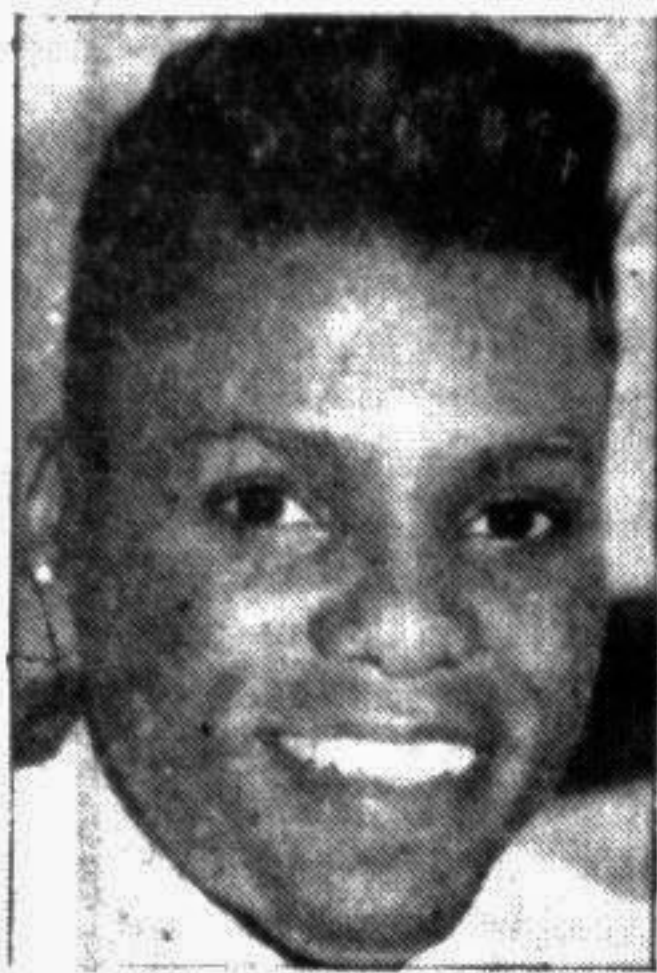


Column One SPORTS TALK



Carl Lewis

(US athletics superstar) "Black athletes are generally made better than the whites and are much more suited to the sporting environment."

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT it is not easy to separate sports from politics. It never has been. Take for instance the recent BCCB approach to the opposition parties to save the forthcoming tour of the Caribbean under-19 cricketers. It seems that everything has worked out for the better. But, things can get out of hand. As it did in Turkey. Now Turkey has been politically volatile for a long time. In 1900 some avid Turkish footballers were translating the rules of soccer from English into Turkish. But, someone in authority spotted the strange diagrams and foreign language and got very suspicious. The man surmised that mischief was afoot. The police were duly informed and the house of the footballers were duly raided. The flabbergasted footballers were arrested on charge of plotting a revolution.

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-13

Table with 5 questions about sports events and winners. Includes questions about the 1992 European football championship, Bangladesh vs Myanmar, SAF Games 1984, BKSP, and Donald Bradman.

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Inter rope in Caio, Branca

MILAN, Italy, Nov 10: Internazionale stole the spotlight as Italy's autumn transfer market closed on Thursday, signing striker Marco Branca from Roma after recruiting another forward, Caio, from Brazilian club Sao Paulo, reports Reuter. But despite reports that the buys would be funded by the sale of Paul Ince, there was no indication the unsettled England midfielder's departure was imminent. Inter said they had signed Branca, who played for Parma last season, on a two-year contract. The terms were not disclosed but the deal included Italy under-21 striker Marco Delvecchio moving to Roma on loan for a season. Earlier in the day Inter recruited 20-year-old Caio Ribeiro Dedocoussau. No further details were available but the daily Gazzetta Dello Sport quoted a sum of 4.6 million dollars for the deal. In other moves, Swedish international Klas Ingesson joined Italian club Bari from English Premier league side Sheffield Wednesday in a 900,000 pounds sterling (1.42 million dollars) deal. Sampdoria said forward Roberto Mancini, who had threatened to leave Italy after a controversial sending-off last weekend, would stay at the club.

Welcome West Indies

A 17 member West Indies under-19 cricket team, with former Test batsman Augustine Logie as coach, is due to arrive today for a week-long tour of the capital. The team which consists of 15 players and two officials, will play three one-dayers against different local selections during their stay. The brief tour will mark the first visit of any West Indies outfit to this country. They have just completed a tour of Pakistan and are stopping-by here on their way home. Logie, popularly known as Gus and one of the best fielders of his time is the main inspiration of the team while LR Chambers is the manager. The visitors will play their first match against the Bangladesh youth Eleven on November 14 and the next one against the Bangladesh under-19 team on November 16. In their last encounter of the trip the Caribbeans will take on what is expected to be a defacto Bangladesh national team playing under the banner of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven on November 17. The Windies are expected to depart on the afternoon of November 18. BCCB SELECTIONS Meanwhile, the BCCB has named two teams of fourteen players each to take on the visiting West Indian in the first two one-dayers. Stylish middle-order bat and an useful off spinner Selim Shahed of Mohammedan Sporting Club has been appointed captain of the Bangladesh Youth team. The other members of the team are: Ziaur Rashid Rupan (Biman), Jahangir Alam (MSC), Habibul Bashar (Biman), Sajjad Ahmed Monsur (Brothers Union), Khaled Masud (Abahani), Khaled Mahmud (MSC), Mohammed Rafique (Biman), Sharfuddin Ibn Saheed (Kalabagan), Anisur Rahman (Biman), Zakir Hossain (Kalabagan), Javed Omar Belim (GMCC), Sohel Islam (Brothers) and A Hassan Nahid (Victoria). The Bangladesh under-19 team will be led by Naimur Rahman Durjoy, the robust Abahani allrounder. His teammates are: Shahriar Bidyut (Brothers), Sajid Hassan (Victoria), Zakaria Intiaz (GMCC), Al-Shahriar Rokon (Victoria), Mehrab Hossain (Victoria), Atiar Rahman (Kalabagan), Mostadir Litu (MSC), Jewel Hossain (Biman), Hasibul Hossain Shanto (MSC), Sajal Chowdhury (Brothers), Morshed Ali Khan (MSC), FM Rahman (Bangladesh Boys) and Zakir Hossain (Agrani Bank). All the selected players have been requested to report at the BCCB office today at 7 pm. The BCCB Eleven, the other local selection to take on the visitors, is yet to be named. In this respect, all members of the national team have been requested by the BCCB to remain in the city.

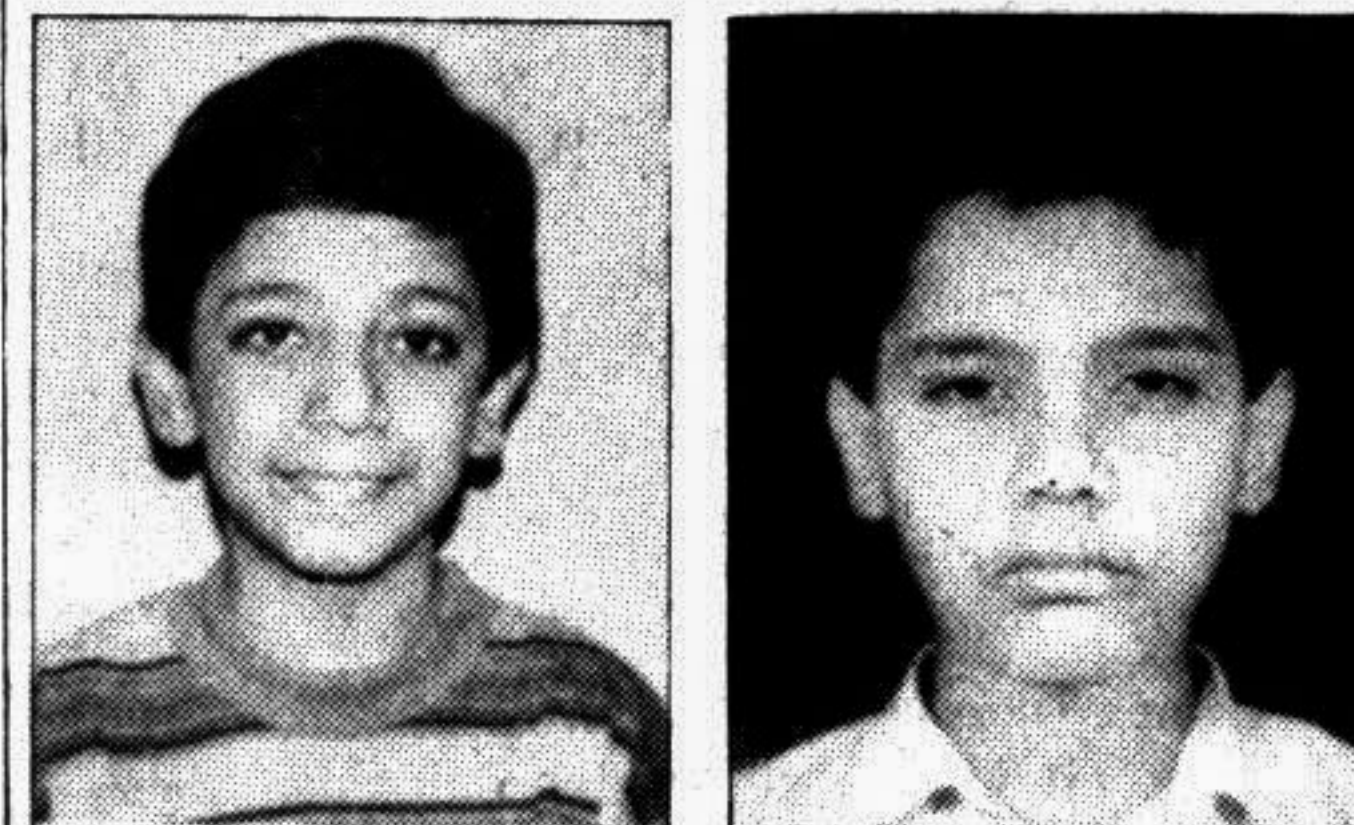
Leonine hold on to 2nd spot

Third placed Biman had a clean sweep yesterday when they outplayed Farashganj Sporting Club 4-0. National champion IM Reefat Bin-Sattar of Biman and his teammate former national champion IM Ziaur Rahman beat Mizanur Rahman and Shahadat Hossain of Farashganj respectively. In the other two boards, Biman's Khandkar Kayes Hasan defeated Shawkat Hossain while Rezaul Haque blanked Ahmed Hossain Majumdar. With the aim, Biman extended their tally to 23.5 points and remained in the third place with a 1.5 points lead over Dhaka University. In the day's other engagements, Bangladesh Ansars beat Brothers Union Club 2.5-1.5, BTMC defeated Parijat Club 3-1, Sheikh Rusel KC outplayed Genius Chess Club 3.5-5, Narayanganj Chess Club overpowered Fire Service 3-1 and Mashgul Mahfil beat Konica Sangskritik Sangha 2.5-1.5. The league has been postponed for two days - today and tomorrow - due to the prevailing political situations and the ninth round will begin on Monday from 3:30 pm. STANDINGS 27.5 points - Mohammedan SC (7 matches) 26.5 points - Leonine CC 23.5 points - Biman 22 points - Dhaka University 21 points - Ansars 18.5 points - BTMC 17 points - Narayanganj CC 15 points - Sheikh Rusel DKC 13 points - Pradeep Sangha 12.5 points - Farashganj Anushilan KC 10.5 points - Parijat CC Fire Service 8.5 points - Konica SS Genius CC 7 points - Mashgul Mahfil 3.5 points - Brothers Union.



A scene from yesterday's First Division chess league matches from the chess room of the Bangladesh Chess Federation. - Star photo

WHIZZ KID-II winners



- 1. Tareque Shareef, Scholastica Dhaka; 3. Vashwar Tajdidur Rouf, PDB High School Ghorashal

Athens wants Games back in 2004

ATHENS, Nov 10: Greece wants to host the 2004 Olympics in Athens, returning the Summer Olympiad to the country where the Games were born in 776 BC, report agencies. The government will effort to have them (the 2004 Olympics) in Athens. We believe that it is essential for the Olympic Games to be staged in Athens at long last, government spokesman Tylemachos Hytiris told a daily news briefing on Friday.

Strike trio join soccer camp

Three new booters were included in the national football team camp which resumed yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium. The new footballers are all strikers. They are Biplab of Abahani, Milan of Mohammedan SC and Amer Khan of Brothers Union. With the new inclusions, the number of footballers in the camp were raised to thirty three. The National football team is now preparing for the forthcoming Seventh SAF Games under the guidance of German FIFA coach Otto Pfister. Mamun Joarder was the only player missing yesterday in the camp as he went home on two day's leave. After only one session yesterday afternoon, the camp was closed for a day which will resume again tomorrow afternoon. Boxing for morality! STOCKHOLM, Nov 10: A Swedish court has sentenced a 15-year-old boy who knocked a schoolmate unconscious after a soccer match to three months of boxing lessons as punishment, reports Reuter. The boy was found guilty of punching the other boy in the face after the game and trying to kick him in the throat.

This is also cricket!



Mujtaba for Biman?

Pakistani star batsman Asif Mujtaba is likely to play for Bangladesh Biman in the second round of the ongoing 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament. According to unconfirmed reports, Biman, the 1993 joint Premier League champions, are trying to rope in the former Pakistan Test middle order to reinforce their batting order. The deal is likely to be completed within the next few days. And his main tormentor was Adam Bacher, 22-year-old nephew of former Test captain Ali, the country's cricket boss who guided South Africa back in to the international fold after years of isolation because of apartheid. Bacher who scored 116, celebrated reaching his century by pulling Malcolm for six in an over that cost the fast bowler 16 runs. Earlier on Thursday, two batsmen barely into their second season in first-class cricket almost certainly ended Devon Malcolm's Test hopes as they hit the England fast bowler all around the field on the opening day.

Rookies ruffle England

South Africa A, who won the toss, were 325 for five at the close. Malcolm, given a last chance to win a place in next week's opening Test after a poor start to the tour during which he has been criticised by manager Ray Illingworth, was hit for 70 runs from 16 overs. Bacher, whose only previous first class century was in a Transvaal second XI match, was aided by 20-year-old Jacques Kallis who hit 93 as the pair shared a second wicket stand of 181. Jacques was the more aggressive, hitting 11 boundaries in his 136-ball innings before being bowled by off-spinner Graeme Hick as he attempted a sweep. Bacher was called in to the team as a late replacement for opener Gerry Liebenberg who is ill and he made the most of his opportunity, unperturbed by pace and spin alike in an innings of steely determination. Opening partner Rudi Steyn was caught at slip off Darren Gough for 17 with the score at 33, but the entrance of Kallis gave Bacher the confidence to go for his shots after a dogged start. He reached his century shortly after the departure of Kallis but it was the pull shot which brought his downfall as he holed out to Mike Watkinson on the square leg boundary off Gough. It was the first of three wickets to fall for 33 runs as England belatedly fought their way back. With the second new ball, Malcolm had Louis Wilkinson snapped up by Graham Thorpe at first slip for 16 and Angus Fraser found the edge of a Team captain John Commins' bat when he had made 27. England's poor bowling performance was summed up when captain Mike Atherton first called up Thorpe to send down four overs while occasional off-spinner Mark Ramprakash was bowling at the close, despite the new ball being just 16 overs old.

SL athlete banned for doping

COLOMBO, Nov 10: Sri Lanka's top sprinter has been banned from next month's South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in India for allegedly using performance-enhancing drugs, an official said on Friday, reports Xinhua. The Asian Amateur Athletic Association ordered Sri Lanka not to field Susanthika Jayasinghe, who was heavily favoured to win the 100 metres and 200 metres sprints, into the participants list. The International Amateur Athletics Federation, the sport's world governing body, will meet next month in Monaco to discuss banning Jayasinghe from the sport. Jayasinghe, 19, who set an Asian record of 23 seconds in the 200 metres, tested positive for the anabolic steroid mandrolone metabolites at the Asian Track and Field Championships in Jakarta, Indonesia, in September. It was the first case in Sri Lanka.

An ACOG-UNICEF initiative

ATLANTA, Nov 10: Organisers of next year's Atlanta Olympics joined the UN children's fund UNICEF on Thursday to launch a multi-million dollar initiative aimed at easing the plight of 18 million war-afflicted children, reports Reuter. Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) president Billy Payne told a news conference that Olympic Aid Atlanta, the biggest humanitarian project ever launched by the Olympic movement, was designed to help victims of war in 14 countries. "The Olympic ideal stands for peace, human dignity and the promotion of human excellence said ACOG co-chairman Andrew Young, annex-major of Atlanta and former US ambassador to the United Nations. "We are calling on the world community of work with us to promote peace and protect children from the scourge of war." Payne said the international fund-raising project was an extension of the spirit of the traditional truce which in antiquity halted all wars during the Olympic Games. The UN general assembly, in a resolution sponsored by 151 nations, last week called for a similar truce to halt all of the world's conflicts during the Atlanta Games, which will run between July 19 and August 4 next year. Gwendolyn Clavert Baker, president of the US committee for UNICEF, said the primary aim for Olympic Aid Atlanta was to raise 7 million dollars to meet the urgent needs of children caught in armed conflict. But she said projects amounting to 15 million dollars were begging for funds. Those include 4.2 million dollars for programmes in Mozambique, where a 16-year-long civil war has left millions in need, 1.12 million dollars for Rwanda, which still bears the scars of a genocidal war in 1994, and 1.19 million dollars for children suffering from the war in former Yugoslavia. Baker said the cash would be raised by special programmes, individual contributions, partnerships with Olympic sponsors and other fund raising efforts. Spearheading the initiative on Thursday on behalf of athletes were two legendary speed skaters - American Bonnie Blair, who won six Olympic golds over three Winter Games, and Norway's Johann Koss, world record skeeing triple gold medalist at last year's Games. "I trained for hours and hours to improve by one tenth or one-hundredth of a second. These children struggle every second just to survive," said Koss.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword puzzle grid and solutions for Cryptquip: FKBUKBEKLEWCBIBZNSQKBSEJCLNLZZLJBKWCBUQWCLNZBQIWKQIITIWQEV. Yesterday's Cryptquip: FISHERMAN GOT INTO MANY FIGHTS BY BAITING HIS FRIENDS. Today's Cryptquip clue: N equals F. The Cryptquip 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.