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(American tennis player) "I thought it was a photographer at first. Then I looked over and I see this streaker. She smiled at me. She had on an apron. She lifted it up and she was still smiling at me. Then I got ilustered and 'boom' three sets later I was

(Said of a streaker after his loss at Wimbledon final this



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Where is Ronaldo going?

ROTTERDAM, July 10: Brazilian striker Ronaldo looks sat to leave Dutch Cup holders PSV Eindhoven for either Barcelona or Inter Milan, Dutch ANP news agency said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. Former European champi-

ons PSV last week put a 20 million dollars price tag on their star striker, bought from Cruzeiro for 6 million dollars in August 1994. ANP said Spanish giants

Barcelona had matched the asking prices and that the two clubs had an "agreement in principle. But PSV are also reported

to have a "gentleman's agreement" with Inter, giving the Italian Serie a Club first option on Ronaldo. The 19-year-old striker has

said he would like to play in Spain, following in the footsteps of fellow Brazilian Romario who is scored 96 goals in 102 games for the Dutche side before signing for Barcelona in 1993.

"If Ronaldo wants to leave, then it's in everybody's best interests that he does so," ANP quoted PSV chairman Bill

"We want to keep him here but he would have to want to stay and play for us," he said, adding that the club would keep Inter informed of developments.

The players, top scorer in the Dutch First Division in his first season but injured for much of last season, is currently preparing with the Brazilian squad for the Atlanta Olympics.

Schools kabaddi

Dolairpar High School and Bangladesh Rifles High School & College moved into the finals of the sixth schools kabaddi tournament winning their respective semifinal matches yesterday, reports

They will meet in Friday's

In the first semi Dolairpar High School easily beat Shaheed Nabi High School by 44-14 points at the court of Dhaka Outer Stadium In the second semi at the

same venue, Bangladesh Rifles High School & College eliminated Maniknagar Govt High School by 27-13 points.

Niaz Murshed's PAPERCHESS

T HE former Soviet school of chess has always been the strongest in the world. In fact there really hasn't been any other school, or should I say any other style of play

which has been so durable. Why are the ex-Soviet states and particularly Russians so good at this game? Well. it is analogous to the Chinese being good at table tennis or the Americans at basketball These sports are intertwined into the lifestyle of the entire

For example, in the old communist days, when the use of labour was rather inefficient, you could sit around the factory and practice king's Indian defence all day. You could even do it while standing in the line for Russian vodka. for that matter. The existing situation during the earlier half of the state was suitable for this game and, quite understandably the communist regime happily backed the game which suited them nicely

Vladimir Malaniuk, a noted Ukrainian Grand Master, told many such examples.

remember in 1983 when arst visited Moscow, waked up to see a friendly he which was being played Hoween the liftman and the hotel boy. I thought I could show some of my superior skills to them. But as looked at the position, I saw a perfect Nimzo set up and decided to remain quiet. The same year the Indian national team went to Belarus and lost to the trade union team 3 5-0 5. Well. you



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(Niaz Murshed is the sub-

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talented young Russian Sergei

find the winning move for

Tiviakov on the diagram. Try to

Here is a game from a very

never ending line.

ELISTA, Russia, July 10: Russian title-holder Anatoly Israel now, sums it up beauti-

Karpov only needs a draw to keep his crown after drawing on Tuesday his 17th game against American challenger Gata Kamsky in the international chess federation (FIDE) World Championship held in Elista (Kalmyk Republic), reports AFP.

Karpov half a

point away

Karpov leads over Kamsky by 10 points to 7 and a draw in the 18th game, which will be played today, would allow him to win definitively this encounter and keep his title.

The winner of this championship scheduled in 20 games will be the first player to score 10.5 or 11 points (1 for a victory, 0.5 for a drawl.

Karpov and Kamsky agreed a draw without resuming their 17th game which had been adjourned on Monday evening in

an equal position. Gata Kamsky's father and manager, Roustam, phoned to the arbiter to offer a draw and Karpov agreed. Karpov's sealed move was 60.kd4.

Olympic torch in Georgia

SANANNAH, Georgia, July 10: Ten days before the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta, the Olympic flame arrived in the state of Georgia, on Tuesday, reaching Sanannah by tall ship where it was carried ashore by a sailing champion,

reports AFP. The flame, which started its journey in Athens 74 days earlier, arrived in Los Angeles, the last US city to host the Summer Games, in April. It still has 2,880 kilometres (1.800 miles) to go in Georgia before it reaches Atlanta in time for the opening ceremonies on July 19.

"This is a proud day for all of Georgia. We now have responsibility for this flame, and we are going to live up to our commitments," said Billy Payne, the chief executive officer of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. The flame was carried

ashore after its trip from Florida by Mark Reynolds, who won a yachting gold medal for the United States at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The ceremony in Sannana's

Forsyth Park was within sight of the Sanannah Olympic Village, where yachting competi-tors and officials are housed. Sailors from several teams,

including Australia and the United States, were among the several thousand people who turned out for the show. The yachting competition

site is several miles away in Wassaw Sound Payne, who flew the 440

kilometres (275 miles) from Atlanta to Sanannah for the ceremony, said his job had not changed in the final countdown to the Olympics. "I'm approaching the next 10 days like I did the last

3,600," Payne said. "You learn something new every day. Every day you work as hard as you can. He added: "Sometimes I fell guilty that I'm not nervous.

We've done our job for 10 years, and we're ready." The first official welcoming

ceremonies at the main Olympic Village in Atlanta were scheduled today. Athletes were already training at Olympic venues, includ-

ing the International Horse Park and the Competition Pool But teams from many of the 197 competing nations were still at training camps outside the host city, in some cases in neighbouring states.

217 ROK athletes ahead for Atlanta

SEOUL, July 10: The main contingent of South Korea's 503-member Olympic team left here today for Atlanta to attend the Olympics, one day after the departure of a North Korean Olympic squad, reports Television showed 217

South Korean athletes and officials holding a brief ceremony at Seoul's Kimpo international airport before boarding a charter flight.

The remaining South Korean Olympic team members will be sent later on regular commercial flights. "We are fully ready and will

do our best in Atlanta," team manager Shin Pak-Jae told reporters, saying South Korea aims to win up to 13 gold medals in Atlanta. South Korea fields the

largest Olympic team among Asian nations, hoping to return its third consecutive Olympic top-10 finish in Atlanta. At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, South Korea finished

fourth with 12 gold, 10 silver and 11 bronze medals. At the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, it won 12 golds and finished seventh. On Tuesday, North Korea,

which is now struggling with dire food shortages and economic difficulties, dispatched an unspecified number of officials and athletes to Atlanta.

Navy aquatic The annual swimming and

water polo championships of the Bangladesh Navy concluded at the Naval Headquarters Complex swimming pool in Banani yesterday.

BNS Haji Mohsin team with 110 points emerged champions and BNS Titumir became runners-up securing 109 points.

BNS Haji Mohsin also clinched the water polo championship defeating the BN Dockyard 3-1 in the final. The winners led the first half 2-0.

Super 8s bids to be the game of the century

Bob Holmes from Kuala Lumpur

Once a leisurely game in which long periods of inactivity were interrupted only by breaks for lunch and tea, cricket was rocked by rule changes that speeded up the pace and the excitement. Now, reports Gemini News Service, comes a new, even faster variation.

"Cricket", wrote novelist George Orwell, "is not a 20th century game." But that was before the invention of Super 8s, which its sponsors are sure will make it a top attraction in the 21st.

The game has already been subjected to a one-day revolution and its accompanying gadgetry, which has seen it safely through the last 25 years. Super 8s makes the 50over bash seem long-winded.

The eight-a-side game will be officially launched in Kuala Lumpur on 12 July by starstudded teams from Australia. New Zealand, India, South Africa and a polyglot Asian side skippered by former Aussie Test legend Allan Border.

The brainchild of another Australian cricketing great. Greg Chappell. Super 8s lasts a maximum of two actionpacked hours. Everyone but the wicketkeeper bowls between one and three overs, for a total of 14 overs per team.

The emphasis is on participation for all: a batsman must retire at 50 but may return later if there are still balls left to be bowled, and the last man can bat on even when the seventh wicket has fallen. A shot clearing the fence counts for eight runs instead of the customary six.

With just six fielders - besides bowler and wicketkeeper - athleticism in the field is essential, while the captain must be clued up and imaginative to keep his opponents' score within reach.

Traditionalists who have still not adjusted to the oneday format may blanche at the thought of such heresy, but others see it as useful in honing skills for five-day Test matches. Chappell recognised that

even one-day cricket is still long-winded compared with many fast-moving sports and that if the game was going to attract a new audience and a wider market, an even shorter version was necessary. Also mindful of the fact that

England is the only nation playing a dome. 'c programme in the middle of the year, he sought a short, sharp alternative challenge in which southern hemisphere players could hone their skills. "Traditionally, a profes-

sional who wants to play cricket all year round went to

England, but the standard is often so low and the conditions so poor that an emerging players does not gain much." he explains. "Nor does the migration of all these players to a cricket stronghold do anything for the expansion of the game.

"This is where Super 8s comes in. It offers an alternative to players wanting to make a career out of the game and. by playing international tournaments in non-traditional



Allan Border: An answer to baseball

countries, has the potential to assist in the development of the game worldwide. Malaysia was chosen as the

launch-pad, says Chappell. "because of its strong cricket foundation and ambitions, and its increasing economic clout.

He believes Asia could be "the next great growth area for the game. You don't have to be 210cm tall or 120kg to play cricket and this game offers a real opportunity to Asian coun-

"Also, in today's electronic climate, cricket cannot afford

to be off the television screen for six months of the year."

Cricket's latest attempt to reinvent itself will be watched closely by everyone connected with the game. In England, for example, the game has all but disappeared in schools as demands on hard-pressed teachers have risen, but the twohour hit-about could see it return to the afternoon time-

In non-cricketing nations. the game should be fast enough to grab an audience as there will be few dull moments. It may be of particular appeal to Asians who traditionally excel in sports in which balls are hit by wooden implements.

Even though the portents look good. Chappell originally had doubts his creation.

When I went to the Australian Cricket Board for support, I expected to be laughed at. I thought it might have been an uphill battle with too

many drastic ideas." Instead, it was warmly embraced by the Board and by leading players: "You can propose any concept but if it doesn't appeal to the players it's got no hope. So far the response from all the elite players has been fantastic."

Border, who is coming out of retirement for the Kuala Lumpur tourney, is enthusiastic: "It's a great concept because it contains all the skills. You have to bat, bowl and, in particular, be good in the field," he says. "We need a game that is

going to keep pace with the 21st century without bastardising the basics, and this will be a good answer to baseball because it's fast and has results." He does not think the quick-fire format will detract

from Test cricket: "You're still going to have the focus on the five-day game because Test cricket is still the greatest assessment. Today's kids still rate Test cricket as the ultimate." But if Super 8s can build a

new innings for cricket in Asia. Orwell could well prove to have been right in the long run - though superseded in the 20th century, cricket could emerge as the game for the 21st. —Gemini News

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Evans keeps her end up



ATLANTA, July 10: Janet Evans, who has ruled women's distance swimming since the 1988 Seoul Olympics, arri-

ves in Atlanta besieged by younger rivals on all sides, reports Reuter.

From Australia comes Hayley Lewis. German freestyler Franziska van Almsick is a threat at 400m, while in the United States itself the 24year-old California has spent the past year fending off with varying degrees of suc-

tina Teuscher and Trina Jackson. Evans won three gold medals at the Seoul Games, in the 400m and 800m freestyle

cess - Brooke Bennett, Cris-

and the 400m medley. In Barcelona she claimed a second straight 800m free victory - a feat she hopes to improve upon in Atlanta.

Her successful defense of her 800m free title at the 1994 World Championships in Rome showed she still has what it takes, but she relinquished her 400m freestyle world title in 1994 and her dominance in the distance freestyle events is no longer assured.

The year-end world rankings tell the story. In 1993, Evans was ranked number one at both 400m and 800m. In

1994, she was ranked first in the 400m free and second in the 800m.

By the end of last year, five in the 400m free and number three in the 800m. For a woman who was al-



JANET EVANS

ready on the defensive about her age at the 1992 Barcelona Games, life at the top has only become tougher. Bennett handed Evans her

first 800m defeat since 1987 at the 1995 national championships. Evans also lost the 400m free to Bennett and fin-Evans had slipped to number ished fifth in the 1,500m - a non-Olympic event for women.

Bennett, a 15-year-old firebrand, stirred up "the US swimming scene when she blithely remarked that she thought Evans was over the

The feud simmered until the US Olympic trials, when Evans won the 400m free. Her time of 4:10.97 was comfortably in front of runner-up Teuscher, while Bennett had to settle for fourth behind Jackson.

"I feel like I made a statement," Evans said. "I don't think I psyched her out with the statement. But I knew the facts, the times. It needed to be said."

Bennett bounced back with a victory over Evans in the 800m free at the trials, then said the tiff she started was a thing of the past. "The case is closed," Ben-

nett said. Tve talked to Janet. We're teammates and we need to work together now." Evans accepted the elive

branch, and the challenge. "My goal was to make the team. First or second doesn't matter. We've got to forget the rivalry between us and focus on the Chinese and Germans."

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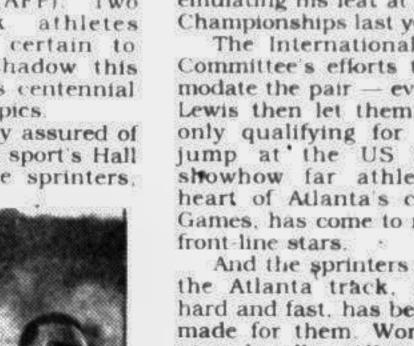
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locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals P
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

can probably guess that they me that he learnt chess in the didn't have Anand in the then. dockvard in Odessa, where he but they still had a few masters used to work. Well, it is hardly at the time My friend Nigel Davies) a surprising since there are Grand Master who plays for Track to take the heat (AFP): Two track athletes look certain to overshadow this vear's centennial Olympics. Both are already assured of their places in the sport's Hall of Fame. Both are sprinters,



hard and fast, has been taylormade for them. World chamthe year.

If it is, Atlanta may even outdo the Tokyo World Championships in 1991, which produced a Carl Lewis world record in the blue riband event and six runners under the loser barrier.

ers "Gams," he said.

pline where there is such small margin for error. The 100m looks wide open, with 'will-he-won' the Olympic champion Linford Christie, world champion Donovan Bailey and Americans Dennis Mitchell and Mike Marsh the leading contenders. Trinidadian Ato Boldeon, the fastest man in the world this year, will play the role of wild

The 200m field may be dominated by Johnson, who beat the oldest record in the book when he effaced Pietro Mennea's 1979 mark by six hundredths of a second by running 19.66 at the US trials. but 1993 world champion Frankie Federicks and Marsh. the reigning Olympic gold

The case seems as cut and dried over one lap. It's not so such a case of whether Johnn will win, but whether he

start of modern athletics, that the track schedules were even redrafted for them. Lewis — yesterday's man dreamt of winning four golds. just as he had done so gloriously in Los Angeles in 1984. New world record holder Johnson — today's man, and

MICHAEL JOHNSON

both American and both the

You do not get anyn high profile than Carl Lawis

They are so central to A

lanta's hopes of success as \

sporting showpiece, 100 years

on after Athens heralded the

biggest of box office.

and Michael Johnson.

emulating his feat at the World Championships last year. The International Olympic Committee's efforts to accommodate the pair - even though Lewis then let them down by only qualifying for the long

jump at the US trials showhow far athletics, the heart of Atlanta's centennial Games, has come to rely on its And the sprinters above all. the Atlanta track, it seems,

pion hurdler Allen Johsnon called it "probably the fastest track in the world earlier in Olympic 100m champion Linford Christie was blunter still. 'It's going to be a sprint-

The other attraction of the

men's sprints will be their strength in depth, in a disci-

card. A false start or a slip out of the blocks could settle it.

medalist, will be snapping at his heels will beat another world record

name emoving Butch Reynolds from the history books. rld records, in fact, are

tomorrow's too - wanted to real possibilities in all the

Barcelona Games gold medalist Mark Reyn olds runs with the Olympic flame through Savannah's F Tuesday. The torch is on its last leg through reaching Atlanta for the opening ceremony o

rsyth Park on Georgia before 1 July 19. AFP/UNB photo

attempt the 200/400m double. men's sprints, adding to the likelyhood that they will be the focus of attention as never be-Every Marsh muscle

> Johsnon eyebrow-twitch will be recorded and dissected for some sort of meaning during



CARL LEWIS Atlanta. The United States' tradis tional strength in sprints sadly, however, Gwen Torrence failed to qualify for the 200m - will only add to the

The rest of the athletics

local fervour.

programme will have to struggle for what it left of the lime-There is plenty of qualify about, Noureddine Morceli in the 1,500, Haile Gebreselassie in the 5,000 and 10,000m. Moses Kiptanui in the steeplechase and Sergey Bukba in the pole vault and Jonathan Edwards in the triple jump.

will be led by Torrence, Marie-Jose Perce in the 400m. Maria Mutola in the 800, Wang Junxia in the 10,000m. If there is a weakness,

The women's crowd-pullers

however, it may be that certain disciplines lack competitive Most of the above competitors — like Johnson — belong to a class of super-athletes that have taken on the aura of in-

vincibility over recent seasons. The drama, therefore, may have to come from record times or from the story behind the athlete rather than from the thrill of head-to-head bat-

for revenge after being dis-

Mutola, for example, is out

qualified during last year's World Championships for stepping out of lane. Morceli is looking for his first Olympic gold to accompany three world titles after a disastrous run in Barcelona. Bubka, too, has a nightmare to bury after no-heighting four

Wang, meanwhile, has a

past to bury after breaking

away from controversial coach

Ma Junren in an attempt to recapture the form that won her the world title in Stuttgart. For pure drama, only one event is sure to match the excitement of the sprints and that, ironically, will be at the other end of the spectrum -

The 42km race will be the

most unpredictable event of

all, with the overpowering At-

the marathon.

lanta heat and humidity playing a crucial role. The start times have been revised, not because of requests from the top competitors but because medical experts predicted that extreme mid-day conditions could kill. Both the men's and women's

events, however, are still likely

to throw up shocks and hero-

ism in equal measure.