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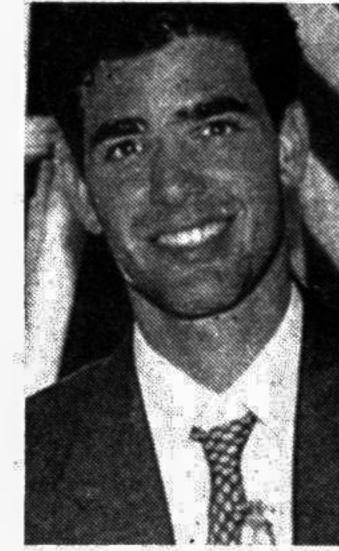
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(World No 1 tennis star) "For me to win French Open it will take a little bit ofluck that the state of the stat

Ma's new recruits flop

BEIJING, June 1: China's new-look "Ma family army" women's running squad has failed to win any places on China's Atlanta Olympics team, while rival and former "army" member Wang Junxia has coasted into the line-up, officials said on Friday.

World record holder Wang will be the only runner once coached by controversial supercoach Ma Junren to take part in this year's Olympics, an official of China's Athletics Association told Reuters by telephone.

"Everyone feels regret that the "Ma family army" can't qualify for Olympics but the selection was fair," the official

Wang, who holds the 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres world records, ran the year's fastest times in the 10,000 and 5,000 metres in trials this month in Nanjing.

Selectors used the Nanjing trials as a basis for picking the Olympic team and Wang had qualified easily for both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres, the officials said.

Jiang Bo, the star of Ma Junren's regrouped army, failed to win a place after Liaoning officials and coaches told her not to take part in a last-ditch qualifier in northern Hebel province.

Jiang had earlier crashed out of the Nanjing 5,000 metres final in tears. "The coaches think now it

is too late for Jiang Bo to prepare for the Olympics," the official said. Ma has been rebuilding his

once-formidable team which broke up in 1994 after Wang led a mutiny in protest against Ma's methods; which she described as brutal, unhealthy and humiliating.

Ma's new group of runners won an international relay marathon in Beijing last month. suggesting a turn-around in their fortunes but their poor performance in Nanjing shocked their previously confi-

dent coach. The officials joined Chinese newspapers in attributing the team's failures to anxiety over Ma, who sat out the trials in a Beijing hospital because of an

intestinal ailment. "The illness of Ma coach really influenced his runners' results, lowered their level," the

sports official said. "But they are young so there will still be many opportunities for them," another official said.

Eubank will

pay damages BIRGHTON, England, June 1: Former world champion Chris Eubank said Thursday he

will compensate two women

who were burned at a firework

display he staged, reports AFP.



Saifuddin Lablu (L), who fell from grace in the previous round after conceding his first defeat at the hands of Khandaker Kayes Hasan, pondering his next move against Tanima Parveen in the eight round engagement of the 22nd national chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. Lablu drew with Tanima. - Star photo

Reefat tightens grip

Sports Reporter

Defending champion IM Reefatbin-Sattar extenrecord to eight solidate his solo lead in the 22nd national chess championship on completion of the eighth round at the NSC chess

room yesterday. Reefat, who plays for Bangladesh Biman in the domestic chess league, in this round defeated Rafigul Islam to maintain one and a half point lead from his nearest rivals IM Ziaur Rahman and Saifuddin Lablu.

Playing with black pieces. Reefat needed only 34 moves to outwit Rafiqul's Ruy Lopez opening. With this win Reefat collected full eight points from as many matches in the 15round Swiss league meet and maintained his smooth sail towards retaining the title.

On the other hand Reefat's potential challenger and Biman teammate Ziaur Rahman in this round defeated Hasibul Hasan Hanif for his fifth win to closely follow the table leader with six and a half points. Zia, who lost the track after conceding a draw followed by a

crucial defeat at the hands of

Reefat in the previous rounds. seemed to have settled into a groove when he comfortably beat Hanif after 30 moves in the match played in the line of closed variation of the Sicilian defence.

But for Lablu, who clung on to the top slot along with Reefat till the end of the sixth round, it was another disappointing day after his maiden

Nat'l weightlifting begins June 25

The 21st national senior and second junior weightlifting championships will begin at Kushtia DSA gymnasium on June 25, two days ahead of the scheduled date, reports UNB.

The organisers in a press release vesterday asked all its affiliated bodies to send their entries by June 15 and also to report to the General Secretary of Kushtia DSA by 4 pm on June 24.

Army aquatic

SAVAR, June 1: Annual aquatic meet of the Bangladesh Army began at the BKSP swimming pool at Savar today, reports BSS.

defeat against Khandaker Kayes Hassan in the seventh round when a lowly-rated Tanima Parveen forced him to a draw after 59 moves.

The outcome of yesterday's match was obviously a rude reminder for Lablu, a seasoned but not a champion campaigner, that he lacks the killer instinct to set the local chess on fire.

Lablu now shares the second slot with Zia, both collecting six and a half points while Kayes, fresh after his inspiring victory over Lablu, failed to keep up the good work when he lost to Fide Master Rezaul Huq and had to be content with the third position with five points from eight matches.

Among the two young players in the fray. Abdullah-al Rakib defeated Abul Kasem Bhuiyan to raise his tally to five while Enamul Hossain Rajib drew with Shawkat Hossain Pallab to share the crowded forth position with Tahmidur Rahman, Nasir Ahmed and Hanif, all having collected four and a half points.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day. Tahmid defeated Mizanur Rahman Labu and Nasir took only 16 moves to tame Aminul Islam.

Atlanta races against time ATLANTA, June 1 stadium to keep track and

(AP): The Olympic calendar may be getting very short, but the list of things Atlanta must do to be ready for the Games never seems to shrink. The money and construc-

tion matters that for six years have consumed organisers of the Summer Games are, with 50 days to go Thursday, still there.

Then there's a new fervour for protecting visitors from the heat, prompted by the realisation of what everyone in Atlanta has long known; it's going to be a scorcher.

And there's plenty more unfinished business. That's not unusual, said Richard Pound, the International Olympic Committee member from Montreal who has most closely watched At-

lanta's preparations. "I come from a city where the last person with a paint brush was backing out of the opening ceremonies as the athlete with the Greek flag stepped on the track," said Pound. "It'll get done. Don't

worry about it.' To which the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games might say; Thanks, Dick. For it was Pound who added to the committee's workload last week by recommending that more be done to shelter ath-

letes from the heat. The men's marathon already had been rescheduled to the morning and the equestrian course was shortened When the temperature hit 92 degrees Fahrenheit (33.3 Celsius) this month at a track meet to open the Olympic Stadium. Pound and other IOC members in attendance de-

needed. The Atlanta committee has since ordered about a dozen tents with misting fans for the

cided that extra steps were

field athletes cool while they wait to compete. Dave Maggard, the committee's sports director, said there will also be similar units at the soccer and field hockey venues.

There will be no such provisions for spectators though Coca-Cola plans to put misters in about 30 "fan refresher" stations at various Olympic sites. Spectators are being bom-

barded by warnings to dress appropriately and to drink lots

of fluids. When Olympic tickets Draw will suit **Aussies fine**

SYDNEY, June 1: Australia needs only a goalless or 1-1 draw in Sunday's Olympic playoff match against Canada here to qualify as the 16th team for the Atlanta football tournament, reports AFP.

The Australians are in a stronger position than Canada after scoring two away goals in last weekend's 2-2 first leg draw in Edmonton.

If Sunday's match is locked at 2-2 after 90 minutes, the first goal scored in extra time will be deemed the winner.

The match will be decided on penalties if there is no scoring in 30 minutes of extra

time. Canadian coach Bob Lenarduzzi said Friday his side lacked discipline and organisation in the first match, and that his midfield failed to

compete. We need to play 100 per cent better than the first game to have a chance of success."

Lenarduzzi said. "To salvage a draw was fortuitous having played poorly, but we're still in with a show.

"They ran at us in the middle of the park and we must tighten up in that area. We showed them too much reare sent out in a few days, for example, they'll come in an envelope printed with heat

Finances and venues remain the chief pressures facing organisers. Though confident of raising

enough money to pay the 1.7 billion dollars bill for staging the Summer Games. Atlanta organisers acknowledge they'll be scouring for pennies even as Gloria Estefan takes the stage at the closing ceremony. Currently, ACOG is about 160 million dollars shy of its goal. Though it is projected that revenues generated during the Games will make up the gap, an accountant recently cautioned that the committee is at risk of failing

to break even There will be no government safety net if the Games end in the red.

"We're going to raise the amount we said we would, and spend only that amount," said Billy Payne, ACOG president.

ACOG's competition venues are built, but still need finishing touches, refinements and decorations. An Olympic park won't be finished until a few days before the games.

Though the stadium hosted its inaugural track meet without major problems, and in fact most in attendance praised the facility, the heat was not the only drawback.

Most glaring was an error in reporting the winner of the 100-metre dash. Carl Lewis was initially declared the winner, when actually he was beaten by Dennis Mitchell.

International journalists seized upon the mistake as evidence that Atlanta is not ready for the Games.

"It wasn't as well coordinated as we wanted it to be." said Maggard, who added that the results system was inferior to the one that will be in place for the Olympics.



It's time-out for the players as rain invades the ground during the Office cricket final between Regensea and Acme Laboratories at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday evening. The match was eventually postponed for the day leaving these frustrated national players indulge in prolonged chinwag. -Star photo

Rain plays foul again at Dhaka Stadium

Sports Reporter

The final of the second Office cricket league between Regensea Lines and Acme Laboratories was abandoned yesterday due to inclement weather that had been frustrating both the organisers and the players for the last three

Originally scheduled to be held on May 30 at the Dhaka Stadium, the day-night affair had earlier witnessed downpour leaving Regensea at 61/1 on the first day before the umpires called off the match and refixed it for Saturday.

But resuming the innings last evening, Regensea could play only 13 overs scoring 118/3 before the seasonal rain once again intruded and washed out the match for another day.

Opener Athar Ali Khan, who resumed the Regensea innings with skipper Faruque Ahmed. scored a polished 51 before becoming the last batsman out on the day. On the other hand Faruque was dismissed for only

Meanwhile, weather permitting. Regensea will resume their innings today at 10 am with Akram Khan and Azam Iqbal, the two not out batsmen on 34 and I respectively. hopefully be awaiting for a healthy total in their share of

School h'ball results

Sports Reporter Rajdhani High School rolled

up a helpless Shaheed Smriti High School while Rajarbagh Police Lines High School struggled to beat an spirited Bangladesh Rifles School and College in the boys' section of the 7th schools handball tour nament at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yester-

In the day's first match. Rajdhani handed a crushing 7 2 goal defeat on Shaheed Smriti while the Rajarbagh boys survived a scare before scraped home with a shaky 17-15 win over the Rifles High.

Meanwhile, on the distaff side. Dhanmondi Govt High School blanked BFF Shaheen School 14-0 while defending champions Viquaronnessa Noon School overpoured Adarsha High School of Narayanganj by ten goals to two for their second consecutive

Besides. Moghbazaar Girls High School beat Rifles School and College 9-5 and Ispahani Girls handed a crushing 9-3 defeat on Dhanmondi Tutorial, in the other billing on the day. All the matches of the girls section were held at the Women's Sports Complex.

Lara raring to go Down Under

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad. June 1: Brian Lara has promised to keep his mouth shut and let his batting speak for him, reports Reuter.

The West Indies batsman, reprimanded last month for two incidents during the World Cup, said: "The way I want to repay the people of the West Indies is by ensuring score some high totals and that we win the next Tests series later in the year." We must aim to be number

one in cricket. Lara, holder of the world record Test score, was reprimanded over derogatory remarks attributed to him after the shock World Cup defeat by Kenya and his row with team physiotherapist Dennis Waight,

He-said he would like "to thank all those who supported him during a mixed 1995-1996 season. There were many ups and downs, now I am hoping that only my runs will speak. Lara also said he wants to

remain focused for the Test series in Australia later this "That is a crucial Test series for all of us, we have a

lot to prove and win back," he

"To me, it promises to be one of the biggest battles ever. We will probably be the underdogs on this occasion, but that suits us just fine, we are coming to Australia to win and avenge that loss last year."

The West Indies, led by retired captain Richie Richardson, lost their first Test series in 15 years to Mark Taylor's Australians in the Caribbean.

Canada aiming more medals in Atlanta

MONTREAL, Canada, June Canada will send more than 300 competitors to the Atlanta Olympics in hopes of increasing its 18-medal showing at the 1992 Barcelona Games, reports AFP. Canadian Olympic Associa-

least 18 to 20 medals. At Barcelona, the team won seven gold medals, four silvers and seven bronzes. The final roster will be announced June 19 here. The Canadian Olympic programme has a budget of about 2.9 mil-

tion spokesman Francois Roch

said the team is aiming for at

Athletics should be a strength of the Canadians, with 1995 world champion Donovan Bailey and gold medalist Bruny Surin plus Pan American ch-ampion Glenroy Gilbert sparking the squad.

Cycling, swimming and synchronised swimming also have top Canadian medal hopefuls.

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Sidhu puts war-paint on



NEW DELHI, June 1: Opener Navjet Sidhu, who quit India's 1 of England

immediate retirement Tests after being dropped for one-day match, is to put his case to Indian cricket chiefs. report agencies.

announced

Sidhu said on Friday he was deeply anguished at his treat ment by the team management, and that quitting the game had inflicted a "scar on his soul" forever

The first Indian to walk out on a touring team in the country's 64-year Test history, Sidhu said he had submitted his cases to the president and secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and maintained their reaction would be final and acceptable without debate.

"I am ready to shed my blood for the country but with dignity." Sidhu told Reuters by telephone from Patiala in Pun-

Asked whether he would

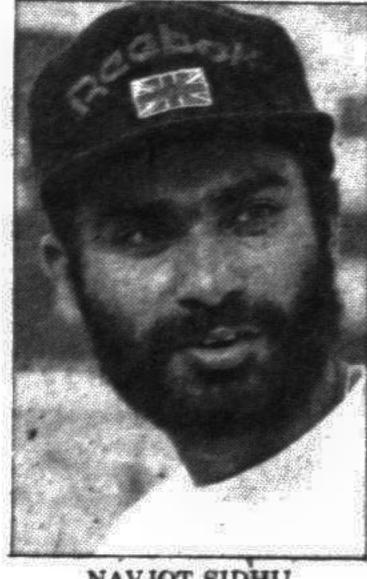
reconsider his decision to retire, he said: "I'd like to wait for the cricket board's ver-Sidhu, 32, quit the England tour on Monday and an-

nounced his retirement after he was dropped for the third and final one-day international against England, which India lost by four wickets at Old Trafford. He returned to India on

"It is with great regret and a lot of soul searching. I have arrived at this painful deci-

"If was never my wish to quit but the decision has been imposed upon me by circumstances that have been brewing

for over a year. "During the course of the year certain events have reinforced my belief and made me



NAVJOT SIDHU

realise that even after performing with distinction and consistency over a long

period I am still unwanted. "The events of the last few days in England are the final nail in the coffin which has almost made me a nervous wreck where I could neither do justice to myself nor to my countrymen.

"Nothing has given me

sure than playing for my country. It was as sacred as praying

to the Almighty "By quitting the game, I have inflicted on myself a punishment whose scar will re-

main on my soul forever. added Sidhu He refused to point the finger at any individual, although

most former cricket players in India have sympathised with Sidhu and blamed his woes on India's captain. Mohammad Azharuddin The dashing Sidhu, made

his international debut in 1983 and was the India team's longest-serving player.

On arrival at New Delhi he refused to speak to reporters thronging the airport. Sidhu left immediately for Patiala, where he lives, and later met with Indian cricket official IS Bindra.

"The Indian cricket team is like a large family." Sidhu said in his statement. "I would not like to tarnish its fair name because of my differences with just one or two persons."

Former Indian captain Kapil Dev on Thursday held Azharuddin responsible for Sidhu's

"I will blame Azharuddin for Sidhu's stunning decision to leave the team in the middle of the tour though I am not happy with the veteran opener's decision to quit," he said in New

"It is a bad thing. It should not have happened. he added. Other Indian cricket players and officials have also come out in support of Sidhu and criticised captain Azharuddin.

Nightmares await co-hosts



Thursday.

The unprecedented sharing of the 2002 football World Cup will impose a nightmarish strain on organisers in rivals Japan and South Korea.

sports officials said here today. "We'll face a lot of problems to sort out together with Japanese, but the problems are not insurmountable," an official of the Korea World Cup Bidding committee (KOBID) told

"I think the two countries will be able to solve those problems through consultation and compromise," said deputy director Suh Moon-Seok of the KOBID, which will soon be absorbed into an emerging organising committee.

The world's football governing body, FIFA in Zurich announced on Friday that South Korea and Japan would co-host the Cup, putting an end to months of bitter rivalry but raising as many questions as were answered.

Officials here said the cohosting would entail a gamut of thorny protocol. Logistics and

technical headaches, ranging from how to name the event, where to hold the finals and how to share profits.

Beside practical problems. lingering animosity among Koreans over Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule over Korea, and in Korea the perceived disdain of Japan for its less developed neighbour could complicate the picture all the more, they

The hottest contest, perhaps as hot as the race for the Cup itself, has already started, and is over who will have the honour of staging the main event of the. Cup, the final match. Local press reports here said a solution might lie in a

compromise under which one

of the two hosts would have

rights to stage both the open-

ing and closing ceremonies, in return for conceding the final South Korean press reports said an idea, under which Seoul would stage the final match and Japan host the opening match, was floated but rejected at the meeting of FIFA executive

committee on Friday. But if South Korea holds



Mong-Joon Chung (R), head of the South Korean bidding committee poses with Japan's Ken Naganuma during a news conference in Zurich on May 31 after FIFA announced both countries would be the co-hosts of the 2002 - AFP/UNB photo

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monies, it would entail tricky protocol and security issues. It is customary for the head

of state of the country hosting the World Cup to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. Japanese media recalled that emperor Akihito planned

to visit Seoul in 1986 as Crown Prince but the trip was cancelled amid protests in South Korea, where memories of Japan's colonial rule still bring protestors onto the streets. Economic difficulties, ineluding how to share profits, also risk turning the event into a fiasco, especially as South

would give all profits to FIFA and regional football federa-Another unaddressed problem could arise over whether one or both countries will be given the host rights of ex-

Korea, while bidding, said it

emption from preliminary matches If FIFA allows both countries to take part in the finals, it would trigger protests from other Asian countries which would see berths allotted for the region

reduced. A working group of senior officials would report back to FIFA by the end of the year on how to organise the Cup, Havelange said in Zurich.

'99 women's WC soccer in USA

ZURICH, June 1: The United States formally was awarded the 1999 FIFA Women's World Championship on Friday, a forgone conclusion since the only other two contenders — Chile and Australia - never submitted a formal bid, reports AP.

The announcement was virtually lost in the drama surrounding FIFA's decision to award the 2002 men's World Cup to both South Korea and Japan as co-hosts. The United States, which

staged the 1994 men's World Cup in 12 cities from Boston to Los Angeles and drew an alltime record 3.5 million spectators, has proposed 10 East Coast cities from which five will be selected for the women's event.

"Although it will be presented in a less grandiose style, we fully expect the impact of the 1999 Women's World Cup and its legacy will parallel what we experienced for the 1994 World Cup, not financially, but in terms of the emergence of women's professional soccer," said US Soccer Federation president Alan

Rothenberg.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals C

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

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words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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