

Carl Lewis

(Veteran US Olympian) "I would not want my kids to be in something that's not progressing. 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 would not recommend kids go into the sport."

Expressing his agony over the US athletics.



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Lancs, Northants in topsy-turvy

LONDON, July 17: Benson and Hedges Cup finalists Lancashire and Northamptonshire suffered post-Lord's depression on Tuesday as they were beaten in rearranged Sunday League fixtures, reports Reu-

With the games put back in case Saturday's final spilled over into the following day because of bad weather. Benson and Hedges champions Lancashire lost by 13 runs to Warwickshire while Northamptonshire went down to Yorkshire by two wickets off the last ball of the match.

The results took Warwickshire and Yorkshire up to 24 points each, just four points behind leaders Surrey.

Opener Neil Smith gave Warwickshire the initiative at Edgbaston as he cracked 76 from 82 balls in their total of 212 for six in their 40 over.

Lancashire were held in check by some tight bowling and brilliant fielding, especially from Trevor Penney, who ran out Graham Lloyd and caught John Crawley on the boundary and they ended on 199 for nine.

Northamptonshire, beaten by 31 runs in Saturday's final at Lord's scored 236 for four in their 40 overs, Kevin Curran hitting 92 not out and Richard

Montgomerie making 69. But Martyn Moon (72) and Anthony McGrath (69) kept Yorkshire in touch and Richard Blakey made 35 not out to see them home off the last

Becker, Mercedes join forces

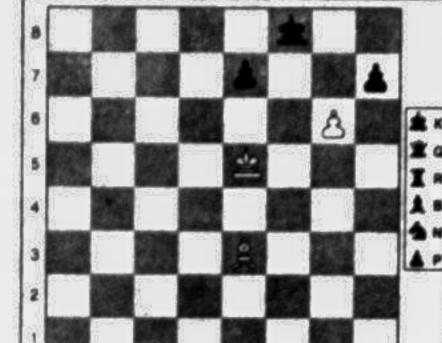
STUTTGART, July 17: Despite a wrist injury that has temporarily taken him out of action, tennis star Boris Becker on Wednesday came up with an ace by signing a 10 year sponsorship contract with luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz, reports AP.

Becker is to receive an estimated 2 million marks 1.3 million dollars a year starting in 1997 to help find and develop new tennis talent in Germany through the year

2007. The ATP and German Tennis Federation, who helped coordinate the contract, plan to use Becker to select four promising young players be-tween the ages of 14 and 18 by the end of the year and provide them experienced coaches to develop their tal-

Mercedes-Benz officials and Becker announced signing of the contract in Stuttgart, where the Mercedes Cup ATP tournament is currently being played.

Niaz Murshed's APERCHESS



Whise to play and win

plicated positioning. In fact these two players are said to be the strongest of all time in there respective styles.

With Karpov's victory, prospect of a Kasparov-Karpov match once again seems likely However, if the new style knock out World Championship takes place in December, this match may not take place. We have to wait till FIDE congress in October to find out what the future World Chess



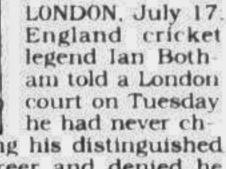
Championship will be like. Today, we have a problem which Anatoly Karpov would have loved to solve. Take a look

at the diagram. There are only six pieces left on the board. Can you find the win for white? Solution:

1. B-h6 check K-g8 2. g7 K-17 3. g8 (Queen) check K-g8 4 K-e6 K-h8 5. K-f7 e5 and Bg7

(Niaz Murshed is the subcontinent's first Grand Master)

am not a cheat: Botham



No 12

fended his title this

week against 22-year-old Gata

Kamsky Karpov retains his

title, which he earned through

who had a falling out with FIDE

over prize-money of the World

Championship match. This is

not the first time that Karpov

has earned the title through a

default. In 1975, he was

crowned champion of the world when Bobby Fischer re-

years Karpov has twice de-

fended his title successfully

against long-time rival Victor

Korchnot in 1978 and in 1982,

but lost his title to Kasparov in

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again several times (almost

for his positional brand of

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plenty of time to manoeuvre

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am told a London court on Tuesday he had never cheated during his distinguished playing career and denied he was bitter because he had not lived up to his great natural talent, reports Reuter.

Botham and ex-colleague Allan Lamb, who was not in court, are suing former Pakistani captain Imran Khan for libel over an "offensive personal attack" in India Today magazine which, they say, called them racist, uneducated and lacking class. Botham, former captain of

Somerset and England, is suing separately over a May, 1994, story in The Sun newspaper, which he alleges, accused him of ball-tampering. He was asked by his lawyer.

Charles Gray, about an allegation that he interfered with the new ball during a test match by throwing it to the wicketkeeper so he could scuff one side of it with his gloves to make it swing more.

Asked if he had cheated in this way, he replied, "No sir I've never cheated.

He said he always threw a new ball to the wicketkeeper to remove surplus moisture which would accumulate while

it sweated in a plastic bag in the umpire's pocket

He also denied Imran's allegation that he had never done justice to his talent.

Asked whether he was a bitter man, or one who believed he had lost in life, he replied. "Certainly not

The exchanges were closely watched by Imran, who denies libel and says the words are not capable of the alleged



IAN BOTHAM

defamatory meaning

Botham said he rejected Imran's suggestion in a review of his autobiography that he had only ever paid lip-service to opposing racism.

He said he had refused to tour South Africa during its apartheid era with his friend. West Indian star batsman Viv Richards, for oral rather than inancial reasons.

"I asked what would happen if Viv and I wanted to eat in the same restaurant and (the tour organiser) said that's not a problem, we'll make him an honorary white. That's when negotiations broke down and I walked out. The jury was shown video

footage of play during the 1982 Test matches between England and India at the Oval and England and Pakistan at Lord's, including an incident on which Imran relied for his allegations of cheating against Botham. Gray told Botham it was al-

leged he was shown picking at the seam of the ball or scratch-Botham said there had been problems with the ball losing its shape and he was trying to repair it.

He had brought the action mainly to get an apology. " never wanted it to come to trial. All I wanted was an apol-

Inside Dr Catlin's lab



w home from the 1988 Seoul Olympics, his 10-yearold son asked him "daddy, do I have to take drugs to play tennis?"

The question really jolted one of the world's most respected doping experts. When Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson went from "hero to zero" in 10 seconds, so many sprinting dreams were shattered.

Catlin, who set up the testing laboratory for the 1984

Russian lifter banned

MOSCOW, July 17: Russian weightlifter Yuri Myshkovets has been taken off the national Olympic team after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs, the Russian weightlifting federation confirmed Wednesday, reports AP.

Myshkovets has been caught using drugs at a training session, and for that he only faces a half-year suspension, said Vladimir Maslyaev, the federation member and former senior coach of the Russian weightlifting team.

Testing positive for drugs at a championship carries a life ban in weigtlifting.

Maslyaev said the federation members were "hurt and upset," that "this almost 100per cent certain member of the Olympic team" had used

Olympics in Los Angeles, has (Reuter): When seen the lives of too many ath-Dr Don Catlin fle- letes crumble before his eyes. every competitor's steroid

When they stand there waiting in a laboratory for the second "B" sample of their urine to be tested, the body language speaks volumes.

"One athlete tried to break the bottle before the test. It is not a happy day. It is a very sobering experience."

As reporters tour the hightech laboratory in Atlanta that will repeat the process 2,000 times at the Centenary Olympics, he vividly re-lives how an athlete's whole life can be shattered in an instant.

You can sense the frustration of this languid Californian reflecting on a society where winning is everything. The rampant commercialism of the Olympic movement may have saved the Games from bankruptcy but there is a moral price to pay.

"If there were no cash rewards and competition was pure and simple, wouldn't that be nice. But life is not that simple anymore. Win a gold medal and you have a life carved out for you. Sport is big

bucks," he said The athlete faces a pressure cooker of high-expectations. "It is sad we are at this stage," said Catlin, a member of the International Olympic Committee's medical commis-

Catlin argues that sport has to use a sharp surgeon's knife to cut out the cancer of drugs before it overwhelms the ath-

He believes one of the best ways would be to adopt "steroid profiling" whereby a scientific library is built up of "fingerprint".

Laboratories around the world could then keep track of an athlete's test results and compare them with past levels. Amid all the test tubes and

swirling ovens full of piles scientists are waging a battle to defeat human greed. Catlin, director of the UCLA laboratory in Los Angeles, sadly

concludes that society has become all too cynical about sporting heroes. Records now spark questions not applause.

Wadekar's rebuttal

MADRAS, July 17: Former cricket manager of Indian team, Ajit Laxman Wadekar, today denied the charges levelled against him by Sandeep Patil, the present manager, that "he (Wadekar) was responsible for Vinod Kambli's ouster from the Indian team for the just-concluded England tour," reports PTI.

Ajit Wadekar maintained that he was in "no way responsible as he had never submitted any report to the Board of Control for Cricket in India at the end of any domestic tours during his tenure as manager of the Indian team."

Answering a question that there could not be any smoke without fire, Ajit Wadekar said "May be one is desperated being guilty."

Blatter greets Hanif

Sports Reporter

Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of the world football governing body, FIFA, has congratulated Mohammad Hanif. the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, on his assumption as president of Bangladesh Football Federation.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday. Blatter whished Hanif every success in the future.

Besides, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, has also hailed Hanif on his appoint-

President Cup snooker

Sports Reporter

Muniruzzaman Bachchu of Narayangani Club and Lloyd Gonsalves of Catholic Club. Chittagong, moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka Club President Cup snooker tournament winning their respective quarterfinals at the club's billiard room yesterday.

In the day's first engagement. Bachchu eliminated top seed and clubmate S Chowdhury by 5-3 frames while Gonsalves scored an identical 5-3 win over M H Noor of Narayanganj Club.

The other two quarterfinals - Bari Chowdhury vs F Karim and NAT Rouf vs Raihan Ahmed, were going on till filing of this report last night. The semifinals will be held

this afternoon. New BOA chief feted

Sports Reporter

Different sports personalities and organisations have felicitated Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, psc. on his appointment as the new president of Olympic Bangladesh Association (BOA)

In a press release yesterday, Zakaria Pintoo, the captain of Swadhin Bangla football team. expressed his satisfaction over the appointment and said he was very happy to see a very keen sports lover at the head of BOA.

Among the other sports organisations, Bangladesh Krira Samity of Mujib Nagar, Bangladesh Badminton Federation. Dhaka Metropolis Juvenile Football Association. Bangladesh Handball Federation, have also congratulated Gen Mahbub on his assumption of the new appointment.

Friendly football

Dhaka Metropolis Kishore Football organising committee will hold an exhibition match today at 5 pm at the Outer Stadium, reports UNB.

A selection of juvenile foot ballers will play against a selection of foreign nationals working in different missions in

ICC like SL's proposal

COLOMBO, July 17: International Cricket Council member nations have reacted favourably to Sri Lanka's proposal that countries play each other an equal number of cricket Tests sports officials said Wednesday, reports AP.

"They accepted what we said, but we realise it won't happen in the next few years since some countries have fixed their schedules until the year 2002," said Tryphone Mirando, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka, world champions in the one-day game, has played only 66 Tests since it became a full member of the council 14 years ago, and has consistently been snubbed in its requests for a five-Test series with England.

Without a single Test scheduled for this year, Sri Lankan officials last month managed to negotiate two Tests against Zimbabwe in September. "We won't get a five-Test.

series in England for several more years, since the schedules are already fixed, but we hope to get a full series in the future." Mirando told reporters after returning from last week's ICC meeting in London. Sri Lanka had more success

with the other seven ICC members, lining up a total of 40 more Tests until the turn of the century, eight each against India. New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

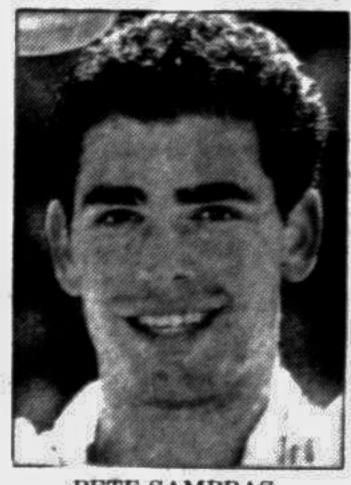
Pete, Graf skip the trip



17: The two best tennis players won't be joining the world's best athletes at the Atlanta Olympics.

Three days before the Games begin, tennis superstars Steffi Graf and Pete Sampras both pulled out of the Olympics with injuries. Germany's Graf withdrew Tuesday with knee problem while Sampras cited a strained right Achilles tendon.

Graf, the No 1 women's tennis player and a favourite to add a second Olympic gold medal to her ever-increasing collection of titles, has been



PETE SAMPRAS

bothered by a tender knee for

"It actually happened prior to Wimbledon," Graf said. "I was practicing on a grass court and I was aggravating the knee by one strange movement.

Since then, I've been trying all different medications. treatments, and it worked for a while. But I guess it's time to take a break and give it a rest to let it heal up. Despite the pain. Graf won

Wimbledon, her second major

championship this year, the 20th of her career and her 100th tournament title. In June, she won the French

Sampras is still looking for his first major in a difficult year for him.

"This is a very unfortunate time to suffer an injury," Sampras said. "I was really looking forward to competing at the Olympics. After I lost at Wimbledon, I was determined to make up for it by winning a gold medal. I'm very disappointed."

It is not his first setback. this year. His coach, Tim Gullikson, died of cancer on May 3 and Sampras had his string of titles at Wimbledon ended at three by Richard Krajicek earlier this month.

A substitute was not selected, but the American men's team remains strong with Andre Agassi, MaliVai Washington - who lost to Krajicek in the Wimbledon fihal and Richey Reneberg.

Both Graf and Sampras are expected to be healthy for the US. Open, which begins Aug.

Graf was a heavy favourite for the gold in a strong field that also includes Monica Seles and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. Graf previously won the Olympic gold in 1988 at Seoul, and she took the tennis exhibition tournament at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Four years ago. Graf won silver, losing the final at Barcelona to Jennifer Capriati.

Graf's withdrawał robs Germany of an excellent shot at a gold medal, although the other German player. Anke Huber, is ranked sixth on the WTA Tour. Graf and Huber were scheduled to play dou-Graf had been wearing a

brace in practice and a small white bandage on her knee in matches. But last weekend,

she helped Germany heat Austria 4-1 in the Fed Cup and reportedly hurt her knee

The tennis event lost a second highly ranked female

player when No 21 Julie Halard of France dropped out with a wrist injury Halard partially tore a tendon in her right wrist in the Fed Cup doubles competition against Spain on Sunday after helping France even the match

Halard said. The loss of the sport's biggest names is an undoubted blow to the Olympic tourna-

2-2 with a surprise singles vic-

"It a blow to my morale,"

tory over Sanchez-Vicario.

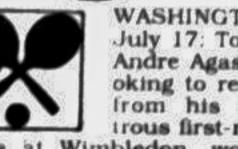


ment which has strived to be taken as seriously as the Grand Slam events.

Tennis came into the Olympics as a professional sport only in 1988 but has not attracted the prestige it would have liked

Neither of the men's gold medalists - Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia and Swiss Marc Rosset - had ever won a Grand Slam event and nor has 1992 women's champion. American Jennifer Capriati.

Agassi finds his feet



from his disastrous first-round loss at Wimbledon, won his opening match at the Legg Mason Classic tennis tournament in convincing fashion on

champion and a three-time winner of this event, pounded his way to a 71-minute, 7-6, 6-3 second-round victory over Dutchman Jacco Eltingh.

10th-seeded Spaniard Carlos Costa 6-4, 7-6 and Venezuela's Nicolas Pereira bounced 11th seeded Czech Daniel Vacek 6-3, 6-3. But Agassi, who had played just five matches in the last three and a half months, losing three; appeared to be back on

"My concentration was a little stronger than it has been," admitted Agassi, who went out in the French Open second round.

"I didn't want to got to the Olympics off so few matches



An unidentified snap-happy sports-loving nun zeroing in her camera on a sculpture depicting the Olympic Flame in downtown Atlanta on July 16. - AFP/UNB photo

and I've always looked to Washington to be the start of my summer season. It was here last year that Agassi began a 26-match win-

ning streak that took him all

the way to the US Open final, picking up four titles along the He opened strong again by breaking Eltingh in the first game. But the Dutchman dropped just two points on his serve in the rest of the first

set, broke Agassi in the eighth game and came within two points of taking the set. Agassi then broke out the heavy artillery. He forced the tie-break and stormed through it, winning 7-1 with the help of an ace, two blistering return

passing shots. "Except for a couple of mental lapses. I began to fell the same way I did when I got rolling last year," said Agassi, who next plays 15th -seeded

Australian Patrick Rafter. Rafter, a semifinalist here last year, moved into the third round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Portugal's Joao Cunha-Silva.

Agassi said he was felling a bit of added Olympic pressure with the news that world number one Pete Sampras had pulled out of the US team with

an injury. "Pete gave us a great shot at a gold medal," he said. "I think it is critical for the team

members to all medal. 'We can still do it but it will be tough."

Shuttlers'

The badminton training camp for the under-14 shuttlers, organised by Bangladesh Badminton Federation, ended at the National Indoor Stad-

A total of 41 trainees including 14 girls took part in the camp.

Obaidul Quader, State

Obaidul Quader (C), State Minister for Youth and Sports, seen along with the participants of under-14 badminton training camp which ended at the Indoor Stadium, Mirpur, on Tuesday. - Star photo

Two seeds suffered firstround losses in the first event

July 17: Top seed Andre Agassi, loof the US summer hardcourt oking to rebound season. American qualifier Wade McGurire picked off

Tuesday, reports Reuter. Agassi, the defending

"I thought I played well against a good player," said Agassi, who received a firstround bye. "That was as tough a match as you can get in the

first round. Eltingh served in-

track for the moment.

winners and a couple of blazing

course

Sports Reporter

ium, Mirpur on Tuesday,

Minister for Youth and Sports, attended the closing session of the camp as chief guest and distributed certificate among the participants.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE BARGAIN PET SHOP SOLD NICE LITTLE BIRDS THAT GO CHEEP.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals P 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.