

Column One

Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 14, 1996)

1. The current Olympic women's singles tennis champion is

Graf

Navratilova

Capriati

2. The winner of women's shot put gold in the 24th national athletics championship is

Nely Jesmin

Afrina Begum

Lovely Begum

3. Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis once played county cricket for

Surrey

Sussex

Essex

4. French Open tennis is played on

Grass

Clay

Hard court

5. The ball used in ice-hockey is

Stick

Striker

Wheel

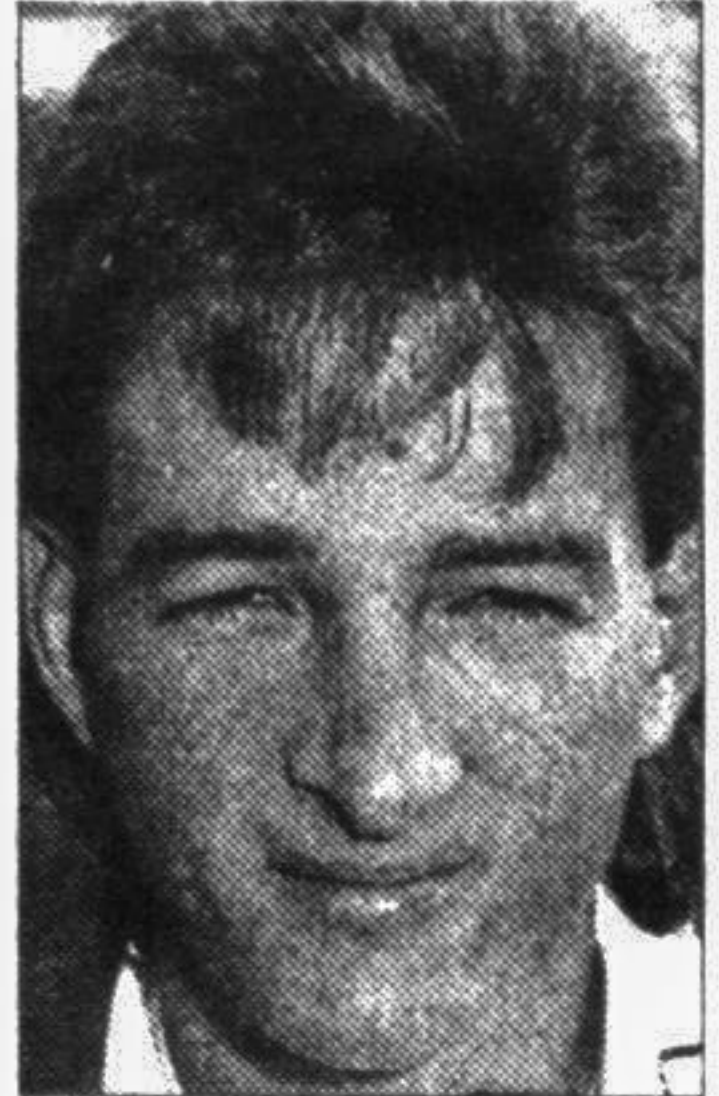
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SPORTS TALK



**Mark Waugh**  
(Stylish Aussie batsman)

"I still feel I am at number three of four in Test cricket. The side's got a good pair in Mark Taylor and Michael Slater. And as it is, I don't think I am an opening batsman in Test cricket."

(On his position in batting order).

Schools badminton results

**Sports Reporter**

Lucky and Ankit of Saleh Zahur High School, Chittagong and Javed and Masud of Gar Duara High School, Chittagong won the girls' and boys' doubles titles respectively in the schools badminton tournament '96 at the Indoor Stadium yesterday.

In the girls' final, the Chittagongians recorded an easy 15-8, 15-0 victory over Rubana and Ruzmilla of Bogra Government Girls' High School while in the boys' final Javed and Masud beat Ataul and his partner Sanchoy from Guzia High School, Bogra 15-12, 15-3.

Besides, Maruf Alam of Ali Ahmed High School, Dhaka and Javed of Gar Duara High School reached the boys' singles final while Ankit and Lucky moved into the girls' singles final yesterday.

In the boys' section, Maruf eliminated Hamid Qayum of Aided High School, Sylhet 15-14, 15-17, 15-2 in the first semifinal while Javed ousted Al-Mashrafi of Guzia High School of Bogra 15-3, 15-3 next.

On the other hand, Ankit defeated Rubana 11-3, 11-2 and Lucky outplayed Ruzmilla 11-1, 11-0 in the girls' singles semifinals.

The finals of the boys and girls singles will be held at the Indoor Stadium today at 4pm. Fazlur Rahman Khan, Secretary of National Sports Council will witness the finals as chief guest.

Cricket clinic

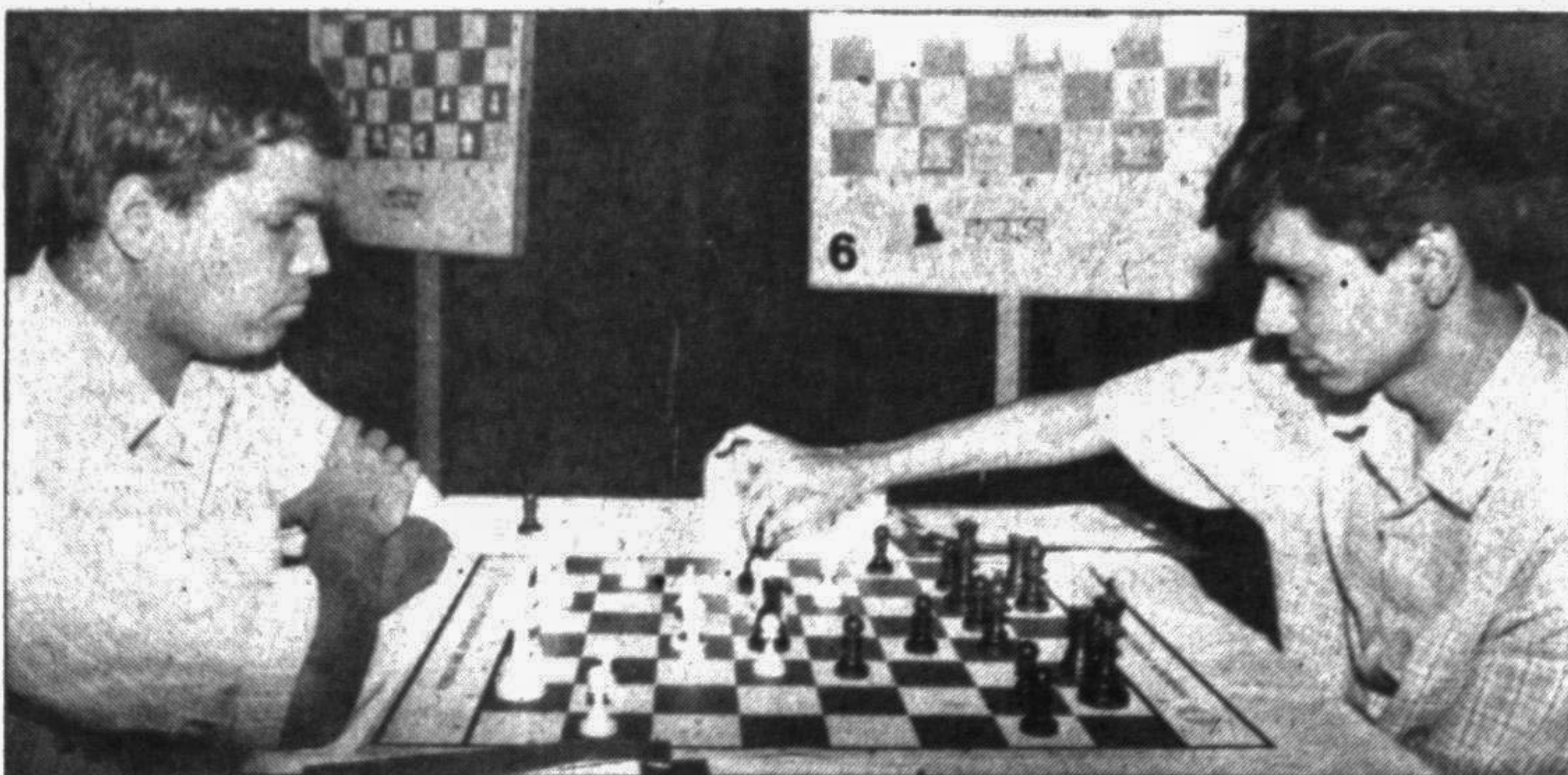
**Sports Reporter**

A three-month long cricket training course for the youngs began at the Comilla Eidgah ground last Friday under the auspices of Comilla Liverpool Boys Club.

Former national coach Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury is acting as the supervisor of the course which is being conducted by few local coaches in cooperation with the local district sports association.

TODAY'S MATCHES

**National Bank Premier Division volleyball league**  
(Venue: Indoor Stadium)  
Sonali Bank vs Water Development Board (4:15 pm)  
Titans Club vs East End Club (4:15 pm)  
Bangladesh Police vs Bangladesh Bank (5:45 pm)  
Brothers Union vs Dhaka Green Club (5:45 pm)  
**School badminton tournament '96:**  
(Venue: Indoor Stadium)  
Boys' and girls' singles final (4:00 pm)



International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman (R), pushes one of his knights up during his penultimate round match of the 22nd national chess championship against Khandaker Kayes Hasan at the NSC chess room yesterday. The match ended in a draw. — Star photo

22nd national chess championship

Decisive finale tomorrow

**Sports Reporter**

With defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman struggling to put a tab against a dramatic late collapse, Saiuddin Lovlu joined IM Ziaur Rahman atop the standings of the 22nd national chess championship at the end of 14th round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In yesterday's round, Lovlu earned a victory against Aminul Islam while Zia shared points with Kayes Hasan. Both Lovlu and Zia now have eleven points each from 14 matches.

The match between Reefat and FIDE Master Rezaul Haque was going on till our filing of this report last night.

When the last reports came in, Reza was in an advantageous position against the reigning champion. If the match ends in a draw, Reefat will also remain at the top along with Zia and Lovlu. But, if Reefat loses, he will go down to second position with ten and a half points.

In the day's clashes, Lovlu, playing with white pieces, tamped Aminul after 30 moves while last year's runner up Zia, playing with black pieces and adopting Sicilian defence, agreed for the draw with Kayes Hasan after 27 moves.

National junior champ Abdullah-Al-Rakib and sub-junior champion Enamul Hossain Rajib won their respective encounters yesterday.

Rakib, playing with white pieces, defeated Hasibul Hasan Hanif after 40 moves while Rajib earned a bye against Rafiqul Islam. Both Rakib and Rajib are now sharing the third spot jointly along with Kayes Hasan having nine and a half points each.

In another board, Sawkat Hossain Pallab outplayed Abul Kashem Bhuyan while the other two matches — that between FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman and Nasir Ahmed and the one between Tanima Parveen and Mizanur Rahman Labu — ended in draws.

There will be a break in the meet today before the final round begins at the same venue tomorrow at 3pm.

Points table (after round fourteen): 11 — Zia and Lovlu; 10.5 points — Reefat (13 matches); 9.5 points — Kayes; Rakib and Rajib; 7.5 points — Reza (13 matches) and Hanif; 6.5 points — Tahmidur and Nasir; 5.5 points — Pallab; 5 points — Tanima and Rafique; 3 points — Kashem; 2 points — Labu; 1.5 points — Aminul.

Ottey turns clock back

**MOSCOW, June 8:** Merlene Ottey, who first competed here as a 20-year-old during the 1980 Olympic Games, left Moscow in style on Friday with a year's personal best in the 100 metres, reports Reuters.

The 35-year-old Jamaican looked in prime form at the Moscow Grand Prix in what was expected to be a close encounter with Europe's premier sprinter Lina Pirvalova of Russia.

Looking in superb condition, Ottey turned on the power from 60 metres to win in 10.92 seconds. Only her perennial rival, American world champion Gwen Torrence has run faster this season.

Pirvalova, in her first outdoor race of the year, clocked a disappointing 11.08 with another Jamaican Juliet Cuthbert in third place.

"I was looking for around 11 seconds," Ottey said. "I'm delighted with the time in my last race in Moscow."

"Sixteen years ago, I didn't know what I'd be doing now but I certainly didn't think I'd be still running. It was another era."

The world 200 metres champion said she was not worried about meeting Torrence in the American's home town at the Atlanta Olympics next month.

"But she'll be more of a problem than the heat," she conceded.

Ottey confirmed this would be her final year of international competition.

Sergei Bubka, who like Ottey seems to have been around for ever, made an unsuccessful attempt on his own world pole vault record of 6.14 metres set at altitude in Sestieri, Italy, two years ago.

The muscular Ukrainian, now 32, has won an unprecedented five world titles and is Algeria's world champion Noureddine Morceli was also hampered by the wind and was nearly four seconds outside his own world 1,500 mark, clocking three minutes 33.22 seconds.

"It was always going to be hard to break the record with this wind," he said. "But I enjoyed the race, and of course I won."

Another winner who will not be going to Atlanta was Kenyan Wilson Kipketer who won the world 800 metres title for Denmark in Gothenburg last year.

Kenyan officials have thwarted Kipketer's wishes to run in Danish colours in Atlanta and he is now effectively a stateless runner, unable to run for Denmark but not allowed to compete for Kenya until 12 months have elapsed since last August's World Championships.

Kipketer, who looked magnificent while clocking a year's best of 1:44.06 was remarkably sanguine after the race.

"I'm not disappointed," he said. "I always thought this was going to happen. At the bottom of my heart I'm a Kenyan."

The seemingly endless stream of Kenyan middle and distance runners was exemplified by the men's 3,000 metres when Kenyans filled the first four places.

Daniel Komen was the eventual winner in a year's best of 7:39.43, beating world steeplechase champion and former world 5,000 metres record-holder Moses Kiptanui into second place.



ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD: The pompous setting of the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium wears a barren look with hardly any spectators during the ongoing Senior Division volleyball league. One wonders whether organising such unpopular tournaments in an artificially lit air-conditioned space is at all justified, particularly when flood-lit courts at the Outer Stadium have been traditional crowd-pullers. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Selim Shahed out, Faruque in

BCCB prepares for the West

**Sports Reporter**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCCB) has asked 20 players including skipper Akram Khan to report to the BCCB office tomorrow at 10 am.

Although the BCCB gave no details excepting the names of the players, it was learnt that the governing body of local cricket has called the players in connection with the forthcoming month-long USA and Canada tour of the Bangladesh national team.

According to sources close to the BCCB, Bangladesh will visit the United States and Canada, the two ICC associate members, in the last week of this month. It also disclosed that Bangladesh will play a series of exhibition matches against USA in New York and Washington, and in between they will tour neighbouring Canada to feature in four limited-overs matches.

Besides, the national team may also visit Britain provided MCC, the famous English cricket club who toured Bangladesh early this year, accommodate some matches in London.

The players are: Akram Khan, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Athar Ali Khan, Faruque Ahmed, Ziaur Rashid Rupom, Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, Mohammed Rafique, Enamul Huq Mondol, Khaled Masud Pilot, Saiful Islam, Hasibul Hossain Shanto, Saif Chowdhury, Anisur Rahman, Al-Shahriar Rokton, Mizanur Rahman Babul, Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Khaled Mahmud Sujon, Atiar Rahman, Morshed Ali Khan Sumon and Javed Omar Belim Golla.

The most significant omission in the primary selection is Selim Shahed, the stylish national middle-order bat. Selim Shahed has been axed because of his disastrous domestic season this year.

But Naimur Rahman Durjoy, another unimpressive campaigner this season, managed to find a place in a flattered list.

For Faruque Ahmed, the former national skipper who was left in the lurch since the failed Kenya mission, it is a welcome return to the national squad after a long time.

On the other hand Aminul Islam Bulbul, now playing in Yorkshire league in England, has not been included in the list due to his unavailability.

According to unconfirmed sources, The Bangladesh team is likely to play three matches between June 26 and 29 in New York, organised by Bangladesh Association. They will also play three matches on July 5-7 in Washington DC, to be organised by the US Cricket Association.

The touring Bangladesh side is likely to play four matches in Canada between July 8 and 14. Thereafter, the team will fly to England to play some matches there, the schedule of which is yet to be finalised.

Christie shows his class

**NUREMBERG, Germany, June 8:** Olympic 100 metre champion Linford Christie beat arch-rival and world champion Donovan Bailey of Canada on Friday to score a key victory in the sprinters' pre-Olympic battle of nerves, reports Reuters.

Christie came home in 10.06 seconds, just 0.02 seconds outside his season's best, while Bailey finished in 10.08 in warm, windless conditions and Germany's Marc Blume was third in 10.13.

Blume got away fastest and led through the first 60 metres, but Christie drove steadily past, with Bailey in tow.

It was an important boost for the Briton, who has so far doggedly refused to say whether he will defend his title in Atlanta. On Wednesday he ran 10.10 in Rome and was shaded out by American Olympic bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell.

British Olympic champion, Sally Gunnell, finished a disappointing third in the 400 metres hurdles in 56.03 seconds.

Germany's Heike Meissner won in 54.52, the third best time in the world this year, to equal her personal best, and Debbie Ann Parvis of Jamaica was second in 54.78.

Britain's world record-holder Colin Jackson led out of the blocks in the 110 metres hurdles but was already trailing by the fifth hurdle as Germany's Florian Schwarhoff repeated last week's European Cup victory, this time in 13.11.

Slovakia's Igor Kovac was second in 13.34 and Jackson was third in 13.40.

Nico Motchebon of Germany, fourth over 800 metres in last year's World Championships, ran the third-fastest time in the world this year over the distance to win in 1:44.22, a personal best.

Romanian-born Alina Astafei of Germany, the world silver medalist, won the women's high jump by clearing 2.00 metres for the first time this year.

But time appeared to be running out for Olympic champion Heike Henkel. The German could only clear 1.90, and has only two weeks left to achieve the Olympic 'qualifying standard' of 1.94.

Morocco's Salah Hissou, who on Wednesday in Rome ran the second fastest time in history over 5,000 metres, showed his versatility in Nuremberg with a win over 1,500 metres in three minutes 33.95 seconds.

This time it was his compatriot and world silver medalist Khalid Boulami who took the 5,000 metres by the scruff of the neck.

Boulami ran from the front and stormed away from his chasers in the final 200 metres to win in 13 minutes 10.25 seconds ahead of Kenya's world bronze medalist Shem Kororia in 13:11.67 and Olympic champion Dieter Baumann of Germany, in 13:13.23.

Jamie Baulch of Britain dominated the 400 metres to come home in 44.97 seconds, well ahead of Thomas Schoenlebe, the world champion nine years ago in an East German vest.



Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel's 10-year-old son Kasper (L) and Brian Laudrup's 7-year-old son Nicolai hold the coveted Euro '96 trophy at Wembley Stadium on June 7. — AFP/UNB photo

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Solution time: 23 mins.

CAMP PEG ABLE  
OLEO AMA HOPE  
BATTERUP ITEM  
SNEAK PASTIES  
TIAM MINT  
HOBNOB EAGLES  
ABU BONES UGO  
WIN TONY DEWE  
DOO TUMP  
MALAGA TIGERS  
AGUES BUTYUUD  
AGUES TINA ALDA  
TOPPS TOM DEER

CRYPTOQUIP

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WVL SVJC JDGHU  
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ZHUVOVDG

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT GAMBLER'S NINETY BIRTHDAY GALA, HE ASKED FOR CAKE AND DICE CREAM.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S 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. Simple letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.