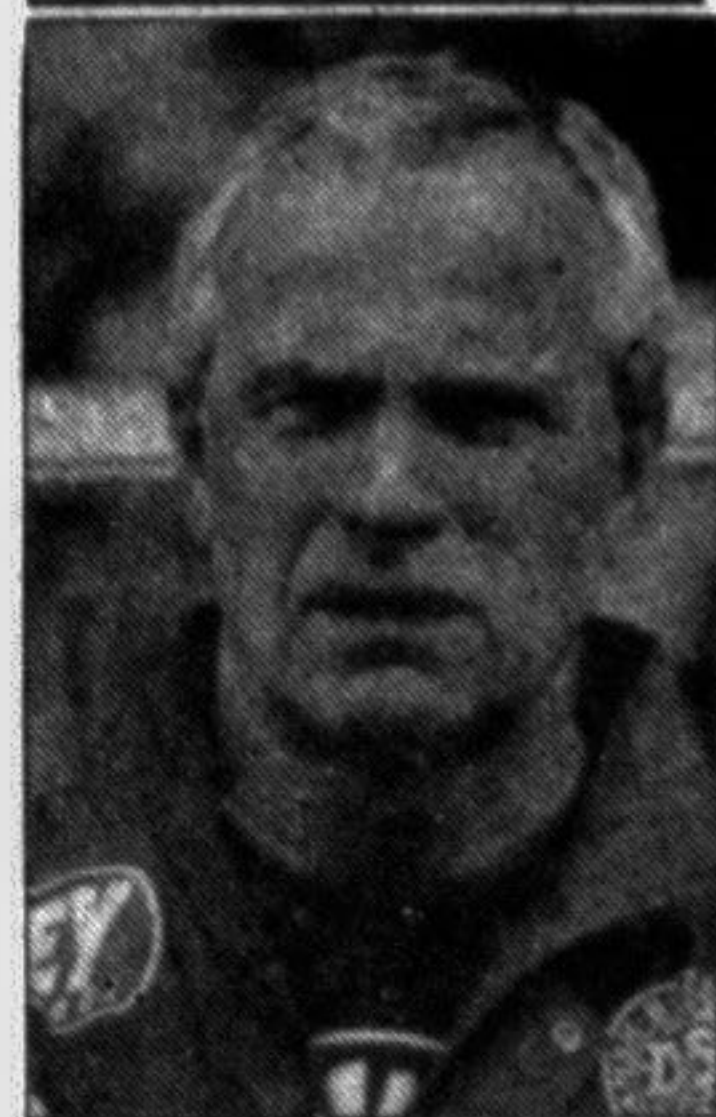


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Richard Moeller Neilson

(National football coach of Denmark)

As far as I can see, the Brazilians have a very good chance to win in Atlanta. They can play the ball in every position. The defence is very strong. The players are very fast. They support each other very well.

After Brazil beat FIFA all-stars 2-1 in their final warm up match before Olympics.

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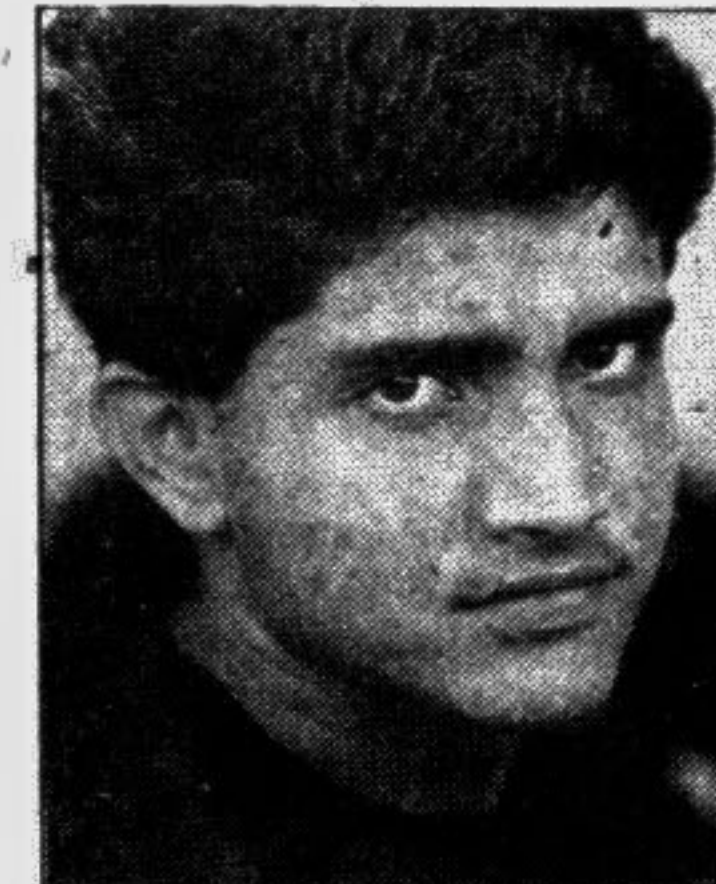
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Grand reception for Ganguly

CALCUTTA, July 16: The 23-year-old Bengal cricketer, Saurav Ganguly, who shot to stardom after his recent exploits during a three-test



series in England, returned to tumultuous welcome here yesterday, reports PTI.

Ganguly, who landed in the city by a Modiluft flight from Delhi, was received at the airport by a large gathering of family members, friends, and well-wishers.

Later a bigger welcome awaited the cricketer in his residential locality in Behala in south Calcutta.

Earlier the state sports minister, Mr Subhash Chakroborty, announced in the West Bengal Assembly that a civic reception would be organised on July 20 in the city to felicitate the young cricketer.

The state government had earlier announced cash awards for Saurav Ganguly, which would be handed over to the young cricketer during the civic reception.

Ganguly, who scored two consecutive centuries in his debut series, had won the man-of-the-series award.

Liverpool late in the day

PRAGUE, July 16: Liverpool are staging a last-minute bid to persuade Czech midfielder Karel Poborsky to sign for them rather than English premier league rivals Manchester United, reports Reuters.

Poborsky, one of the outstanding players of last month's European Championship, had been expected to leave Slavia Prague for United following talks between the two clubs last Friday.

Premier Div soccer Aug 7
Abahani face Boys in opener

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Abahani Krita Chakra will take on promoters Bangladesh Boys Club in the opening match of the long-awaited Premier Division football league scheduled to begin at the Dhaka Stadium from August 7.

According to the fixture provided by Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) yesterday, Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's runners-up, will face the other newcomers East End Club in their first encounter on the next day.

Real excitement is in store for football fans on the third day of the league on August 9 when giants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krita Chakra face mighty Brothers Union Club in their league opener.

Like every year, both Premier and First Division football leagues will be held concurrently at the Dhaka and Mirpur Stadiums this time. On most days, there will be four matches, two in each venue. The first match will kick off at 4pm, followed by the second engagement at 6pm.

The first phase of the league is expected to end with its most attractive match, that between the two arch rivals Abahani and Mohammedans, billed for September 9.

The second phase will commence after a week's rest and the fixture will follow the

same sequence. There will be no change in the price of tickets from last year for general galleries and each will cost Taka fifteen.

As part of its contribution towards upliftment of the game, the National Sports Council has paid two lakh taka each to the 20 Senior Division clubs through the good office of DMFA on Monday. This was granted from NSC's Training Fund following a demand of five lakh taka each from the clubs for organising their teams. It was learnt that NSC will provide another one lakh to each club within the next

two weeks. DMFA also has plans to pay Taka one and a half lakh to each club today.

The following 20 teams are taking part in the Senior Division football leagues:
Premier Division: Abahani KC, Mohammedan SC, Muktijoddha Sangsad KC, YMC Fakirerpool, Arambagh KS, Brothers Union, Farashganj SC, Aghani Bank SC, East End Club and Bangladesh Boys Club.

First Division: Wari Club, Rahmatganj MFS, Victoria SC, Police AC, Sadharan Bima KS, PWD SC, BRTC, Dhanmondi Club, Mirpur Chalanika and Badda Jagarani Sangsad.

FIXTURE

Date	Match	Stadium	Time
August 7	Abahani KC vs Bangladesh Boys Dhaka		4 pm
	Arambagh KS vs Aghani Bank		6 pm
	Rahmatganj MFS vs BRTC	Mirpur	4 pm
August 8	Dhanmondi Club vs Badda Jagarani		6 pm
	YMC Fakirerpool vs Farashganj SC Dhaka		4 pm
	Mohammedan SC vs East End Club		6 pm
	Victoria SC vs Police AC	Mirpur	4 pm
August 9	Wari Club vs Mirpur Chalanika		6 pm
August 10	Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Brothers Union Dhaka		4 pm
	Sadharan Bima vs PWD SC		6 pm
August 11	Arambagh KS vs Bangladesh Boys Dhaka		4 pm
	Dhanmondi Club vs BRTC		6 pm
August 12	YMC Fakirerpool vs Aghani Bank Dhaka		4 pm
	Abahani KC vs East End Club		6 pm
	Victoria SC vs Badda Jagarani	Mirpur	4 pm
August 13	Rahmatganj MFS vs Mirpur Chalanika		6 pm
	Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Farashganj SC Dhaka		4 pm
	Sadharan Bima vs Police AC		6 pm
	Mohammedan SC vs Brothers Union Dhaka		4 pm
	Wari Club vs PWD SC		6 pm

A lump in Lewis' throat

ATLANTA, July 16: Eight times Olympic champion Carl Lewis says athletics is doomed in the United States unless administrators take a more professional approach, reports Reuters.

Lewis, who aims for an unprecedented fourth consecutive Olympic long-jump title at the Atlanta Games, said he did not think the sport had progressed as it should have done in this country in recent years. "I think unless it does, it's doomed and that's said," Lewis said in an interview.

"The passion to compete is there but the passion to be in the sport as no longer there. I feel like I've put in 15 years in the sport to try to get somewhere and I feel like it is drifting back to where it was when I started."

"That is really depressing," Lewis attacked college and school coaches who play major roles in the sport.

"I'm a professional athlete but I have to deal with Mickey Mouse college people," he said.

Bayern's big guns bury the hatchet

BONN, July 16: Bayern Munich's two biggest stars, Lothar Matthaeus and Juergen Klinsmann, have ended their bitter feud after holding a "peace summit" in New York, Germany's Bild daily reported on Monday, reports Reuters.

Matthaeus, Germany's most-capped international, and Klinsmann met on Saturday, the day before playing for the FIFA world all-stars against the Brazilian Olympic side.

"We spoke openly for the first time," Matthaeus told Bild. "Everything had to come out. It was important for the whole club."

USA begin WC qualifiers Nov 3

NEW YORK, July 16: The United States got its wish when soccer officials announced Monday that Americans will start World Cup qualifying Nov. 3 — two weeks after Major League Soccer's championship games, reports AP.

The Americans will open at home against Guatemala on Nov. 3, play Trinidad and Tobago at home the following weekend, then go on a two-game trip that takes them to Trinidad on Nov. 24 and Costa Rica on Dec. 1.

The 35-year-old American said track and field needed to develop a new marketing strategy and integrate leading athletes into its plan.

"We've lost the kids, the fan base," he said. "Track and field, to get the fans back, should not charge on kid under-



CARL LEWIS

der 18." He said he was so disillusioned with the sport that he would not recommend it to his friends' children. Lewis, who is single, said

the sport emotionally was not a good environment for a child. "I would not want my kids to be in something that's not progressing," he said. "I would want them to be in something that's going to grow. Not something that's going to stagnate."

"I'm not going to keep them away from track. They are going to run but I would have them run, play tennis, play soccer, baseball, all of the sports when make their own decision. But I would not recommend kids go into the sport."

In an ascorbic reaction Olan Cassell, executive director of USA track and field, said Lewis' should look at his bank account and his garage "if he believed the sport was on the decline."

"He's one of the most respected athletes that we have," Cassell said. "But I would think before he made all these statements that he would like to review where the sport has come from and where it's going."

"I think he should look at the last two years at the media exposure and the spectator attendance. They've all been better than they were 10 years ago."

Gen. Mahbub's life-sketch

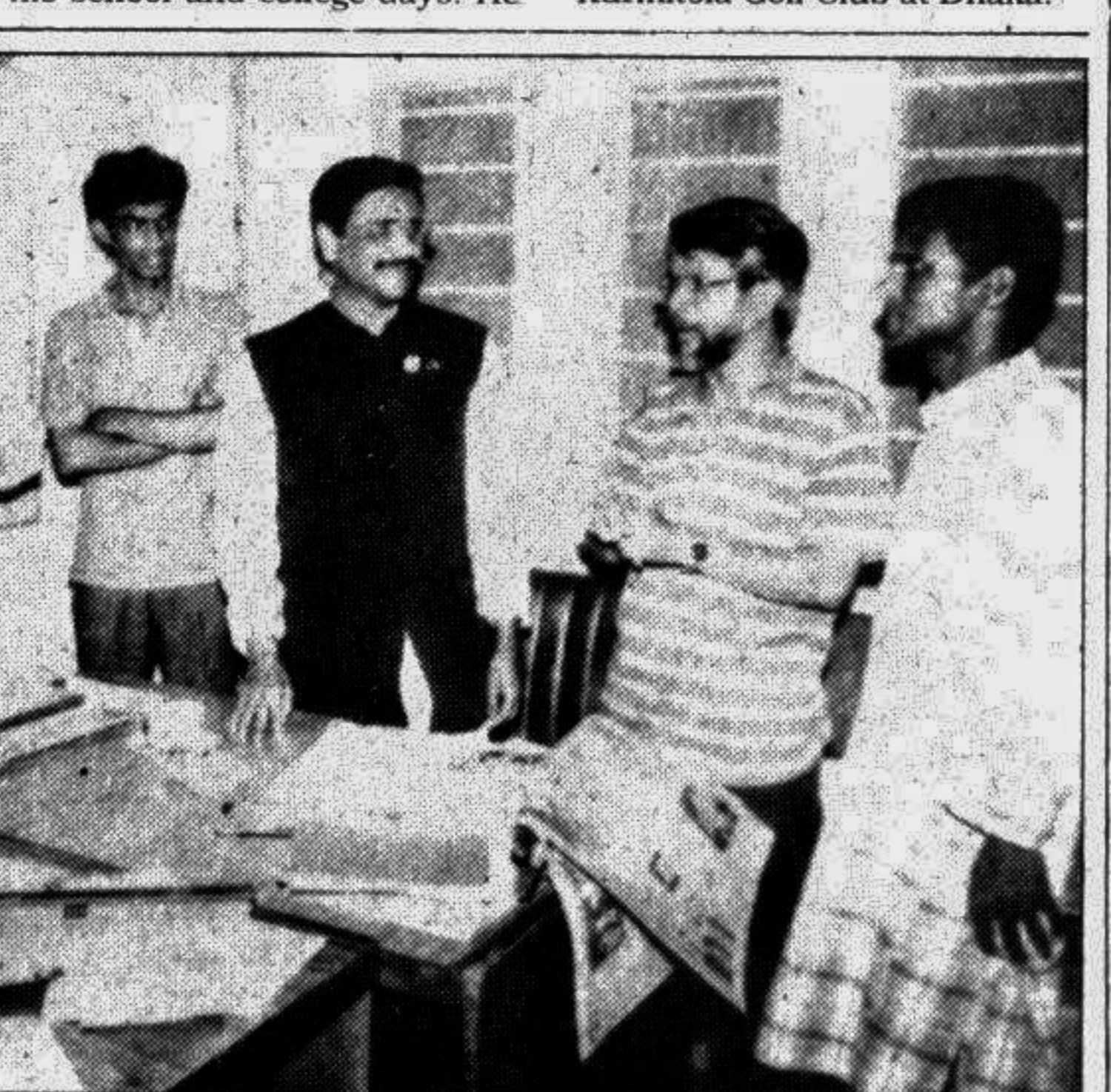
Lieutenant General Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman, the Chief of Army Staff was born on December 24, 1939 at Dinajpur.

Mahbub did his graduation in Civil Engineering from the then East Pakistan University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka in 1963. Immediately after graduation, he joined Pakistan Military Academy and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in the year 1964. As a young captain, he saw action in 1965 Indo-Pak War in western Pakistan border.

After serving in various appointments in his career, Mahbub was promoted to the rank of Major General in 1986. His first assignment as a Major General was Engineer-in-Chief. He headed the Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) from 1989 to 1991. A graduate from Mirpur Staff College, he was the Commandant of the College from 1991 to 1993. Mahbub has served as General Officer Commanding of an Infantry Division and also as Chief of General Staff in the Army Headquarters. He took over as Chief of Army Staff on 20 May 1996 and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General on 3 June 1996.

From his early boyhood Mahbub was interested in Games and sports. He participated in almost all games in his school and college days. He

remained a keen enthusiast of games and sports even after joining the Army. Mahbub held the appointment of Chairman, National Sports Council, a very high national sports forum looking after the games and sports of the country, from August 1990 to February 1992. As a great sports enthusiast he in that capacity contributed substantially in the development of games and sports including participation in XI Asian and 5th SAF Games. Mahbub was the chairman of facilities committee during 6th SAF Games held in Dhaka where he was especially responsible in the construction of Indoor Stadium at Mirpur and also other sports facilities. Mahbub, as secretary general of organizing committee of 6th Commonwealth youth handball championship 1995 held in Dhaka, had left an indelible mark of superb organizing ability and sports acumen. He was earlier the senior vice chairman of Bangladesh Olympic Association. During his tenure as Director General, Ansar and VDP, Mahbub left a deep mark in development of their sports arena. Under his guidance the Ansar and VDP became champion in Bangladesh National Olympic. Since 1989 he is the president of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation. Mahbub is a keen golfer. He is also the president of Kurmitola Golf Club at Dhaka.



Obaidul Quader (C), State Minister for Youth and Sports, paid a courtesy visit to The Daily Star office last night. Here the state minister is seen exchanging views with the members of The Daily Star Sports desk.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: With the ending of a long stalemate workers at the Dhaka Stadium, the all purpose of country's sports venue, preparing the big bowl for the forthcoming Senior Division football league, scheduled to commence from Aug 7.

President Cup snooker

Sports Reporter

Top seeds SI Chowdhury of Narayanganj Club and MH Noor of Engineers Club moved into the quarterfinals of the Dhaka Club President Cup snooker tournament after winning their respective matches at the billiard room of the club yesterday.

In the day's encounter, Chowdhury tamed Syed Masud while Noor ousted Amirullah to confirm their berths in the last eight.

In the other matches of the day, Bari Chowdhury defeated MA Hamid, Moniruzzaman Bacchu beat Syed Mahboob while Raihan Ahmed ousted KP Akbar Ali, to also confirm their quarterfinal berths.

The quarterfinals will be held this afternoon at the same venue.

Gen Mahbub made BOA chief

Sports Reporter



The government yesterday appointed Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, psc, Chief of Army Staff as president of Bangladesh Olympic Association.

According to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the appointment shall have immediate effect. Gen Mahbub replaces Gias Kamal Chowdhury, a veteran journalist. However, the important post of BOA president has remained unattended for the past one year following the posting of Gias Kamal to the Bangladesh High Commission in London.

Azhar delays home trip

NEW DELHI, July 16: India's cricket team returned home from their England tour on Monday without their beleaguered captain Mohammad Azharuddin who stayed in London to receive treatment for a shoulder injury, reports Reuters.

Azharuddin has been widely criticised for failing to take India to the World Cup one-day final on the sub-continent earlier this year and for the 1-0 Test series loss to England. India also lost the one-day series in England 2-0.

Azharuddin's poor batting form has also led to calls for him to be dropped, allowing 23-year-old vice-captain Sachin Tendulkar to take over the leadership.

Former Indian team manager Ajit Wadekar, however, has expressed support for Azharuddin.

"Sachin can afford to wait for a while," Wadekar told several Indian newspapers on Monday.

Romario's Rio party Aug 3

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 16: The tug of war between Flamengo and Valencia for Romario looks like its over, reports AP.

The 30-year-old forward who stands to make some 9.5 million dollars over three years by moving to Spain's Valencia will say goodbye to Rio de Janeiro in a special farewell game at Maracana stadium on August 3, O Globo television reported.

The Games' first dopers

ATLANTA, July 16: Doping cases involving two top-level international athletes hit the Olympics, four days before the opening of the Atlanta Games, reports AP.

Australian sprinter Dean Capobianco tested positive for steroids last month and could be banned from the Olympics. Australian track officials said Monday.

Officials also debated whether Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua should be banned from the Games following two recent positive drug tests.

Capobianco's test, taken while he competed in Europe, revealed the use of stanozolol, Athletics Australia president David Prince said. That's the same banned substance that got Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson thrown out of the 1988 Olympics.

Capobianco has denied taking the steroid and begun legal action. He was in Raleigh, North Carolina, Monday at an Australian training camp and was not available for comment.

"Athletics Australia believes he is innocent until proven guilty and that's what the athlete has told us," Prince said. Capobianco will not be allowed into the Olympic Village until a hearing on the matter is finalised, jeopardizing his chances of competing here. Officials with Athletics Australia hope to hold the hearing within a week.

Capobianco, 26, was scheduled to compete in the 200 metres, which begins July 29. Capobianco finished fifth in the 200 at the 1993 World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. He was eliminated in the 200 metre heats at the

1992 Barcelona Games, barely missing a place in the semifinals.

News of the positive test was considered a major embarrassment for Australia, host of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Team officials have strongly condemned drugs in sports.

China has waged a verbal battle with Australia in recent months over the Samantha Riley affair.

Riley, the world champion breaststroke swimmer, tested positive for a banned non-performance-enhancing pain killer in December last year but got off with a stern warning.

In an interview with Australian Associated Press two days ago, Capobianco spoke of his difficulty in keeping up with the new breed of 200m runners, including world record holder Michael Johnson.

"The 200 has gone to another level. Now 10th in the world is 20.19 and 20.18 ranked me fifth in '93", he said.

"When you look at it from that angle you think: Wow, I better pull my finger out. If you want to be ranked top 10 you've got to be red-hot at the moment," he told AAP.

Bevilacqua, among the top six high jumpers in the world this year, tested positive twice for the banned stimulant ephedrine in May.

The Italian athletics federation cleared the athlete on grounds that she took the drug by mistake. She said she was taking a Chinese herbal medicine to lose weight.

In declining to suspend Bevilacqua, the Italian federation cited a new International Olympic Committee rule allow-

ing leniency in the case of athletes taking ephedrine unwittingly.

But the sport's world governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, says the athlete should face a mandatory three-month suspension.

"The problem is we have two rules: the international federation rules and the IOC rules," Italian Olympic committee president Mario Pescante said. "In this case, if we respect the rules of the IOC, there's no problem. But one week ago, we were told we are obliged to respect the rules of the international federation. It's very ridiculous."

The IOC medical commission chairman, Prince Alexander de Merode, said the matter remains in the hands of the Italian and international federations for now.

But, he said, "Top-level athletes know they should consult medical doctors about any drugs they are taking, and realise they have responsibility for what they have in their body."

If no agreement can be reached, the case could go to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The special arbitration panel has been set up to resolve doping and other disputes at the Atlanta Games.

Bevilacqua finished sixth at the 1993 World Championships. She failed to qualify for the final of the high-jump at the Barcelona Games.

Bevilacqua, who is still in Italy, is scheduled to arrive next Monday at the Italian training camp in Winston Salem, North Carolina. She is due in the Olympic Village on July 29, two days before the start of the high jump competition.

Furore over BBC item

LONDON, July 17: A BBC programme which includes allegations of widespread drug-taking among Olympic athletes will be broadcast Tuesday despite threats of court action from the British Athletic Federation, reports AP.

The "Panorama" programme features claims from a British Olympic team physician, Dr Michael Turner, that more than three quarters of track and field athletes going to Atlanta have used performance-enhancing drugs in their preparations.

"If you're talking about track and field, you're talking about a situation where the percentage may be 75 or above of Olympic athletes in Atlanta will have taken some kind of performance-enhancing drug," Turner tells Panorama.

The BAF had asked the BBC

for a full transcript of the programme by Tuesday morning and threatened court action to try to prevent the programme being screened if the transcript wasn't received.

But the BBC will screen the programme Tuesday evening as planned.

"At present we will go ahead as planned," said Alison Jackson, publicity officer for Panorama. "We can see no possible grounds for the (the BAF) getting an injunction."

"Their concerns seem to be ill-founded. The programme does not point the finger at British athletes."

"We do not know why they are rushing to protect British athletes as we have even defended them, saying it is anticipated that they will be among the 25 per cent who are clear in Atlanta," said Jackson.

Turner, the British Olympic team doctor at the last three

Olympic Games and until recently deputy director of medical services at the British Olympic Association, also criticises the new high-tech testing equipment installed in Atlanta.

The International Olympic Committee claims its super sensitive detector can sense the use of illicit drugs as far back as eight weeks.

"Testing urine in competition, by and large, is a waste of time," Turner tells Panorama. "People are using growth hormone, they're using blood doping, both of which are undetectable in competition urine testing."

Turner said athletes who cheat can use anabolic steroids during the off-season without being caught.

Tony Ward, spokesman for the BAF, said he was "a scandalous slur on the most tested British Olympic athletics team in history."

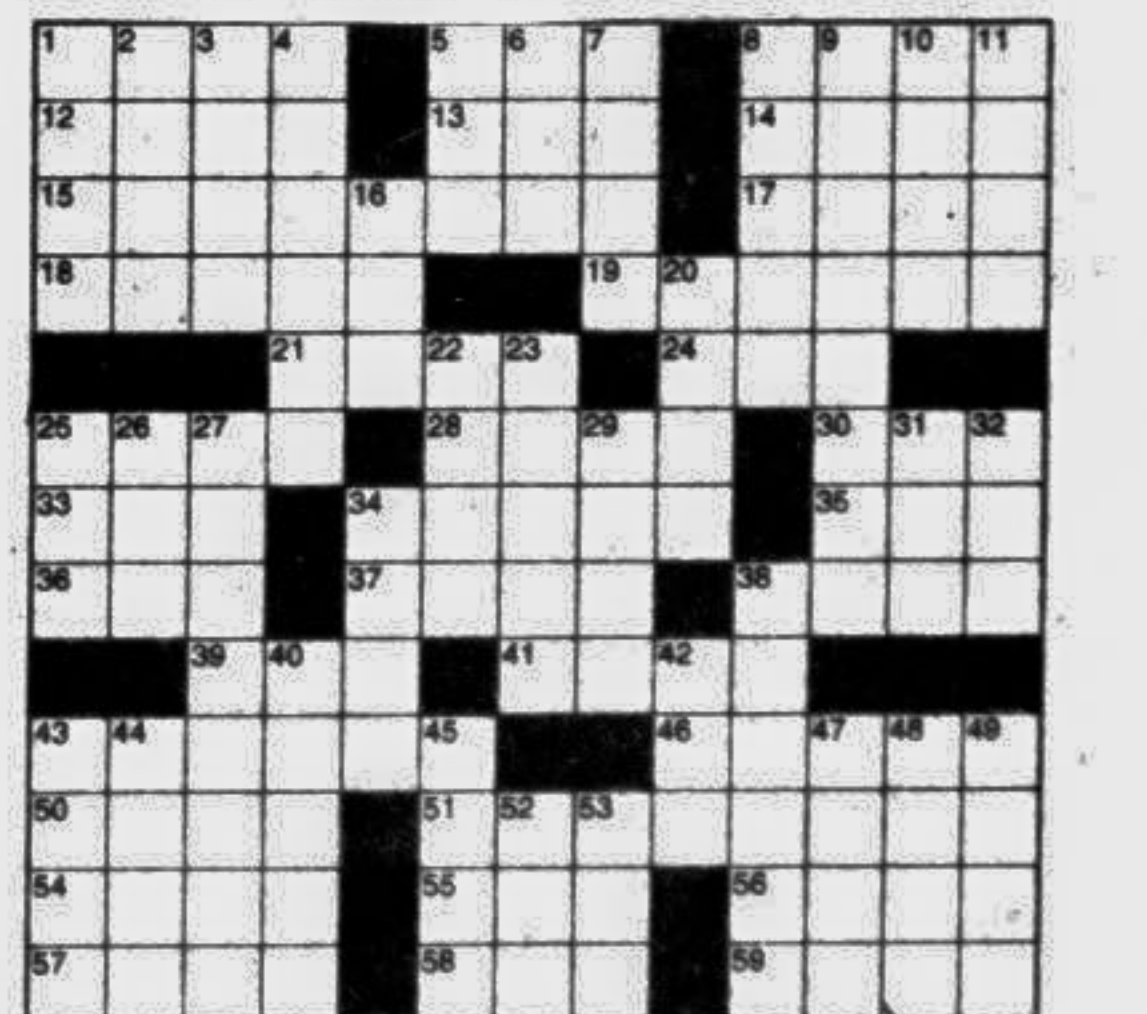
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CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptogram: YOU KNOW, THE CUTE BUT BRATTY LITTLE KID AUTHOR WAS A REAL DICKENS.

Today's Cryptogram clue: Q equals G
The Cryptogram 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.