

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT at the 1906 Olympics, a correspondent from the weekly "Football Chat" reported of the French team. They did not play football, they frivelled. There was something exquisitely dainty in all their football. Occasionally they got the ball. When they did, the player in possession posed for his portrait in much the same way as one would pose before a photographer." The French team eventually went down 1-17 to Denmark. Officials were not sorry to see the back of them. Apparently they had demanded cigarettes at half time.

When asked about his incongruous smoking obsession Georges Bayron, one of the players, could only say that "Without those cigarettes at half time there would have been a mutiny."

As I remember the Dhaka scene, a large number of footballers used to smoke in the 70s and early 80s. Today you will hardly find a top notch player in Bangladesh who smokes. But, then you will hardly find a player who scores. Some of our players may have confused the No Smoking sign with No Scoring.

SPORTS TALK



Sir Edmund Hillary
(Famous explorer from New Zealand)

"Because my name appears in history books, most children think I am dead."

Sports WHIZZ KID

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-4

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Sept 15, 1995)

1.	The length of an Olympic swimming pool is	25 metres	50 metres	75 metres
2.	The oldest Premier Division football club in Dhaka is	Abahani Mohammedan	Wari AC	
3.	The current World Cup football champions are	Argentina	Brazil	Germany
4.	The number of Test playing cricket countries are	7	8	9
5.	A game of hockey lasts for	70 minutes	80 minutes	90 minutes

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Rain the spoiler

LONDON, Sept 8: Rain prevented play in seven of the eight scheduled four-day English County Championship cricket matches due to begin on Thursday, reports Reuter.

In the only match that started, Middlesex were 0-0 after three balls v Leicestershire when rain intervened.



PAYING THE PENALTY FOR PENALIZING A PLAYER: The Malaysian referee Halim Abdul Hamid (C), who came under severe protest following a flashing of red card against Abahani's Christian during the sky blues' Lifebuoy Premier League match against Arambagh at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday, is seen flanked by the law enforcing personnel on his way back to the dressing room. — Star photo

Late stumble by Abahani

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra suffered a severe blow in the on-going Lifebuoy Premier Division football league when a spirited Arambagh Krira Sangha held them to a 1-1 draw in an exciting encounter at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium on Friday.

The high voltage drama was also marked by crowd violence for the first time in this season which disrupted the proceedings for about 17 minutes.

Hell broke out in the 80th minute when the Malaysian referee flashed the dreaded red card against Abahani's Romanian midfielder Gheorghe Christian for a nasty tackle on Shoab of Arambagh.

The decision prompted a sharp reaction at the sky-blue tent as well as in the eastern gallery with almost all the Abahani booters and a couple of unidentified officials vehemently protesting the ruling.

At one stage, some even pushed the referee in the middle of the pitch while at the gallery the agitated Abahani fans pelted stones at the pitch before engaging in a battle with the opposing supporters. The situation came under control following intervention by the law-enforcing agency and the match resumed with Abahani fielding ten-men.

Both sides were locked in a one-all draw at the time of disruption in the match.

Apart from the sad incident, the match was a fairly contested one with Arambagh, after a barren first half, taking the lead in the 48th minute through their Russian striker Matbiev.

The unheralded Russian,

who was ignored by Abahani on his arrival in the capital a couple of months ago, served the stunner with a cool placing shot after being fed by mid-felder Yousef deep inside the Abahani box.

Arambagh's joy was however short-lived as Abahani pulled off the equalizer six minutes later with Christian celebrating his maiden goal in the league with a spectacu-



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Referee: Halim Abdul Hamid (Malaysia).

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bidden zone. Although Abahani booters led by Munna appealed for a penalty, it was over ruled by the referee.

On the other hand, Arambagh, who recorded a sensational 2-1 win over Mukti-joddha Sangsad in their previous match, almost pulled off yet another memorable win had not Matbiev's pile-driver from the top of the box been denied by the wood-work in the 86th minute.

The draw now leaves Abahani with 33 points from 15 league engagements while Arambagh raised their collection to 15 points from as many matches.

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17th nat'l hockey Dhaka, Faridpur BAF in qtrs

Sports Reporter
Dhaka DSA, Faridpur DSA and Bangladesh Air Force moved into the last eight of the 17th national hockey championship when they came out victors in their respective matches played at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Dhaka DSA earned a walk-over against Patuakhali DSA when the southerners failed to turn up for their scheduled encounter.

Bangladesh Air Force converted four field goals in their 5-1 victory over Sylhet DSA in a match played under a scorching afternoon sun.

The encounter saw six penalty corners missed by Sylhet players while the air-men converted only one from three similar opportunities.

Asgar, Ibrahim, Dilse Ali, Kibria and Jabbar scored one each for the winners while Biaka Lusai pulled one back for the vanquished.

Earlier, in the lone morning fixture, Faridpur DSA blanked Gazipur DSA 3-0. Bulu converted a penalty corner and scored a field goal while Isa nudged in from another penalty corner.

In the quarter-final match-ups, the Air Force are to take on Dhaka DSA while Faridpur will meet a strong BKSP side, who thrashed Jamalpur DSA 7-0 earlier in the meet.

Rajib checkmates Enayet

Sports Reporter
Enamul Hossain Rajib of Bobby Fisher Chess Club was back on winning ways when he defeated Enayet Hossain of Farashganj Sporting Club in his eighth round match of the International Open rating tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Rajib, who drew with IM Reefat-bin-Sattar in the previous round, leads the competition with 7.5 points. He is followed by Biman's IM Ziaur Rahman and FM Rezaul Haq and Khulna University's Tayebur Rahman Suman, all of whom have 6.5 points each.

The ninth-round matches will be played today.

Foundation of '98 WC final venue laid

SAINT-DENIS, France. Sept 8: French Prime Minister Alain Juppe and FIFA president Joao Havelange on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of an 80,000 all-seater stadium on the outskirts of Paris to stage the 1998 World Cup final, reports Reuter.

The building of the futuristic, oval-shaped stadium, which will cost an estimated two billion francs (350 million dollars), was long delayed by a row over its location.

"This is a very important day, we've entered the positive phase of the World Cup," said French Sports Minister Guy Druet, adding the stadium should be finished before the end of 1997.

It was originally scheduled to be built at the new town of Melun-Senart, about 45 kms south-east of Paris, but the decision was overturned after sports organisations and politicians complained about its distance from the capital.

BCCB lose close encounter

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI were practically knocked out of the Moin-ud-Dowla invitational tournament when they narrowly went down to a strong India Cement outfit in their third group match played in the Indian city of Hyderabad yesterday.

According to a fax transmission received at the BCCB office yesterday, the Bangladesh outfit lost the keenly contested encounter by 8 runs when the local boys prevailed winners in a battle-of-nerves in a highly exciting finish.

The loss, their second in three encounters, puts the touring side out of contention for a place in the semis. On the other hand, the India Cement team booked their spot in the last four with yesterday's result, their third victory in a row.

Sent in to bat at the NFC

ground, India Cement could only muster a moderate 168 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 50 overs despite their bag-fall of highly experienced players.

Opener Ajay Jadeja, a regular member of the Indian Test side, top scored with 44 runs before being brilliantly stumped by Jahangir. He was followed by tail-ender Gokul Krishna who remained unbeaten on 40.

Rahul Dravid, who has notable experience as a member of the Indian-A team and as an occasional one-day international batsman, scored 22 while Sunil and Venkatesh ran for 14 and 13 respectively.

Left-arm spinner Rafique returned with a wonderful performance of economical yet effective bowling when he took two wickets giving away only 13 runs in his ten overs, which included four maidens. Sujon and Anis also took two wickets each.

In reply, BCCB were all out for 160 runs with five

balls of their quota remaining. Skipper Akram Khan amassed a handy 37 while Moin chipped in with a late 22. Jahangir and Golla scored 19 and 18 respectively.

The tourists needed nine runs to win from the last over with only one wicket intact but it all came to an end when Saiful was run-out in the first ball of the penultimate over bowled by Gokul Krishna.

Jadeja, Krishna and Venkatesh captured two wickets each for the victors.

BRIEF SCORES

India Cement: 168/7 in 50 overs. A Jadeja 44, G Krishna 40 not out, Rahul Dravid 22, Sunil 14, Venkatesh 13 and extras 16. Rafique 2/13, Sujon 2/19 and Anis 2/42.

BCCB: 160/10 in 49.1 overs. Akram 37, Moin 22, Jahangir 19, Golla 18, Athar Ali and Durjoy 10 each. G Krishna 2/19, Venkatesh 2/23 and Jadeja 2/23.



Abahani's diminutive midfielder Swapan (R) tries to make his way past a flying Arambagh custodian Shimul during their Lifebuoy Premier football league encounter at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Arambagh held Abahani to a one-all draw. — Star photo

Pakistan 235 for 3 at stumps

PESHAWAR, Sept 8: Pakistan were comfortably placed with 235 runs for the loss of three wickets at close of shortened play on the opening day of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka here Friday, reports AFP.

Rameez Raja, making his debut as Pakistan captain, hit 78 including a flurry of fours, while star batsman Inzamam-ul-Haq followed with 65 and was unbeaten at close when bad light stopped play with 12 overs still remaining.

Sri Lanka's medium pacer Chaminda Vaas captured two wickets and off-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan got one, as the tourists laboured on a mostly hot, sunny day until clouds appeared toward the end.

Vaas drew the first blood after Raja beat his counterpart Ranatunga at the toss and decided to bat first. He had opener Aamir Sohail caught by wicketkeeper C I Dunusinghe on 28 when Pakistan were 54.

Later, in the pre-lunch session, Muralidharan, who was most impressive with his line and length in the spirited Sri Lankan attack, sent Saeed Anwar back to the pavilion with 50, with Pakistan on 102.

Before tea, which was taken when Pakistan were 170 for two, the play was held up for 10 minutes due to a disturbance caused by the throwing of oranges onto the field by some spectators.

Pakistan lost the third wicket, that of its captain, who fell to Vaas after the tea break. He was caught by K R Pushpakumara.

The match attracted a small crowd, though it is the first cricket Test here after 40 years.

The 16-member Sri Lankan team, which began the tour on August 28, entered the first Test bruised by a stunning innings defeat in a three-day side match in Rawalpindi at the hands of a home patrons XI three days ago.

In the fight against powerful Pakistan, the Sri Lankans will miss their key batsman, Aravinda de Silva, who has not come due to English county commitments and is likely to join only in the third and final Test.

But, Ranatunga hopes to keep up the winning trend which his team set in March by clinching 1-0 a two-Test series in New Zealand to register the island's first such triumph overseas.

In the past 14 Tests between the two countries, Pakistan won eight while Sri

Lanka won only one. Five Tests were drawn.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the opening day of the first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First innings Saeed Anwar C Ranatunga b Muralidharan 50 Aamir Sohail c Dunusinghe b Vaas 28 Rameez Raja c Pushpakumara b Vaas 78 Inzamamul Haq not out 85 Shoab Mohammad not out 1 Extras: (lb-1, nb-11, w-1) 13 Total: (for three wickets) 235

To bat: Ijaz Ahmad, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aamir Javed, Saqlain Mushtaq.

Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-102; 3-234

Bowling: O M R W

Wickremasinghe 16 2 58 0 Vaas 14.3 1 49 2 Pushpakumara 11 2 55 0 Muralidharan 24 5 59 1 Hathurusinghe 12 8 13 0

SRI LANKA: Chandika

Hathurusinghe, Roshan Mahanama, Sanjeeva Ranatunga, Asanka Gurusinha, Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Hashan Tillekeratne, Chamara Dhanusinghe, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralidharan, Pramodiy Wickremasinghe, Ravindra Pushpakumara.

Umpires: B L Airdridge (New Zealand), Mahboob Shah (Pakistan).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Metric weight
- Present topping
- Top file drawer?
- Singer Home
- Springsteen's birthplace?
- Channel marker
- Single part
- Postal Creed word
- Chip in a chip
- Inter-locked
- Count
- Poorly
- Hair-salon gunk
- Streisand, to fans
- Exemplified
- Aussie bird
- Director Grosbard
- Born
- It holds everything

DOWN

- Morose
- Actress Russo
- Blackbirds of puzzle-dom
- "Chances Are" singer
- Fight the winter, one way
- Barcelona bear
- Nearing the treasure
- Lessened
- Sail rope
- Pigeons' coop
- Color worker
- Bunyan's Babe, e.g
- Engendered
- Audition goal
- Cushy
- "take arms against..."
- Tailless tabby
- Prove persuasive
- Court

Solution time: 23 mins.

B	I	L	E	B	O	Z	A	J	A	R
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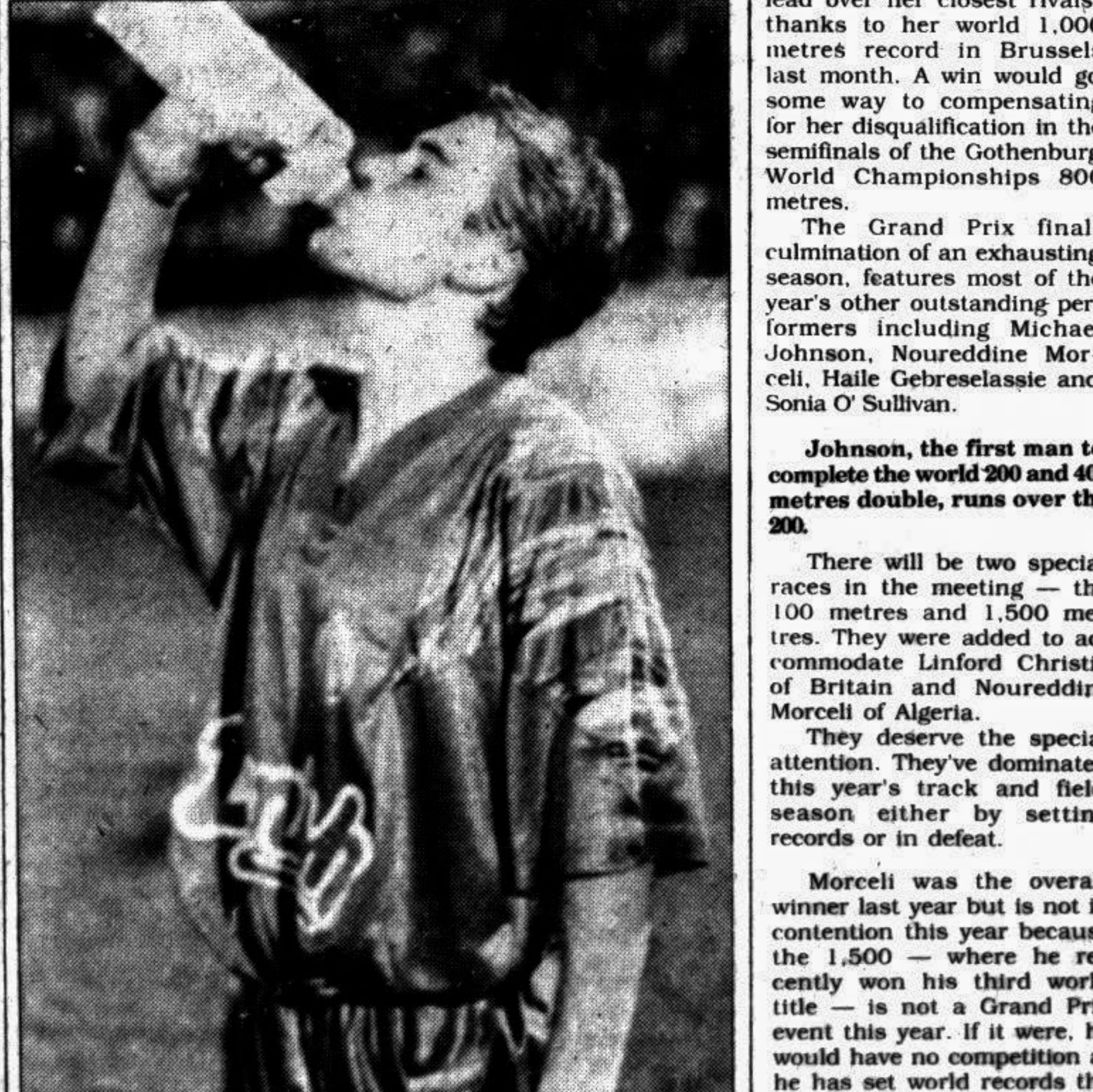
CRYPTOQUIP

TUQQUG WHEMGV'C LHIG
RKF WKJD RKC EG-
JGVNTF NBEVGM UVNH
K R L K J D C I B C G B I .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NAMES OF MOST LEADING FIREFIGHTERS WERE LISTED IN "HOSE WHO."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: R 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.



Abahani's midfielder Georghe Christian downing red hot card with a cool drink of water. — Star photo

Johnson, the first man to complete the world 200 and 400 metres double, runs over the 200.

There will be two special races in the meeting — the 100 metres and 1,500 metres. They were added to accommodate Linford Christie of Britain and Noureddine Morcelli of Algeria.

They deserve the special attention. They've dominated this year's track and field, season either by setting records or in defeat.

Morcelli was the overall winner last year but is not in contention this year because the 1,500 — where he recently won his third world title — is not a Grand Prix event this year. If it were, he would have no competition as he has set world records the last four years and has been named the top athlete in his sport the last two years.