ports Reuter.

keep his title.

Karpov wins

Game 9

Grand Master Anatoly Karpov beat his young challenger Gata Kamsky in the ninth game of their World Chess Championship match on Saturday, re-

MOSCOW. June 23: Russian

Karpov, 45, leads 6-1/2 to

2-1/2 in the 20-game series.

He needs four more wins to

Nottingham Open

Siemerink's

June 23: Dutchman Jan Siemerink won the Notting-

ham Open men's grass court

title on Saturday, beating Sandon Stolle Australia 6-3, 7-6

The fifth-seeded Dutchman

In the second set tie-break,

he reeled off seven points in a

who opens at Wimbledon next week against French 16th seed

Cedric Piolline, won the first set when the unseeded Australian netted a backhand re-

(7-0), reports Reuter.

turn on serve.

row to take the title.

NOTTINGHAM, England.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-43

Tick the Correct Answers (Competition closes: 8 p.m. June 28, 1996) 1. The fastest woman of the 1995 Madras SAF Games is Sprinter Gwen Torrence is 3. The captain of the Croatian football team in the Euro '96 is Boban Suker Boksic Bangladesh Rifles have won the premier volleyball league title 6 times

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SPORTS TALK



Nayan Mongia

(Indian wicketkeeper) "It is a hard job. You can't relax even for a ball. During the day you might take four brilliant catches and in the last over drop one. That missed On the hardships of being a wicketkeeper.

'Soccer summit' ends

CHEJU-DO, South Korea. June 23: Exchanging soccer balls as a symbol of cooperation, the leaders of Japan and South Korea agreed Sunday to work for regional peace and deepen friendly ties through cultural and other exchanges. reports AP. After a summit and an ex-

panded session, joined by their aides, Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and South Korean President Kim Young-sam said the naming of their countries as co-hosts of the 2002 World Cup has provided a new opportunity for them to become closer.

After a bitter two-year bidding battle, Japan and South Korea were chosen in May as joint hosts of the finals by FIFA, soccer's world governing

"We reaffirmed that for the peace and security of the region, continued close cooperation between South Korea, the United States and Japan is important," Hashimoto said at a joint news conference with

At the news conference, the two leaders exchanged soccer balls as a new symbol of cooperation, but the two-day "soccer summit," as South Korean media has dubbed it, was overshadowed by long-simmering historical and territorial disputes.

With the joint hosting of the World Cup as the impetus, I feel reassured that we agreed to increase our friendly ties through close cooperation." Hashimoto said.

Buster's blistering

comeback ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 23: James 'Buster' Douglas, the only man to beat Mike Tyson, returned to the ring after a six-year layoff Saturday and the former world heavyweight champion stopped journeyman Tony la Rosa in three rounds, reports Reu-

Douglas, fighting for the first time since losing his undisputed title to Evander Holyfield on October 25, 1990, won when the ringside physician stopped the bout as La Rosa sat on his stool after the third round of the scheduled 10-rounder.

Douglas, 31-5-1, knocked La Rosa down with a vicious left uppercut late in the third

round. La Rosa, 24-6, gamely beat referee Wayne Headgepeth's court at seven and managed to finish the round despite bleeding from a cut on the bridge of the nose and around the right eye.

Yesterday and today...



Seedorf seals Dutch fate

involving man-of-the-match

Lama and Seedorf, who had

made a belated entry into the

game as a 60th minute re-

placement for Dennis

Seedorf struck his kick too

close to the exultant goal-

whose side are now unbeaten

in 27 games, described the

encounter as "very difficult".

He may have to do without

CLARENCE SEEDORF

striker Christophe Dugarry

who suffered a knee injury

which is likely to end his tour-

had done no penalty practice

before the game. My thoughts

go out to the Dutch trainer

tonight," he said. "I don't know

gusting wind had earlier en-

sured a less-than-pretty match

which fell some way short of

heavyweight champion since

Max Schmeling in 1930. He

has now lost three title fights

again in the heavyweight

scene, wiping away the memo-

ries of Nov. 5, 1994 in Las Ve-

gas, when Foreman took away

his titles with one right to the

knockouts, dominated the first

six rounds against a sluggish

and passive Schulz, who always

But Schulz suddenly loos-

ened up in the seventh, hitting

a surprised Moorer with a

flurry of combinations that had

the crowd of 21,000 up on

tack, until Moorer dashed his

last hopes with a furious series

of blows midway through the

las, had yelled at his fighter

before the start of the round to

get on the attack again.

Schulz then pressed the at-

Moorer's trainer, Teddy At-

"I told him this is going to

Moorer, 37-1 with 30

chin in the 10th round.

appeared a step too slow.

their feet cheering wildly.

11th.

But Moorer became a factor

in 14 months.

Forthright tackling and a

if we deserved to win it.

He also admitted his side

nament

The Real Madrid-bound

French coach Aime Jacquet,

Bergkamp.

keeper.

LIVERPOOL, Ju-

ne 23: France fo-

llowed England's

dramatic route

finals of Euro '96

with a 5-4 penalty shoot-out

victory over an unfortunate

Netherlands team at Anfield on

After the day's second suc-

cessive goalless encounter.

Dutch substitute Clarence See-

dorf saw his side's fourth spot-

kick saved by French goal-

keeper Bernard Lama and al-

lowed French defender Lau-

rent Blanc to sidefoot his team

either Portugal or the Czech

Republic in the Manchester

tional pride after their 4-1

hammering by England last

Tuesday, the Dutch twice came

agonisingly close to clinching

the game inside the last five

free-kick deflect off Blance

and strike his left-hand post

and then produced a desperate

last-ditch block to prevent

Seedorf from scoring in the

point-blank save from Edwin

van der Sar in the 105th

minute to stop France's Youri

Djorkeaff settling the tie in a

fluctuating extra-time period

which produced the night's

put an end to penalty shoot-

outs with the introduction of

the "golden goal" rule proved

fruitless yet again, although

both sides did their best to

settle the issue without resort-

down to those two moments

urday by winning a split

decision over Germany's Axel

two years after George Fore-

man stripped him of the IBF

and WBA titles, was more in

control than the scoring

have cost him the fight, doom-

ing the German long before he

came alive in the seventh

round to carry the fight against

But even the German didn't

"I think the decision was

okay. I can live with it, because

I think Moorer's one of the

best fighters around," said

door bout held in a German

soccer stadium 116-113 and

115-113 for Moorer and 115-

The judges ruled the out-

Schulz's sluggish start may

But Moorer, coming back

Schulz, reports AP.

showed.

Moorer.

think he had won.

Schulaz, 27.

113 for Schulz.

In the end the result came

DORTMUND,

Germany. June

23: Michael Moo-

rer regained the

vacant IBF heavy-

weight title Sat-

UEFA's best-laid plan to

most compelling drama.

But it needed a wonderful

Lama watched Philip Coeu's

Determined to restore na-

semifinal on Wednesday.

minutes of normal time.

89th minute.

ing to the spot.

The French will now meet

into the last four.

Saturday, reports Reuter.



A year can make a lot of difference. Last year on June 22 Dhaka Stadium was bursting at its seam; what with the Mohammedan-Abahani Federation Cup final on. This year on the same day with still no competitive football in sight, premier division players keep busy in a practice session at the same stadium, only today it is barren. - Star photo

32 players Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has called up 32 players to the camp for the forthcoming men's World Cup hockey preliminary round, to be held in Italy next Septem-

BHF calls up

Placed in Group B along with Ireland, Kenya, Poland, Scotland, USA and hosts Italy, Bangladesh, who made a lasting impression in the recently concluded Junior Asia Cup in Singapore by defeating favourites India, has taken their next overseas tour very seriously for a passage into the final round.

The players called to the camp at BRSP are - Shamim Ahmed. Rashed Khan, Mohammed Javed. Rabiuddin Ahmed. Shahidullah, Imtiaz Ahmed. Mamunur Rashid. Mahfuz'Alam, Isa Miah, Khurshid Alam, Zahirul Islam Mitul. Mirajul Ahsan, Ziaur Rahman, Tutul Kumar Nag, Haider Alam, Nusa Miah, Ehtesham Hossain, Ashikuzzaman, Rahmat Ali Asir. Mohammed Hassan Alamgir Alam, Ramiz Ahmed. Rafigul Islam Kamal, Gias Uddin. Osman Ghani, Tushar Kanti Halder, Mahaboob Harun, Mohammed Sadeq, Zahid Hossain Razu, Sadeq Khan, Shamsuzzaman and Zahid Hossain.

The players have been asked to report to coach Protap Shankar Hazra at the BKSP on July 1 at 6 pm.

Nat'l TT meet from Aug 8

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) has announced fresh dates for the 21st national table tennis championships after their first abortive attempt a couple of months ago.

BTTF, who had earlier bowed to the demand of the Rajshahi District Sports Association, the organisers and hosts, of shifting the dates of the national championships for some unplausible reason, has now decided to hold the meet in Rajshahi from August 8-14.

Earlier, Rajshahi DSA expressed their reluctance to arrange the meet in summer for what they claimed "the unbearable hot spell" prevailing all over the country at that

Meanwhile, the BTTF, in a press release issued vesterday. has asked the affiliated bodies to complete the entry formalities by July 31.

Kent at the top

LONDON, June 23: Kent. who finished bottom of the county championship for the first time in their history last season, took over at the top. on Saturday after completing a 32-run win over last season's champions Warwickshire, re-

ports Reuter. Warwickshire, chasing an unlikely 286 for victory, slumped to 139 for eight before a remarkable ninth wicket partnership of 92 in just 10 overs gave them a scent of victory.

Andy Moles, who had retired on Friday with a damaged thumb, returned to the crease to flay a defiant half-century from just 25 balls and was finally out for 76 while Ashley Giles hit a career-best 65. But it was not enough to stop Kent.

Kevin Evans took five for 30 to guide Nottinghamshire to their first win of the season when they beat Gloucestershire by an innings and three

Resuming on 32 without loss, Gloucestershire were bowled out for just 190 second time around despite the efforts of Andrew Symonds who made a rapid 117.

Bottom-placed Worcestershire were another team to collect their first win of the summer. They squeezed home against Somerset by just one wicket and with only three balls to spare.

Chasing 446 for victory.

they got there thanks to some gutsy batting all the way down the order although there were key contributions from Tim Curtis (85), Vikram Solanki (71), Tom Moody (54) and finally Steve Rhodes who saw them home with a bustling 92 not out.

Johnson turns heat up



Michael Johnson electrified the US Olympic athletics trials Saturday

with a time of 19.70 sec in the semifinals of the 200m, but a following wind denied him a world record. reports AFP.

The time was faster than the world record of 19.72 sec set by Italian Pietro Mennea in Mexico City in 1979, but didn't go into the books because of a 2.7 metres per second favourable wind.

Dan O'Brien and Jack Pierce also firted with world record

Four years after the debacle in New Orleans. O'Brien earned his first Olympic berth in the decathion with a total of 8.726 points while Pierce clocked 12.94 sec in the 110m hurdles.

Johnson admitted he was disappointed not to claim Mennea's record. He had to settle for the second-fastest wind-aided time in history after the 19.61 sec recorded by American Leroy Burrell in

He said he eased off slightly at the end, and believed a 19.6 - and the oldest athletics record on the books, was

within his grasp, perhaps in

The trials have shown that Johnson is more than capable pulling off an historic 200m 400m double at the Atlanta Games. He won the 400m final on Wednesday, and has since made the adjustments necessary for the 200m without a

"I felt good," he said. "I'm looking forward to the final tomorrow." Carl Lewis also advanced to the 200 final with the sixth fastest qualifying time at 20.29.

O'Brien, whose 1992 Olympic hopes were ruined by a no-height in the pole vault at the US trials, equalled his personal best pole vault, of 5.20m to take control of the competi-

didn't think about it. O'Brien said of his 1992 failure. "I thought about doing things technically correct. was happy. I knew I was on the team then.

O'Brien finished with at total of 8,726 points, the eighth time he has scored more than 8,700 in the 10-discipline event

Steve Fritz, who spent most of the day in third place, finished third in the 1,500 to grab second place from firstday leader Chris Huffins with

8,636 points. Huffins finished third with 8,546 points to claim an Olympic berth.

Pierce's semifinal time of 19.94 in the hurdles was just three hundredths of a second outside the world record of Britor Colin Jackson. In the final he will face Allen Johnson, Mark Crear and Roger King-

Visibly hampered by a left thigh injury. Gwen Torrence nonetheless advanced to the final of the 200.

Gail Devers, who finished second to Torrence in the 100m final here, warded off a catastrophe in the 100m hurdles semifinals when she touched a hurdle with her leading foot but kept her balance to finish third and earn a place in the final.

SA-USA friendly drawn

RICHMOND, Virginia, June 23: Claudio Reyna scored from a first-half penalty Saturday night to give the United States an early lead, but South Africa scored twice in the second half of a 2-2 tie in a pre-Olympic exhibition soccer game, reports AP.

Reyna's penalty beat South Africa goalkeeper Paul Evans to the left post, and Jovan Kirovski added a goal just after halftime from 20 yards out off a pass from A.J. Wood to give the United States a 2-0 lead.

Other US opportunities in the first half came on Reydna's corner kicks to Alexi Lalas in front of the goal, as Lalas leaped over defenders to head the ball toward the goal four times, hitting the cross bar in the 40th minute.

South Africa scored its first goal in the 55th minute when Quinton Fortune slid one past keeper Kasey Keller from 15 * yards. With 10 minutes to go. George Koumantarakis gathered a loose ball at the top of the penalty area and beat Keller low and to the right to

Huber's first

ROSMALEN, Netherlands, June 23: Anke Huber of Germany won her first grass court title when she beat Czech Helena Sukova 6-3, 7-6 in the firial of the women's tournament on Saturday, reports Reuter. Huber, seeded second but

no expert on grass, outclassed her opponent with some excellent play from the baseline. But both players had prob-

lems serving in the windy conditions.

The eighth-seeded Sukova, whose mother played the Wimbledon final in 1962, lost

her service three times in the first set. The fifth-ranked German. twice dropped her serve in the

second set but managed to fight back to take the set to a tie-break. She took the decider 7-2, winning the last five points in a row.

It was Huber's eight career title and her first in 1996.

Michael Johnson (L) and Floyd Heard race in the men's 200-metre semifinals at the US track and field trials in Atlanta on June 22. - AFP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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"CHCYCEV"

QNIAV FDP. Saturday's Cryptoquip: SONGS BY MONKS THAT TALKIN CHURCH ARE REALLY GREGARIOUS CHATS,

VXB

MAYBE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals B

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. 54 "Alley --"



Ecstatic French booters rush to congratulate Laurent Blank (L) after he ensured a European Championships semifinal berth by scoring the fifth goal in the penalty shootout against Holland at Anfield, Liverpool on June 22. France won 5-4. - AFP/UNB photo

resemblance between the Dutch team who folded so spectacularly at Wimbley last Tuesday and the tigerish unit roared on by the faithful orange-clad Hordes who heavily outnumbered their French Their men should have gone ahead in the 22nd minute when an unmarked

bar with the goalkeeper beaten. Kluivert missed his kick from Cocu's cross, Bergkamp was driven too wide after beating the off-side trap and Cocu blazed over the bar from the edge of the area to extend the deadlock.

Ronald de Boer saw his down-

ward header bounce over the

everyone's expectations save Dutch coach Guus Hiddink.

"battle" and the number of

Dutchmen deployed behind

the ball constantly tested

French patience.

counterparts.

He had predicted a physical

There was certainly little

France, whose only real first-half chance was a shot on the turn from Patrice Loko. were further inconvenienced early in the second half when Christian Karembeu was booked for not retreating at a free-kick

It was his second yellow

card of the tournament and mans he will miss Wednesday's semifinal. A Zidane free-kick flashed past the post in the 62nd

Zidane, Djorkaeff, Lizarazu and Guerin all kept their nerve before Blanc's decisive kick, but the efforts of De Kock, De Boer, Kluivert and Blind were

inevitability about the shoot-

minute but, despite some close calls at either end in extra time, there was a certain

ultimately in vain.

Moorer regains IBF crown

decision was announced.

Moorer, 28. After the Foreman knockout. Moorer disappeared from the limelight. He has fought only once since, winning a decision in May of 1995 over Melvin Foster.

"Teddy pushed me real

hard. It was a real tough fight -

- I just want to go home," said

The bout, televised live to 40 countries, was the most important staged on German soil since Muhammed Ali fought Karl Mildenberger in

The IBF title was vacant after Foreman stepped down, refusing to fight Schulz for a second time. He had won a controversial 12-round decision over the German in April of 1995.

Schulz then lost a bout for the vacant crown last December to South Africa's Frans Botha, but the title was taken away from Botha after he tested positive for a steroid.

Neither Moorer or the light-hitting Schulz came close to a knockdown during the

determine the next 20 years of your life," Atlas said. Schulz, 21-3-1, may have Moorer sounded more remisplayed his last chance to lieved than happy after the become the first German