoc committee with M Azizul Haq as president and Muzammel Huq (Mukta) as general secretary, reports

The reconstituted DMFA committee, according to an NSC announcement yesterday, takes over with immediate effect.

Following is the new committee:

President - M. Azizul Huq, Director General of BCS (Admn) Academy.

Vice-presidents - Shahidul Islam Chowdhury, Additional IGP, SA Sultan, President of Arambagh Club; and Anwarul Haq Helal of Mohammedan

General Secretary Muzammel Huq (Mukta), general secretary of Bangladesh Boys Club.

Joint secretaries - Shah Alam Chowdhury of Abahani Limited and Shamsuddoha Khan Majlish of Dhaka Sporting Club.

Treasurer - M Rafigul Islam, treasurer of Brothers Union Club.

Besides, the committee has 32 members — 29 club representatives and three BFF officials, including its general sec-

retary. Argentines tune up for

Copa America MENDOZA, Argentina, June 23: Argentina hammered hapless Slovakia 6-0 in a friendly soccer international on Thursday, with all six goals coming in a dramatic last 35 minutes, reports

Reuter. Fiorentina striker Gabriel Batistuta was at the centre of Argentina's storming secondhalf display, setting up the first goal, winning a penalty

and scoring twice himself. The Argentines, using the game as a warm-up for next month's copa America in Uruguay, had been jeered off the pitch at half-time after a dismal first half which saw no real goalscoring chances.

De Silva slams double ton

LONDON, June 23: Sri Lankan Test star Aravinda de Silva hammered a dazzling double century

to spearhead a remarkable Kent recovery on the opening day of their English county championship match against Nottinghamshire on Thursday, reports Reuter.

De Silva hit 35 fours and two sixes in his 317-minute innings of 225 - the highest individual score of the championship season.

He dominated a recordbreaking sixth-wicket partnership of 315 in 85 overs with Mark Ealham, passing the previous Kent best of The stand took Kent from

a precarious 68 for five to their close-of-play total of 398 for six. And to cap a memorable

day for Ealham, he went on to

complete his maiden first-class century and was unbeaten on "It does mean a lot to me to play a big innings on Test grounds in this country where we haven't had the chance to

"When you get on a wicket

play for Sri Lanka," said De

as good as this in such pleas ant surroundings, you really want to enjoy yourself, and that is what I did today.

Warwickshire's South African pace bowler Allan Donald



DE SILVA... 225

and opener Nick Knight made it a miserable day for York shire at Edgbaston.

They were bowled out for 96, their lowest championship total in six years and their worst at Edgbaston for 31 years. Donald took five for 21, then Knight hit 91 as the champions finished the day at 209 for four — a lead of 113.

after suffering a cracked right thumb when he was hit by a ball from Leicestershire's Alamgir Sheriyary at Northamp-Lamb had hit 55 as leaders

Former England batsman

Allan Lamb will be out of

cricket for at least two weeks

Northants rattled up 382 for Wicketkeeper Steve Rho-

des, dropped from the England team on Wednesday, was back with Worcestershire for their match against Hampshire at Southampton - but found little to lift his spirits.

Hampshire skipper Mark Nicholas and opener Paul Terry both scored 73 as the home county reached 314 for

Another England reject, Phil DeFreitas, flew north after he was omitted from the Test side to join his Derbyshire team playing Durham at Chester-le-Street.

He arrived with Derbyshire on 66 for seven at lunch, then made 49 not out off 50 balls to lift their total to 194.

DeFreitas then quickly removed Jon Longley as Durham slipped to 75 for five before recovering to 156 for five at the close.

Ince joins Internazionale



MILAN, June 23: England midfielder Paul Ince, ending weeks of frenzied speculation, has signed a

three-year contract with Inter Milan, the Italian First Division club said in a statement on Thursday, reports Reuter.

"Paul Ince has signed the contract that will tie him to Inter for the next three seasons," a brief statement said.

It gave no financial details and an Inter spokesman said the deal was "A matter between Paul Ince and Inter," adding that the player had signed the contract in Manchester in the presence of Inter executive Paolo Taveggia.

The deal is reported to be worth some seven million pounds (11.25 million dol-

The Manchester United Midfielder agreed financial terms with Inter last week but failed to sign a full contract because his wife was not happy about housing arrangements, the Italian press reported.

"The famous problem of the house has been resolved Paul Ince wants a very normal house and he will have a very normal house for his family,

the Inter spokesman said. Ince had appeared ready to reject Inter's offer after being reassured by United manager Alex Ferguson that he still had a future with the English Premier League club,

Ince, 27, was reported to have been stunned when he learned United were willing to let him go, a decision that infuriated many of the club's

Inter, who have struggled

in recent seasons and earlier this week sold striker Dennis Bergkamp to Arsenal, hope Ince will become the inspira-

Cashing in on Cantona's kick

LONDON, June 23: French international footballer Eric Cantona's infamous kung-fu kick against an English football fan is to feature in an advertisement for a new video

Billboard posters will show Cantona lookalike, "Eric Container," leaping towards a frightened skinhead with the slogan "parlez-vous kung-fu?", The Times newspaper re-

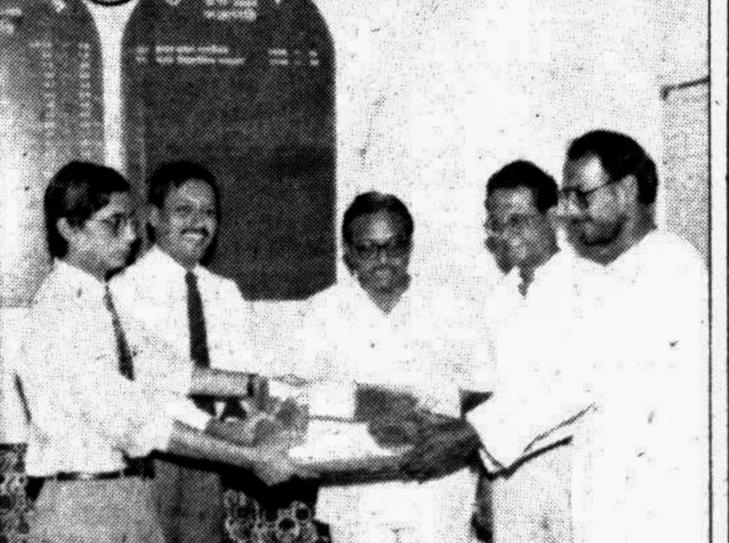
ported today, reports AFP. The new video game is called "Fever Pitch Soccer' and its advertising literature promises "blood and guts aggression" and to "put the boot

in where it hurts. The game, made for Nintendo and Sega machines, will enable players to barge other players out of the way and kick a ball so hard it catches

Cantona, already a star of the small screen with Manchester United, earlier this month launched a new career in France as a film actor.

Cantona plays a love-sick rugby player in "Le Bonheur Est Dans Le Pre" ("Happiness is in the Meadow"), which is being shot in southwest France by French director Etienne Chatliez.

The film, due for release in France in December, is a black comedy about the family drama of a small business-



S M Quader of Federal Express and ASM Azad Khan of Bangladesh Express, licensee of Federal Express Corporation, who are partial sponsors of Bangladesh media team, giving away track suits to skipper Tanveer Naved Partha on Thursday. — Star photo

tion of a team being rebuilt to challenge the dominance of city rivals AC Milan.

While the Italian giants pulled out all the stops in a bid to tempt Ince, the spokesman denied newspaper reports the club had offered to put up the player and his family in an opulent hotel overlooking Lake Como while

> they looked for a house. "That was just one of several stories blown up by the press, he said.

> Ince began his career with West Ham before joining Manchester United in 1989 in a deal worth one million pounds (1.6 million) dollars while at United he picked up two FA Cup winners' medals and two Premier League title medals.

> A combative and sometimes controversial player, Ince was charged with assaulting a fan earlier this year during the against Crystal Palace which featured the infamous Eric Cantona "kungfu" attack on another specta-

> But at a court hearing last month Ince was cleared.

Inter, 1994 UEFA Cup champions, are one of several clubs including AC Milan hoping to sign Italy striker Roberto Baggio, who is searching for a new squad after failing to renew his contract with Serie A champions uventus.

Schools h'ball

Rajarbagh Police Lines High School trounced West End High School 19-2 in the sixth Bata school tournament at the Handball Stadium yesterday, reports UNB. The winners led the first

Mezbahuddin scored five goals, Khaled four while Mosharrat Rana and Shariful netted three each.

In the day's other match, Kamalapur High School beat Rajdhani High School 6-2 after leading the first session 4-1. Rasel of Kamalapur netted three.

Hughes signs for Chelsea

LONDON, June 23: Mark Hughes became the latest big name to swap clubs in English soccer when he moved Friday from Manchester United to Chel-sea for a modest 1.5 million pounds (2.4 million) dollars, reports AP.

The 32 year-old Welsh international has left the Reds for the second time. He transferred to Spanish club Barcelona in 1986 before returning to Old Trafford two years later.

Reefat remains in charge

International Master (IM) Rectat-bin-Satter maintained his lead in the 21st national championship earning full nine points at the end of ninth round at the NSC chessroom yesterday, reports

Reefat beat Khurshed Alam after 28 moves in the ninth round

Ziaur Rahman, Khondhakar Kayes Hassan and Enamul Hossain Rajib are jointly in the second position with six points and a half each.

Ziaur Rahman defeated Abdullah-al-Rakib, Rajib beat Arifuzzaman Sikder while Kayes, who was in the second position with six points and a half after the eighth round Thursday, lost to Rezaul Huq in the ninth round. Saifuddin Lablu earned six

points beating Arman Monir.

Ranatungas' rare distinction

COLOMBO, June 23: All three brothers in Sri Lanka's famous cricketing family, the Ranatungas, have been include in a 25-member pool picked ahead of the tour of Pakistan in August, it was announced here today, reports

Former Test batsman Dahmmika Ranatunga earns a recall - after a break of several years . to join his two younger brothers, Test captain Arjuna and top-order batsman Sanjeeva in the pool picked by the selectors Thursday, cricket officials said.

This is the first time that all three Ranatunga brothers have been in a Test pool at the same time. However, they all have the distinction of representing the country in Tests on separate occasions.

Sri Lanka are to play three Tests and three one-day in ternationals during their tour of Pakistan from August 26 to October 5.

The team for Pakistan will be picked from the 25-member pool, which is due to go into training next week cricket officials said.

Dhammika, who made his Test debut in 1990, said he was delighted to be in the pool. "I am thrilled. This is a glorious chance for me, Dhammika said, adding he believed he was being rewarded for his fine domestic performance.

Besides the Ranatungas the pool also includes three specialist wicket-keepers, Chamara Dunusinghe, Romesh Kaluwirthana and Pubudu Dassanayake. The pool:

A Ranatunga, P A De Silva, H P Tillekeratne, A P Gurusinha, R S Mahanama, P Wickramasinghe, S T Jayasuriya, C P Ramanayake, M Muralidharan, R S Kalapage, R S'Kaluwirthana, C Dunusinghe, S Ranatunga, K Dharmasena, C Vaas, JC Gamage, C Mendis, P B Dassanayake, S D Anurashiri, C Hathurushinge, M Atapattu, H Wickramaratne, V Varagoda, D Ranatunga, D wickeramasinghe.

FA not amused

LONDON, June 23: English football chiefs rejected Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar's proposals on Thursday for an overhaul of the transfer system, which has seen inflation spiral to unprecedented levels in recent seasons, reports AFP.

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England check WI charge



23: Angus Fraser dispatched Brian Lara cheaply to capture his 100th Test wic-

ket as England hit back against West Indies at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuter.

Fraser, who had Lara Ibw for six, set the tone for a tight and telling performance by England's pace bowlers on a dry pitch showing signs of disconcerting bounce on the second day of the second

West Indies, replying to England's first innings of 283, were 117 for three at tea after a tense second session that ended with Jimmy Adams unbeaten on 36 and captain Richie Richardson 20 not out. Fraser, who reached his

wicket taking landmark watched by a capacity 28,000 crowd on another cloudless day, removed Lara with a beautiful delivery that moved back into him. Earlier on Thursday, West Indies piled on the agony for

between Robin Smith and Graham Thorpe. Smith (61) and Thorpe (52)

put on 111 for the fourth

England in the second Test at

Lord's despite a century stand

Hooper removed Smith and Mark Ramprakash (0) to start a side, sustained by Ambrose and Test debutant allrounder Ottis Gibson, in

which four wickets tumbled for 20 runs. Dominic Cork, winning his first Test cap, and Peter Martin salvaged a measure of

English pride by putting on exactly 50 for the eighth wicket in the final hour England's innings took an uneven course after Atherton had started on the right note by winning the toss and opt-

ing to bat on a dry pitch with some pace and bounce. The England captain, whose skilful and determined batting at the top of the order has made him a prized wicket for West Indies, made 21 out of 29 after enjoying most of the early strike before the

Ambrose, who generated pace and a degree of movement, broke through with a yorker that crashed into the base of Atherton's stumps.

problems began.

England opener Alec Stewart heaves a sigh of relief after a

late decision to withdraw his bat almost cost his wicket

following an Ottis Gibson delivery on the opening day of

- AFP/UNB photo

Indies struck twice in six balls

without conviction at Ian

Bishop and edged to Brian

Lara at first slip from what

proved to be the final deliv-

The fifth ball of the after-

noon session, bowled well

wide of off stump by Gibson,

accounted for Stewart (34),

Keith Arthurton at cover.

who square cut it straight to

day then unfolded as Thorpe

and Smith, with a blend of

resolution, discipline and

positive strokeplay, wrested

England's best phase of the

ery before the interval.

Hick (13) pushed forward

either side of lunch.

second Test against the West Indies at Lord's on Thursday.

wicket but West Indies were

dominant for most of the

sunlit opening day to the sea-

son's traditional cricket

wicket drubbing in the first

Test of the six-match series at

Headingley, were 255 for

eight at the close, having

reached the relative prosper-

West Indies with a nearly

boost by dispatching England

captain Mike Atherton for 21

and they received a bonus in

the shape of two wickets in

13 balls for Carl Hooper's off-

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Curtly Ambrose provided

ity of 185 for three.

England, given a nine-

showpiece.

Alec Stewart, restored to open as well as keeping wicket after batting in the middle order in the first Test, was repairing the damage with Graeme Hick when West

> rk and paceman Martin stemmed the collapse by putting on exactly 50 in 88 balls.

> SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second day of the second cricket Test between England and West Indies at Lord's on Friday: **ENGLAND: First innings**

(overnight 255-8) M Atherton b Ambrose A Stewart c Arthurton b Gibson G Hick c Lara h Bishop Thorpe c Lara b Ambrose K Smith b Hooper M Ramprakash c Campbell b Hooper 0 Cork b Waish) Gough c Campbell b Gibson Martin b Walsh Illingworth not out A Fraser lbw b Walsh Extras: (b-1, lb-10, nb-4)

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-70, 3-74, 4-185, 5-187, 6-191, 7-205, 8-255, 9-281 Bowling: 72 Ambrose

Walsh Gibson 2 81 Bishop Hooper

China plans new anti-doping law

BEIJING, June 23: China is working on a national law that will ban the use of stimulants by its athletes, an official report said Iriday, reports AP Chineseathletes who test positive for use of performance-enhancing drugs have been punished according to the rules of international sports organizations.

National team members, who use the drugs, would be punished under the new national law in addition to punishment given by sports organizations, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

"China is firm and clear-cut

in opposing the use of any stimulant," the official news agency quoted Wu Shaozu, Minister of the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission, as saving.

The draft law was submitted on Friday to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress for approval, the report said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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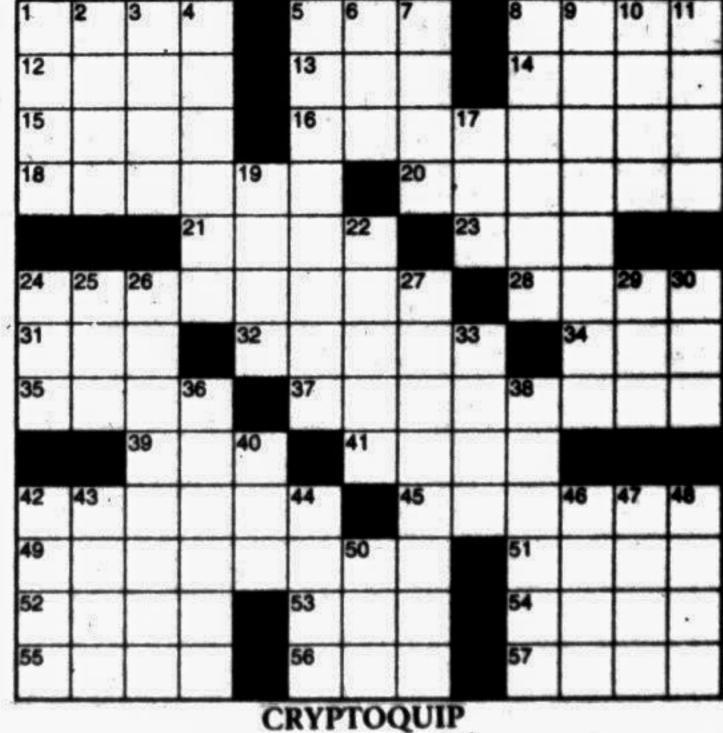
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CRUSHED. Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals G

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

DGKC-ZH-QNV. Saturday's Cryptoquip: UNABLE TO ATTEND THE AUTO DEMOLITION DERBY, MY COUSIN WAS

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.