caught the Kalabagan tail in

Mahmud, who virtually

pinned down the Bagan

batsmen in his 12.3 overs,

gave only 17 runs for his five

During his 150 minute

stay at the crease Nadeem

clubbed more than a dozen

his spinning web.

(The Professor does)

T HAT the Barcelona Oly-I mpic Committee in 1992 ordered 600,000 bowls shaped out of coconut shells from Kerala, India. The bowls exported under the aegis of the Kochi-based Coconut Development Board were used for serving ice cream and sal ads to the participants of the world's largest sports extravaganza. Now that is being environment-conscious.

There is no doubt that coconut shells are hygienic al ternatives to harmful plastic containers. And, where better to put it on show but the Olympics. Funny, but we seem to be importing 600,000 something of plastic containers every year. Not so funny! We have all the supply of coconut shells we need in our own backyard.

SPORTS TALK



Carl Lewis (US athletic great)

"When I run like Carl Lewis - relaxed, smooth and easy - I can run races that seem effortless to me and to those watching."

(Commenting on his own sprinting abilities in his early



(The rules are published every Saturday).

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-16 Tick the Correct Answer

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Danes join 2004 Games' race

COPENHAGEN, Dec 5: Denmark's Olympic Committee said on Monday it had formally applied for government support for a bid for Copenhagen to host the 2004 Summer Olympic Games and awaited a decision by mid December, reports Reuter.

"We have submitted a proposal to the government for Copenhagen to be host city for the 2004 Olympics and understand we will hear in 10 days," Bent Agerskov, secretary-general of Denmark's National Olympic Committee said.

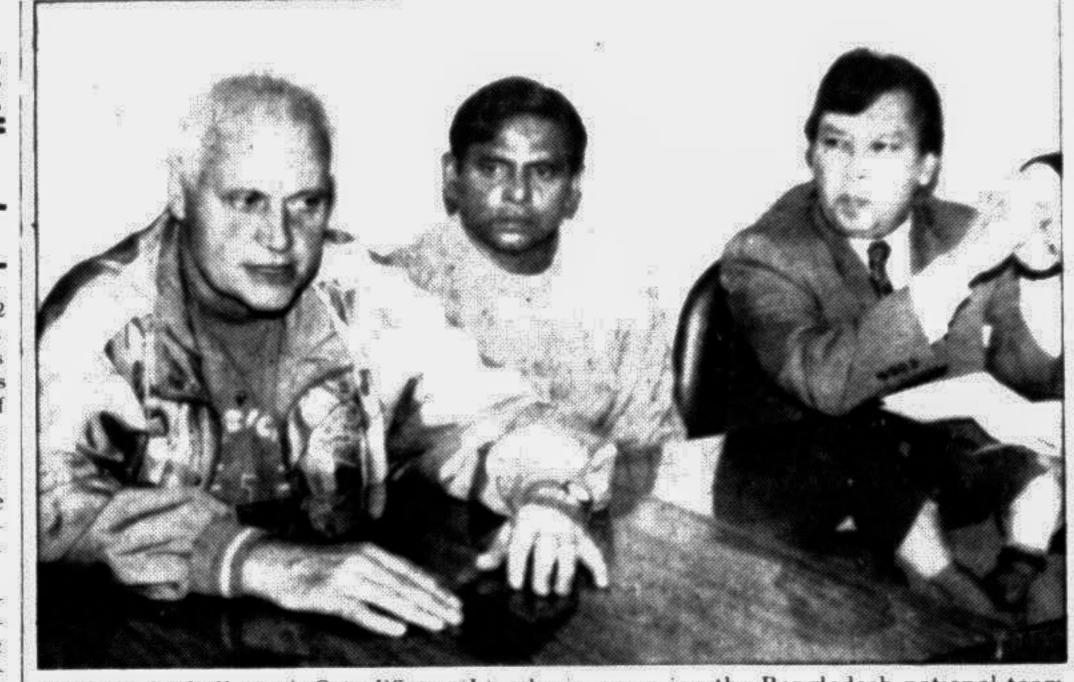
He said any bid would also have to receive the backing of Copenhagen city council.

Several cities are already expressed an interest in hosting the Games including Rome, Cape Town, Seville, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Istanbul and Lille.

Danish media are sceptical about the chances of Copenhagen even putting in a bid for the Games at a time of budgetary restraint.

Thoughts of sharing the burden with the nearby Swedish port city of Malo are also unlikely to come to fruit if Stockholm bids in which case the southern port is expected to defer to the capital.

It would be an unhappy situation if there were to be a fight between Malmo and Stockholm over the Olympic Games, Malmo city council chairman Kuell Arne Landgren told the Copenhagen daily Berlingske Tidende.



German football coach Otto Pfister (L), who is preparing the Bangladesh national team for the forthcoming SAF Games to be held in Madras from December 18-28, making a point to the press at the conference room of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday. Also present on the occasion was Sheikh Akmal Hossain (R) general secretary - Star photo of the BFF.

BFF's guarded optimism

Sports Reporter

Hopes are very high but in a guarded way. Banhave kept on failing in regional

football competitions since it's birth, will once again campaign for a gold in the forthcoming seventh South Asian Federation Games to be held in the Indian city of Madras from December 18.

This was not actually the verses of the Bangladeshi officials yesterday at the conference room of BOA during press-briefing on the prospects of Bangladesh in amount of experience of the biggest sporting event of the sub-continent but one could read between their clinched the quadrangular lines.

German coach Otto Pfister, who has taken over the responsibility of Bangladesh football team from October 11, said that when he came the fact that the team needs to Bangladesh he had only a full-time doctor. "A team the poor results of Bangladesh in the sixth SAF doctor because he has a very Games held in Dhaka. His significant role in the team's mission in Bangladesh was to improve the standard of football. And if they can beat Maldives and Nepal this time of the team, and Sheikh Akin Madras which they could mal Hossain, the general secnot at home last time, he will have achieved his mission.

very satisfactory now. I am

very happy with their disci pline and conduct. They are doing exactly the way I want things to be done," said a seemingly content Pfister. He has already proved his worth by guiding Bangladesh to an emphatic victory in the quadrangular football tourney in Myanmar last month.

The camp started with 39 footballers at Mirpur Stadium from which 24 are now in training. Pfister will finalise his 20-man list within the next three days. "The boys had two foreign trips which have given them a vast playing against foreign teams After they successfully tournament in Myanmar, they In a very humble way, also had a fair trip in Malaysia from which they have gained lot of experiences," said the German coach.

Pfister also stressed on can not run with out a team success," he said.

Beside the coach, A K M Ferdous Islam, the manager retary of Bangladesh Football Federation, were also present "The state of the team is at the briefing. At the beginning of the briefing, the BFF

general secretary informed that Taka 35.5 lakh has been spent for the preparation of the team. The sum includes all the expenses of two foreign trips and their training as a whole.

"We have done our part or whatever we could possibly do for the booters. The whole nation is looking to us. Now it is their (footballers) turn to prove something," Akmal

Bangladesh will play their first round against Maldives and Nepal and "they have a very good chance of reaching the semifinals," hoped the BFF general secretary. The following are the 24

booters from among which the final selection of 20 footballers will be made this week: Mohammad Ponir, Arifur Rahman Pannu. Dulal Hossain Dhanu, Sohel Al-Masum, Monem Munna (captain). Mamun Hossain Joarder, Masood Rana, Jewel Rana, Sohel Reza, Nurul Haque Manik, Mohammad Azim, Hasan Al Mamun, Mohammad Arman, Sahidul Alam Ranjan, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib. Rakib Hossain, Jahangir Hossain, Mozammel Haque Biplab, Zakir Hossain Shaheen, Nazrul Islam, Murad Ahmed Milan, Ruhul Amin, Mizanur Rahman and Arif Hossain Moon.

'98 World Cup draw in doubt



Monday it was concerned that France's sprea-

for the 1998 World Cup qualifiers in Paris on December 12 but local organisers insisted the event would go ahead as scheduled, re-

ports Reuter. FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper said: "We're concerned. It would be foolish not to be concerned. But the local organising committee know their own backyard better than we do and they tell us they can cope with the

situation. Asked if FIFA had contingency plans to switch the draw or change the date. dium) Cooper said: "All sensible organisations have contingency plans for what might to wrong. But today our plans are to stage the draw in Paris

on December 12." FIFA delegations are arriving in the French capital from Wednesday for meetings

PARIS, Dec 5: is being staged at the Louvre FIFA said on in the presence of French President Jacques Chirac.

A record 172 countries have entered the World Cup and the draw for the qualifystrike could affect the draw ing competition will be televised live round the globe.

Cooper said FIFA was worried that the transport strike could make it difficult for delegations to get through the traffic jams snarling the city and to their meetings as well as to the draw itself.

Today's fixtures Bijoy Dibosh cricket tour-

Mohammedan SC vs Kalabagan KC (2nd day at Dhaka Sta-

(Shahid Jewel and Mushtag invitational cricket tour-

nament) Victoria SC vs Agrani Bank (First quarterfinal at DCS) Shahid Smriti Cricket

Tournament City Club vs Gopibaglı FA

Any deterioration in the situation, involving power cuts or a taxi drivers' strike. would increase the concern. he added.

But Alain Leiblang, spokesman for the French Organising Committee, said the draw would definitely go ahead despite the problems.

"The only thing we know for sure is that the draw will take place at the Louvre on December 12, whatever hap-

pens," he said. Leiblang said transport was being provided for visiting delegations." It may be that they will have to put up with being stuck a bit longer than expected in traffic jams

but that's all," he said. The spokesman said some of the 200 volunteers taken on for the draw were having difficulty getting in from the suburbs to collect their uniforms but there were no in-

surmountable problems posed by the strike. "But we're having to live from day to day as it's impossible to predict how the sit-

uation will develop," he added.



BUENOS AI-RES, Dec 5: Diego Maradona wept, his fans went into shock and Argentina's

championship was electrified as Boca Juniors crashed 6-4 at home to Racing Club, Leaving Velez Sarsfield top of the table with two games to go, reports Reuter.

Thousands of jaws dropped a Boca's home ground "chocolate box stadium" on Sunday as a capacity crowd watched Racing destroy Boca, condemning Maradona to a defeat like few he has bad to face in his illustrious career.

Velez who earlier in the day had won 2-0 at San Lorenzo, cheered Racing on as they watched the match on television in their dressing room.

Striker Ruben Capria, who grabbed a hattrick, was the Racing hero.

Capria scored four minutes into the match. Seven minutes later Argentine international striker Marcelo Delgado made it 2-0. Cladio Lopez scored another and Boca were 3-0 down after only 13 minutes.

In the 30th minute Maradona passed found full back Carlos McAllister who headed home then Maradona converted a 44th minute penalty to make it 3-2 at half-

Capria scored in the 47th



DIEGO MARADONA

and 60th minutes to make it 5-2. Boca's Sergio Martinez pulled on back in the 77th minute but Lopez's second goal for Racing made it 6-3 and when Boca striker Dario Scott scored in the 91st minute he did not even bother to celebrate.

"The whole team felt terrible," said Maradona after the game. "We knew intimately that we were losing our chance to win the championship. But we will keep the faith," he said after confessing he had just gone through a crying session with his daughters.

Argentina's superstar played commandingly until he ran out of steam in the second half. He had gone into the game without attending a single training session all last week.

On Wednesday, coach Silvio Marzolini said Maradona had not appeared because he had flu. But it did not keep the midfielder from playing some hours later in a friendly match in heavy rain.

"Boca doesn't train like a team which aspires to the championship," said Argentina's largest circulation Daily Clarin. "The coach never knows the team's lineup until the last minute and cannot count on his key players."

Velez lead the standings with 35 points, on clear of Boca with Racing Club third on 32 points.

Dhanmondi defeat Boys

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club defeated Bangladesh Boys Club by three wickets in the inaugural match of the Shahid Smriti cricket tournament at the City Club ground in Mirpur

vesterday Put into bat first, the Boys were able to occupy the crease for 41-2 overs out of the alloted 45 before being bowled out for 175 runs. Chanchal scored the highest 35 runs followed by the 29 contributed by Mr. Extras.

Hasan and Tanvirul took three wickets each for Dhanmondi while Pappu Pika and Biplob picked up a wicket each.

In reply, Dhanmondi lost seven of their batsmen before sailing home scoring 176 runs in 43.5 overs. Shahid Nagi scored an entertaining 53 off 56 balls inclusive of four boundaries and one of the many overboundaries of

Late order Biplob also played a vital knock toward end of the innings. missing his half century by just a run. He remained unbeaten.

For Bangladesh Boys, Mamun. Chanchal and Shumit picked up two wickets

apiece. The victory take Dhanmondi into the quarterfinal stage of the tourney where they will meet Surjo Tarun on December 10. The tournament has been organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) to commemorate the Victory Day and comprises of the ten First Division outfits from the

American Cup golf Friday

Sports Reporter

The American Cup '95 golf tournament will be held on Friday at 6:30 am at the Kurmitola Golf Club, says a press release.

Some 200 golfers including a good number of ladies will participate in the daylong meet

Chief of Army Staff and president of the club Lt General ASM Nasim will attend the prize-giving ceremony as the chief guest. US Ambassador David Merrill will be the special guest on the occasion.

Nagpur Stadium culprits arrested

NAGPUR, India, Dec 5: The architect and builder of a stadium which collapsed during an India-New Zealand one-day international here last month, killing 12 people, have been arrested along with two cricket officials, re-

Architect A D Godse and contractor S S Warnekar were produced in a court in this western city on Monday along with Prabhakar Rao Mundle, president of the local Vidarbha Cricket Association, and VCA secretary Gopalroa Kelkar.

The four were arrested Monday on various charges including failure to apply for proper certificates from the authorities, negligence leading to death and use of substandard building materials, police said.

They were released on bai following their appearance in a magistrate's court here.

Flamengo falter

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 5: Defending champions Independiente of Argentina put themselves in a good position to retain their title after beating Brazil's Flamengo 2-0 in the first-leg of the South American Super Cup final on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Argentines played with none of the spark of last year's team, following the sales of Argentine international striker Sebastian Rambert and Colombia's Albeiro Usuriaga, but were still far too strong for an uninspiring Flamengo.

Javier Mazzoni gave Independiente, struggling in 13th place in the Argentine league, an ideal start by heading them into the lead after just 50 seconds.

Flamengo never got their attack going and striker Romario, playing his first game after a two-week lay-off through injury, was totally isolated up front and barely touched the ball. The Brazilians were pun-

ished again, when full-back Christian Domizzi scored Independiente's second goal in the 74th minute after a cheeky backheel by Mazzoni. The second leg is in Rio De Janeiro on December 6.

Mohammedans make merry

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 146 in 46.3 overs (Sayeed 30. Nobel 24. Mahmud 5/17. Shanto 4/48)

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 124/2 in 44 overs (Nadeem Younus 84 n.o., Jahangir 32)

The inception of two-day games in domestic cricket after an interval of a few years failed

to motivate the local batsmen to adjust to the new conditions when 12 wickets fell like nine pins in the inaugural match of the Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament between Mohammedan

Sports Reporter

for duck. He then returned one-down Atiar Rahman (10) and skipper Farugue Ahmed (4) in successive overs reducing Kalabagan to a precarious

37 for three in 12.5 overs. With the addition of only nine runs to the total Kalabagan suffered yet another blow when the other opener Nurul Abedin Nobel departed for a patient 24 off 40 deliveries edging a simple catch behind the stumps off Khaled Mahmud Sujon.

wickets Pakistani Shaheed Saveed and discarded na tional middle-order bat Mahabubur Rahman Selim of fered some sort of resistance

The vibrant Pakistan duo of Mohammedan Sporting

Club Nadeem Younus (L) and Shahed Mahmud leg-

spinner Mahmud finished with a five wicket and

Nadeem was 16 runs short of his century on completion

of the first day's play of the Bijoy Dibosh cricket

tournament between Mohammedans and Kalabagan at

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mchammedans needed

Sporting Club and Kalabagan sharing 41 runs for the fifth

out Kalabagan for an appalling compatriot Sayeed caught at

target with eight wickets in of only 61 runs to the total.

The imminent victory will hammedan recruit making

ensure Mohammedans a pas- his Dhaka cricket debut,

sage into the final, but all more than justified his inclu-

eyes today will be fixed on sion in the team when he

— Star photo

But once leg-spinner Sha-

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Bowe will be guaranteed six

million pounds sterling (9.2

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next year, reports Reuter.

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after three years of trying.

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"This fight will be good for

on Wednesday.

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LONDON, Dec 5: Former

Mo- hed Mammud made the

only 23 runs today to win the match.

Krira Chakra at the Dhaka wicket.

Stadium yesterday.

At stumps.

hammedans, who bundled

total of 146 in 46.3 overs of

the 80 over-a-side-match.

were 23 runs short of the

hand and 36 overs to spare.

their opener Nadeem Younus,

who was unbeaten on 84 on

who is making his appear-

ance for Mohammedans for

the second successive year,

will have to pick up most of

the runs for reaching the

magical three-figure mark

when he resumes the innings

along with Selim Shaheed on

the recently laid artificial

the Mohammedan skipper

Aminul Islam Bulbul, Kalaba-

gan collapsed meekly in the

face of a devastating spell

from new-ball bowler Hasibul

Hossain Shanto and some

quality spin bowling by Pak-

istani leg-spinner Shahed

Shanto, who ripped through

the Kalabagan top order to

finish with a four wicket haul,

vindicated his skipper's deci-

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in the very first over when he

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scalps. In reply. Mohammedans, facing a rather simple target, made heavy weather of their task when they lost their make-shift opener Mustadir Litu (o) with only six runs on the board. But Nadeem Younus and Jahangir Alam, who played After the loss of four quick confidently throughout the day, took Mohammedans close to victory sharing 104 runs for the second wicket.



unorthodox brand of leftarm wrist spin. Coach Bob Woolmer stressed though that Adams was not definitely going to be in the final squad of 14 which will be named after South Africa's last one-day international against England on January 21.

wickets with his

"This is only a squad of 20 which we had to name now, so things can change. We haven't had the chance to see Adams bowl in a one-day competition yet, but you have to remember that in Pakistan the ball, does turn and anyway he's certainly not the worst bowler in the world. Woolmer said.

Adam is one of four spinners included in the 20 but there is no place for left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen, who is being blamed in some quarters for not being able to bowl out England in the second innings of the second test which ended as a draw in Johannesburg on Monday.

Eksteen and swing bowler Meyrick Pringle are the only two players from the 11 in the Johannesburg test not to be included in the squad.

Apart from Adams, other new faces are all-rounders Jacques Kallis -named in South Africa's 13 for the third Test in Durban - and Lance Klusener, left-arm spinner Nicky Boje and wicketkeeper Steve Palfra-

Convenor of selectors Peter Pollock said fast bowlers Fanie de Villiers and Brett Schultz were not considered because of injury but could still get into the squad if they proved their

Squad: Hansie Cronje (captain), Andrew Hudson, Gary Kirsten, Daryll Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Shaun Pollock, Craig Matthews, Allan Donald, Paul Adams, Pat Symcox, Derek Crookes, Nicky Boje, Steve Palframan, Lance Klusene. Adrian Kuiper, Richard Snell, Jacques Kallis, Rudi Steyn.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NAME A PARTY GAME WHICH COWS CAN PLAY TOGETHER: MOOSICAL CHAIRS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals R

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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 46 Vessel for will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short three men words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

