

OJ Simpson

[American football star 1976)

"I was the Lone Ranger. I only beat up the bad guys." On his days with a San Francisco street gang.

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT, contrary to popular I belief in Dhakaiya circles, pet pigeons have gone missing elsewhere and by stupendous numbers.

In many sporting (and recently in political) meets in the city, it is quite common to see caged pigeons being freed by the pampered dig nitary. This is done with the firm belief that the pigeons symbolishing peace and freedom, will return to their cages in some old town abode: to be caged till the next "peace and freedom" ceremony. However, some pigeons take the "freedom" bit seriously and do not seem to return ever again.

But, perhaps the pigeonowner should not give up hope. A bird called Blue Chip took seven gears to travel from Reims in France to Heigh in Manchester and back, a distance of 740 miles, arriving home on 29 September 1974. And, then at a pigeon-race in Preston in 1978 of the approximately 7000 birds released, 5500 were never seen again

### Sports WHIZZ KII

**COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN** (The rules are published every Saturday).

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#### QM chess Oct 7

Sports Reporter

The 12th Beximco Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain International Masters Chess Tournament will begin in the capital from October 7 next.

A total of 14 rated chess players including six from abroad will compete in the 13-round meet sponsored wholly by BEXIMCO Group at a cost of Tk 350,000 which includes Tk 80,000 as prize money.

Among the 14 rated players there are fine international masters from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan who They are: defending champ-

will take part in the tourney. ion Rifat Bin Sattar and Ziaur Rahman (Bangladesh), Mahmood Lodhi and Shahzad

Mirza (Pakistan) and Sudhakar Babu (India).

The other participants are: Mitra Kanta, R K Ramesh and Rahul Shetty (India), Saifuddin Lableo, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Khandaker Kayes Hasan, Ali Amjad Minto, Khorshed Alam and Syed Tahmidur Rahman (Bangladesh). Abdullah Al Rakib and Ziaul Kader Tuhin of Bangladesh have been named as reserves.

The draw of the tournament will be held on Saturday next during the opening ceremony while the main competition will start from Sunday.

# Column One Abahani hog transfers

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira

Chakra put an

end to all spec-

ulations about

their non-invol-

vement in the

current cricket season when

they signed up a staggering

number of twelve players on

Earlier, Abahani had

threatened to boycott the

transfer business following

the controversial move of

their star batsman Minhazul

Abedin Nannu to arch-rivals

Mohammedan Sporting Club

on Sunday. But, Abahani offi-

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transfer scene yesterday.

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off their huff by making a be-

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who ensured the traditional

giants of their allegiance was

national allrounder Enamul

Among the twelve players

vesterday.

Hug Moni, who skippered Bangladesh Biman last year. Moni joins national team captain Akram Khan and the talented Naimur Rahman Durjoy in completing Abahani's trio of pool players. They still have the option of including another from the elite group following the surprise departhe fourth day of the five-day ture of Nannu. They may do long cricketers' transfer so by acquiring veteran off-

spinner Sheikh Salahuddin

from Wari by mutual arrangement. Apart from the pool players. Abahani retained the services of national 'keeper Khaled Masud Pilot, experienced opener Harunur Rashid Liton and promising allrounder Rakib Hassan Bappi. Abahani filled in their apparent vacancy in the new ball department by acquiring Biman's flamboyant Jahangir Alam Dulu along with two new prospects - Brothers' Rahul Niamur Rashid and Victoria's Shamsul Arefin Shihab. They also signed up opener-cum-spinner Sabbir Khan Shafin and off-spinner S M Ziad Shaon - both formerly of Dhanmondi Club. Long handled bat Imran Ahmed Partha also joined the

Gulshan Youth as expected. Yesterday's fruitful collection spree more-or-less completes Abahani's group of local players for the season, although it is rumoured that manager and former national skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu may top off the list. But asked of his chances of play-

Abahani bandwagon, leaving

ing this year. Lipu said smilingly "though I am being pressurized by officials and fans, there is no chance of a

comeback for me." Abahani apart, the BCCE office encountered quite a dull day with the exception of the appearance of two former national players - Nurul Abedin Nobel and Rafiqui Alam. Nobel left Mohammedans to join Kalabagan while Rafique drifted away to GMCC deserting Kalabagan.

Of the lesser stars. Rabeed Imam, a budding new allrounder, changed his allegiance from Evergreen to Bangladesh Boys. Rabeed also works at the sports desk of



RAFIQUL

The Daily Star. A total of 65 cricketers collected their token vesterday, of whom 61 signed for new clubs.

## Kiwis on deadly ground

Oct 4 (AFP): New Zealand's new-look cricket tourists fear illness as much as spin as they attempt to become the first team in eight years to win a Test

series in India. The Kiwis, who arrived in India on Monday under new captain Lee Germon, who has yet to play a Test match, are to play three Tests and six one-day internationals during the eight-week tour.

Germon, 26 leads the 15man squad managed for the first time by former opener Glenn Turner and including star batsman Martin Crowe and experienced fast bowler Danny Morrison.

Germon, who captains Canterbury in domestic cricket, was pitch-forked to the host seat after the selectors sacked Ken Rutherford following the embarrassing defeat against Sri Lanka at

home earlier this year. But the shrewd wicketkeeper-batsman did not feel his inexperience at the top

level was a handicap. "More than a disadvantage, I look upon it as a personal challenge," Germon said. "We had a very poor season last year, and rather than this being a bad time to come in, I'd

say it's the best time. "We have a new team, a new coach. It there's ever an easy time to be captain which there isn't really -

than this is it." Turner, himself a former Test captain, dismissed suggestions that Germon could be under pressure from senior players like Crowe and Morrison. "The seniors are happy about Germon's elevation. You will see that he is a very capable individual."

Turner, however, was under no illusion that the task will be easy against the confident Indians, who have won 12 of their last 15 home Tests and lost just two - one of them to New Zealand in 1988.

"We know what to expect here. We must be wary of spin and upset stomachs," Turner, who is married to an Indian and led New Zealand

on their tour of India in 1976, told the Indian Ex-

The Kiwis have obviously not forgotten the mysterious virus which afflicted the 1988 tourists during the first Test in Bangalore, which laid low six players and forced former captain Jeremy Coney to leave the commentators' box and field as a substitute.

Bangalore is again the venue of the first Test, but Turner insists the present side is better prepared to tackle the harsh Indian con-

The 1988 team was more experienced, but this one is better. This time we have the world's best batsman, Martin Crowe, who missed the last tour," Turner said.

The injury-prone Crowe, New Zealand's most success-

#### Rainbow Athletic lift TNO soccer cup

From Staff Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 4: A second-half goal from striker Asad propelled Rainbow Athletic Club to lift the second TNO Cup football tournament title with a lone goal win over Gognagar Samaj Kalayan Parishad in the final at the Osmani Stadium here

In a highly enterprising final, with both sides locked in a goal less draw during the first 45 minutes. Asad gave Rainbow the cup of joy when the nimble forward struck the match-winner in the 60th minute.

Habibur Rahman, the DC of Narayanganj as chief guest, gave away prizes among the winners. The concluding ceremony was attended by the Thana Nirbahi Officer, Mrs Amatul Latif and the chairman of the sponsors, Dhaka Vegetable Oil industries, Mohammed Ali.

The tournament which began on September 8, featured 12 teams.

ful Test batsman with 5,394 runs from 74 Tests including 17 centuries, will be the mainstay of the team, with support from hard-hitting opener Mark Greatbach and talented left-hander Stephen Fleming. Greatbach and Morrison

are the only survivors from the 1988 tour. The squad also includes England-born Warwickshire professional Roger Twose, who qualified for New Zealand this year at the age of 27.

Turner said the current squad will form the nucleus for the World Cup, to be staged in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka from February 14 to March 17 next year.

"The present tour is very important," Turner said. "The boys will get a feel of Indian conditions before the World Cup and learn to play spin."

"With due respects to (Indian fast bowler) Javagal Srinath, I expect to encounter three spinners in each Test," Turner said, adding that the tourists spent two weeks in the north Australian city of Darwin last month, training on turning wickets.

The Kiwis will get a taste of what awaits them when they play a three-day opener against the Board President's Eleven, led by Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, in the western Indian town of

Rajkot from Saturday. The tourists will play another three-day game against Ranji Trophy champions Bombay, captained by star batsman Sachin Tendulkar. before the first Test starts in Bangalore on October 18.

The remaining two Tests will be held in Madras (October 25-29) and Cuttack (November 8-12), and will be followed by six one-dayers in various centres across India. SQUAD

Lee Germon (captain). Chris Cairns, Martin Crowe, Simon Doull, Stephen Fleming, Aaron Gale, Mark Greatbach, Matthew Hart, Danny Morrison, Dion Nash, Adam Parore, Mark Halsam, Shane Thomson, Roger Twose, Brian Young.



Habibur Rahman, the DC of Narayanganj, awarding the TNO Cup to the winners Rainbow AC at the local Osmani Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

#### Chakma's mysterious silence

Sports Reporter

Arun Cumar Chakma, the coach-cum manager of the three-member Bangladesh delegation to the 11th Asian athletics meet, is yet to file his report to the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BAAF) regarding the performance of the athletes.

According to a reliable source Chakma, who returned home a week ago, has since joined the national camp for the seventh South Asian Federation (SAF) Games but, shrugging his responsibility about the report. remains puzzle.

The audacity of the hurdles coach exposes the or ganisational flaws of the BAAF, who appears to be lacking control over its delegates attending the international meets.

Delving deeper into the matter, the National Sports Council (NSC) can also be held responsible for failing to take any action, even after regular reports in different newspapers about the BAAF silence.

A BAAF official on condition of anonymity, last night revealed over telephone that the BAAF tried to contact Chakma during the Jakarta meet but the manger remained untraceable.

The official further added that our three athletes fared will in the meet which was completed on September 25. Bimal, the fastest man in the south Asian region, qualified for the quarterfinals in the 100 metre sprint clocking 10.75 seconds. But despite improving his mark by .03 seconds he failed to advance any further.

Boni Amin, the other male athlete who took part in the long jump scaled 7.18 metres while Rehana Parveen, country's fastest woman, finished with 12.68 seconds in the 100 metres.

#### Jatiya Press Club games

The Jatiya Press Club has chalked out a week-long programmes on the occasion of its 41st founding anniversary from October 10, reports BSS.

The programmes include sporting events like minimarathon, chess competition and table tennis tournaments (singles and doubles), and shishu ananda mela.

The club members and their children, interested to take part in different events. have been requested to send their entries immediately.

#### Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct Mohammedan Sporting Blues started their campaign with a two-goal win over Chittagong Brothers Union in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium

here today, reports BSS. Dipu and Mintu scored the goals in the first half.

Brothers played a better brand of football in the second half, but failed to find the net because of poor finishing. Forwards Liton, Zahir, Mostafa and Babu squandered a number of chances.

Referee Bimal Kar gave marching order to Jahangir of Brothers for physically attacking Harun of Mohammedans in the 36th minute.

In the other match of the day, Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) beat Land Customs 2-0.



Abahani Krira Chakra's new recruits and old one's pose together after completing interclub transfer formalities at the BCCB office yesterday. - Star photo

## No cheers, only jeers

ISLAMABAD. Oct 4: Pakistan's debacle in the just-ended series against Sri Lanka has thro-

wn the country's cricket into crisis and triggered demands for a probe and management changes, report agencies.

Cricket commentators. blaming the selectors and managers, have called for a re-shuffle in the cricket setup following the loss of both the Test and the one-day series against Sri Lanka. For Sri Lanka it was just their second away victory in a Test series.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) will meet in Lahore on Monday to take stock of the situation and is widely expected to make changes in the team management.

"If Pakistan cricket is to be rescued, it can only be done by the removal of all those responsible for the humiliation at the hands of a mediocre team that has emerged as a giant-killer," a commentator wrote in the daily the news.

The losses to Sri Lanka have brought calls to lift the ban imposed on former captain Salim Malik and to solve the pending inquiry into bribery charges against him.

About 100 fans, led by Malik's mother, staged a noisy protest against his ouster at the cricket ground where Sri Lanka beat Pakistan in the third and final one-day Tuesday.

Malik has been accused by Australian players, Shane Warne and Tim May, of offer-

ing them bribes during Australia's tour of Pakistan last year. He has denied the allegations.

A former member of the PCB, Razaullah Khan, in a statement carried by newspapers today, criticised preparations for the next World Cup, which Pakistan is to host in early 1996 along with India and Sri Lanka.

"The whole nation feels grave concern over the performance of our team which is an outcome of wrong policies of Pakistan Cricket Board," he said, demanding that PCB officials should accept responsibility and step

Wagar Hasan, a former chairman of national selection committee, has demanded an independent expert probe into the national But former captain Javed

Miandad put the blame on former cricket hero Imran Khan, who retired after leading Pakistan to World Cup victory in 1992. "The present debacle in

Pakistan cricket is due to his too long stay as captain," Miandad told the Dawn newspaper in an interview. In his "stranglehold for

over 10 years over Pakistan cricket, he never did anything that could bring stability in future combinations, Miandad said. Pakistan's cricketers have

also been accused of an apparent lack of commitment and loyalty in the wake of losing both the Test and oneday series to Sri Lanka.

"At the moment the Pakistan team is in complete disarray and it would require enormous efforts to rebuild it," says former Test batsman Shafqat Rana.

"The team appeared to lack commitment and loyalty as most of the batsmen threw away their wickets with reckless strokes."

Saeed Butt, a life-member of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), claimed captain Rameez Raja had been deliberately let down by his colleagues.

"There is too much politics in Pakistan's team which is a bunch of 11 individuals," he said, adding PCB chief executive Arif Abbasi must resign after accepting the responsibility of the team's de-

Pakistan are facing a demanding schedule that includes a three-Test tour of Australia starting later this month and their defence of the World Cup. One of the few encourag-

ing features of the one-day series against Sri Lanka was the discovery of talented opener Salim Elahi, who became the first Pakistani to score a century on his limited-over debut

His unbeaten 102 in the first one-dayer at Gujranwala which was followed by 47 in the second at Faisalabad and 30 in the third at Rawalpindi has ensured his berth on the forthcoming assignments in Sharjah and Australia.

Also appearing to have cemented their places are promising pace bowler Mohammad Akram, who captured seven wickets in the Test series, and off-spinner Saglain Mushtaq, who took nine in two tests.

### Anand in dire straits

NEW YORK. Oct 4: Garri Kasparov sped into a three-point lead in the World Chess Championship on Tuesday, winning game 14 and declaring the

fight for the title was over. report agencies. After gaining a strong po-

sitional advantage out of the opening with the black pieces, Indian challenger Viswanathan Anand misplaced his queen in a tough middlegame, allowing Kasparov to unscramble his pieces and secure the win, his fourth in the last five games.

"The match is still on but I think the fight for the title is over," Kasparov told the postgame news conference on the observation deck of the World Trade Centre where began to squeeze Kasparov. the championship started September 11.

But he acknowledged having won Tuesday's game after an exciting zigzag battle that could have gone either way. Anand gained an advantage with his opening, and was so hopeful of winning that he refused a draw on the 16th move.

Anand faces the uphill task of winning four and drawing two of the last six

Playing black, Anand opened with the obscure Centre Counter or Scandinavian defence and a surprised Kasparov quickly drifted into an inferior position. On the 16th move,

Anand refused a draw and

refused to take the offered

When Anand mistakenly

knight, Kasparov attacked on the kingside, creating a wild position that experts found difficult to predict. With a minute per move each to reach the allotted time of 40 moves in two

hours, the players swiftly played out their last 11 turns. Anand found himself a pawn down and facing an unstoppable white rook and resigned after Kasparov's 41st move and almost four hours at the board.

Today is a rest day and the 15th game is scheduled for Thursday.

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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.

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