

Olympic Update

Because you play to win...



Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-47

Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. July 26, 1996)

1. Number of players in a basketball team is	Eight	Nine	Six
2. The number of jumping events in decathlon are	Two	Three	Five
3. The sport badminton was first originated in	England	India	Iran
4. The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are	Three	Seven	Four
5. The present Brazilian football coach is	Zagalú	Perns	Santana

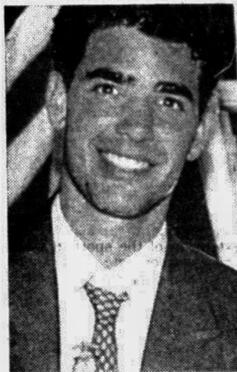
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SPORTS TALK



Pete Sampras

(World number one tennis player) "This is a very unfortunate time to suffer an injury. 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 am very disappointed."

After he pulled out of the Olympic tennis competition due to a strained right achilles tendon.

Warwickshire beat Pakistan

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 19: Warwickshire beat Pakistan by seven wickets on the third and final day of their match at Edgbaston today, reports Reuters.

Scores: Pakistan 297 and 158 (Ijaz Ahmed 52), Warwickshire 310 and 148-3 (N Knight 90 not out).

Meanwhile Pakistan opener Saad Anwar was given the all-clear today after hospital tests for a stomach upset.

Anwar, who hit a run-a-ball 131 against Warwickshire on the opening day of their three-day match on Wednesday, was taken to hospital on Thursday for blood tests after the stomach illness overnight.

Tour manager Yawar Saad confirmed: "The tests showed nothing. Saad has been given the all-clear and it's a big relief for all of us."

The problem had rekindled Pakistan worries about Anwar, who spent almost a year on the sidelines with a typhoid-type complaint and missed the 1995-96 tour to Australia and New Zealand, returning just before the World Cup.

He failed to appear for fielding duty as Pakistan bowled out Warwickshire for 310 on Thursday but came off his sick bed to make 20 not out as the touring side's second innings slumped to 147 for eight at the close-a slender 134 runs ahead.

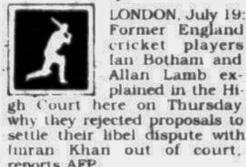
Pakistan's management were prepared to send him straight to London today if necessary to see a specialist, ruling him out of continuing his innings in the morning.

However, Yawar said: "He will bat today and travel with us to Canterbury tonight for our match with Kent over the weekend."

Face pair Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, who were injury doubts for next week's first Test against England at Lord's, also reported improvements.

Yawar said: "Waqar is feeling fine and will play today. There is no problem with him bowling. Wasim is also much better and will play this weekend."

Ian, Lamb like to linger



IMRAN KHAN

LONDON, July 19: Former England cricket players Ian Botham and Allan Lamb explained in the High Court here on Thursday why they rejected proposals to settle their libel dispute with Imran Khan out of court, reports AFP.

Giving evidence along with Lamb in their action against the former Pakistani skipper, Botham said he went to court because he "felt insulted by an-

other professional. If he hadn't spoken to the newspaper, it wouldn't have appeared. It was under his name. George Carman QC, who cross examined Botham, asked the former England all-rounder if he should not have accepted an offer by Imran to publish an open letter on the affair "in the interests of the great name of cricket and in the interests of avoiding some kind of blood battle in these courts."

Botham said he did not agree with Carman's suggestion that the offer was "a fair and reasonable proposal."

After facing four days of cross examination, Botham was then asked by his counsel, Charles Gray, how he felt about being asked searching questions by Carman on personal issues such as the state of his marriage.

"I didn't understand the

necessity for it," said the former England star.

Lamb was then called to the witness box to say he first met Imran in 1979 when the Pakistani was playing for Sussex.

Gray asked: "Did you ever give him reason to believe you were racist or racially prejudiced?"

"I hope not," he replied.

Lamb said the ball tampering debate came to a head when he asked he umpires to examine a ball at a Lord's Test match.

Gray asked: "Do you regard tampering with the ball deliberately to obtain unfair advantage over the batsmen without the knowledge of the umpire something you would approve of or condone?"

"It is breaking the rules and cheating," said Lamb.

Asked how he was treated after raising the issue in the media, Lamb said he was warned by then selectors' chairman Ted Dexter that he had jeopardised his chances of playing for England, and he had never played for England since.

Lamb said he was told by Graham Gooch, then captain of England, that he was not being picked as England wanted to try out younger players.

"David Gower and myself were not selected, but Embury and Gatting were it came as a shock to me."

Lamb said of his attack on

boot tampering: "People thought I had done it for the money but I did it because it was getting out of control. The Test and County Cricket Board were too scared to do anything because they feared upsetting another country, but I felt it should have been brought out in the open and cleared up."

Gray asked how he left when the former Pakistani captain went public and admitted gouging the ball with a bottle top.

"I felt vindicated. No one had admitted I was telling the truth. The hearing continues today."

Botham said on Thursday he did not accept that tampering with the ball was a common occurrence in the game.

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Booters transfer from today

Sports Reporter

The three-day inter-club transfer of local footballers for the forthcoming Senior Division football league will begin this afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

According to Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), tokens will be issued from 3:30pm to 8pm and booters will be able to seek their transfer from 4 to 8pm for the first two days. On the final day, Monday, the procedures will continue upto 9pm.

The attraction of the booters transfer has already melted down due to the binding of seven players per team imposed by DMFA. According to a new by-law instituted this year, each club has submitted a list of seven players from their last year's squad and the listed players will not be able to take part in the transfer this season.

Meanwhile, the Senior Division Football League Committee of DMFA yesterday approved the fixtures for the forthcoming Premier and First Division football leagues scheduled to begin in the capital from August 7.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on promoters Bangladesh Boys Club in the inaugural match at the Dhaka Stadium at 4:30 pm.

Biman cricketers off to Malaysia

Sports Reporter

A 16-member Bangladesh Biman cricket team left the capital yesterday for Malaysia to participate in the fifth Benson and Hedges cricket carnival beginning in Kuala Lumpur today.

The team which includes 14 cricketers and two officials will be headed by national all-rounder Ziaur Rashid Rupom, who along with his three teammates, were visiting North America as members of the Bangladesh cricket team, returned from the United States on Thursday.

A good number of club teams from different countries including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and host Malaysia are taking part in the meet organised by Malaysia Cricket Association.

The members of the team are: Ziaur Rashid Rupom (captain), Shaheen, Sumon, Rafique, Mona, Tamal, Manna, Babul, Jahangir, Rashed, Partho, Halim Shah, Anisur Rahman, Ali Ahsan Babu (manager) and Alok Chakravarti (coach).

The government has formed an eight-member committee, headed by Qazi Bahauddin Ahmed, treasurer of the National Sports Council, to prepare the election schedule of the national sports federations, according to an official notification issued here Thursday, reports BSS.

The committee will make necessary amendments, changes and additions to the existing constitution of the Olympic association, national sports federations, and local sports bodies.

The committee has been asked to submit its report to the government within six weeks. Steps for holding elections will be taken soon after.

The other members of the committee are: SA Sultan, president of Dhaka Metropolitan Club Samity, Harunur Rashid, director of Abahani Club Limited, M Qamruzzaman, Sports editor of Dainik Bangla, secretary of the National Sports Council, director (sports) of the National Sports Council, representative of the respective sports federations: AM Shamul Islam, principal of Dhaka physical education college, will work as member-secretary of the committee.

Windies pick 2 rookies

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, July 19: Fast bowler Nixon McLean and left-handed opening batsman Adrian Griffith are the two newcomers in the West Indies cricket team to tour Australia for a five-Test tour from November to February, West Indies Cricket Board secretary Andrew Sealy announced Thursday, reports AFP.

McLean, who turns 23 in ten days, is a tall, lively pacer from St Vincent and the Grenadines. The Windward Islands player is among six fast bowlers selected for the trip, which also includes a triangular one-day international series with the hosts and Pakistan.

Patterson Thompson, the burly 24-year-old who advertised his speed on his Test debut against New Zealand in April, is chosen for his first tour. But his Barbados colleague Otis Gibson misses out.

Gibson, a promising fast bowling all-rounder who toured Australia last winter for the World Series one-day competition, has been plagued

by injury recently. A groin strain suffered during the World Cup ruled Gibson out of the New Zealand series and he recently had a hernia operation, meaning that his action as professional for English county Glamorgan was severely limited.

Returning to the team after a year in the wilderness is Antiguan Kenny Benjamin. Benjamin had not been selected since his successful tour of England during the summer of 1995. His non-selection caused much debate recently and it was obvious his disciplinary record did not help his cause. Now, he is given another chance.

Griffith, a 24-year-old Barbadian, won his place after a heavy-scoring 1996 Red Stripe Cup season. Slim and stylish, Griffith came into the reckoning with three centuries in his five matches.

He will be the opening batsman under-study to Sherwin Campbell and Robert Samuels, who both hit their maiden Test centuries against New Zealand in April. Griffith's first opportunity

means there is no room for 33-year-old Phil Simmons. Simmons won back his Test spot in the home series against New Zealand earlier in the year after success in the one-day internationals, but made little impression. An average of 23.80 in 24 Tests hardly helped his claims.

Courtney Browne, the incumbent Test wicket-keeper, has with him Junior Murray, the man he succeeded, as second string.

The batting department is led by double world record holder Brian Lara and welcomes back Carl Hooper, who missed the World Cup and the New Zealand series because of illness.

SQUAD

Courtney Walsh (captain), Jimmy Adams, Curly Ambrose, Kenny Benjamin, Ian Bishop, Courtney Browne, Sherwin Campbell, Shivarine Chandernaul, Adrian Griffith, Roland Holder, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Nixon McLean, Junior Murray, Robert Samuels, Patterson Thompson.

Nasser's place in doubt

LONDON, July 19: The England cricket selectors convene in London this weekend to choose the 13-man squad to face Pakistan at Lord's next Thursday with question marks still hanging over Nasser Hussain's position at number three, reports AFP.

Essex batsman Hussain, in fine form, is a certainty if following his century in the final Test against India, but he will have to first prove he has shaken off the hand injury sustained at Trent Bridge.

Hussain has not played since, although he is hoping to return against Nottinghamshire in the current match against Pakistan at Chelmsford in two days time.

If not, he is scheduled to undergo two tough work-outs prior to the start of next week's first Test.

But if Hussain, brought back into the England fold after successfully leading England 'A' to Pakistan last winter, fails to prove his fitness, it could allow another recently injured player a second chance.

Warwickshire opener Nick Knight, who cracked his finger in the opening Test against India and was forced to withdraw from the second Test as a result, was watched carefully by England coach David Lloyd in the current match against Pakistan at Edgbaston and will almost certainly be discussed this weekend.

Surrey's Mark Butcher, son of former England Test player

Alan, will surely come into consideration after an outstanding season, while Glamorgan off-spinner Robert Croft is another player who could earn a first cap.

Lloyd is known to favour an

stronger bowling attack.

All-rounder Mark Ealham, who more than ably fulfilled the all-rounder duties at number six at Trent Bridge, is almost certain to keep his place while Alec Stewart has done little wrong since replacing Knight following his second Test withdrawal.

Dominic Cork, despite fears over his declining swing ability, and Chris Lewis will be certain and Yorkshire's Darren Gough is likely to force a recall because of his extra pace and aggression.

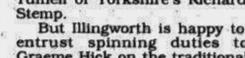
Atherton's agony

LONDON, July 19: England captain Mike Atherton suffered the worst preparation possible for next week's opening Test against Pakistan when he fell to Dominic Cork for a duck on the opening day of Lancashire's County Championship match against Derbyshire at Old Trafford on Thursday, reports Reuters.

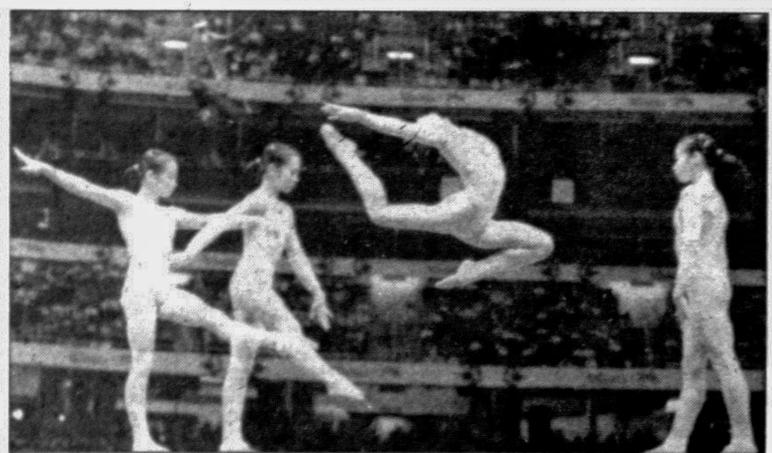
However, two England men of recent past, John Crawley and Jason Gallah, both knocked on the door for a recall to national colours by transforming the situation for Lancashire who closed on 334 for two.

Crawley lashed a 52-ball half-century which included 48 runs in boundaries and when he was not for 54. Gallah moved sweetly to a career-best 178 not out, sharing an unbroken 234-run partnership with Steve Titchard (92 not out).

NASSER HUSSAIN



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Chinese Olympic women gymnasts practising in Atlanta on July 18, prior to the opening of the Centennial Olympic Games. — UNB/AFP photo

Interpreters in tangle

ATLANTA, July 19 (AP): Visitors to the Olympics may be wise to bring along a dictionary or two.

It's not only that the world's languages — Arabic to Urdu — are about to meet the unique locations of dozens of sports. (What does "roofing" mean in volleyball? How about "hiking out" in sailing? And how do you say those in Romanian?)

On top of that, this is all happening in the capital of a region with so many dialects that even natives of different sections of the American South sometimes can barely talk with each other.

"Southern talk, it's difficult," acknowledged Claudia Diederich, a German language aide from Stuttgart, working in the Main Press Centre.

On the Hartsfield airport shuttle, "Baggage Claim" is announced in Arabic and Chinese. Aboard the MARTA rail system, cutting through town, riders hear piped-in an-

nouncements in a succession of tongues before the driver calls the next stop in a soft Georgia drawl.

The interpreting army set up for the Olympics numbers 1,500 people from around the world.

One-tenth of them are at the Olympic Village, which houses athletes speaking 70 primary languages — and many more. So far, there have been no communication breakdowns, said Tracey Wilson, operations manager of language services for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

But won't interpreters the competition venues get tongue-tied when, say, slipping judo's unique phrases from one language to another?

Nyet. "We train them in that specific terminology," Wilson said.

Ok, but then there are phrases native to the American South that athletes, officials and news folks may encounter around town.

These are words "that don't exist in Yankee (Northern) dictionaries," said Lisa Howorth, a University of Mississippi scholar and author of "Yellow Dogs, Hushpuppies and Bluetick Hounds: The Official

Encyclopedia of Southern Culture Quiz Book."

Asked for examples, she offered "proud" meaning happy ("We want to the barbecue and I was so proud to be there") and "carry" meaning transport ("I've got to carry Mama over to Tulo").

As soon as the Atlanta Games were announced, John Shelton Reed, a University of North Carolina professor and a native Tennessean, imagined visitors coping with what he calls "the King's English — how Elvis talked."

In an essay, he proposed that Southern be added to the Olympics official languages. Thus, he reasoned, before the jvelin competition an announcer's voice would twang: "The spear-chucking contest is fixin to commence directly."

Reed, author with his wife of "1,001 Things Everyone Should Know About the South," saw a linguistic minefield for translators.

Examples: Moon Pie, youder, tote, and mess, which he defined as "a sufficiency, less than a slew."

The translators' reply, roughly translated: Fiddle-dee-dee.

'Breaking the Surface'

ATLANTA, July 19 (AFP): Greg Louganis, the Olympic diving legend who shocked the world when he announced last year that he has AIDS, is happy to be back at the Games, as a spectator.

"I competed for 12 years in world class competition, that's long enough," Louganis said on Thursday, the day before the opening ceremonies for Centennial Olympics.

"I'm awfully glad I'm not competing," he said, adding that pressures on US divers would be tremendous with the Games on home soil.

"I remember in Los Angeles it was really tough. The flip side of that is the tremendous support. I remember listening to the crowd erupt, and I'm sure these athletes are going to experience that."

After winning Olympic silver in 1976, Louganis missed the 1980 Moscow Games because of the US-led boycott.

He won both springboard and platform at Los Angeles in

1984, and again in Seoul in 1988. He also completed doubles at the 1982 and 1986 world Championships.

Louganis' springboard victory in Seoul was a heroic effort. He hit his head on the board and cut his scalp in his penultimate qualifying dive, then went on to win the competition.

In his 1995 autobiography, Breaking the Surface, Louganis revealed not only that he is gay, but also that he knew in Seoul that he had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The book, which also included Frank discussion of Louganis' personal life, is being made into a television movie.

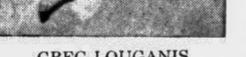
"It's exciting, it's also kind of weird," Louganis said of seeing his life put on film. "It's a lot like the process of the book it's kind of cathartic."

Despite his one-time acting ambitions, the 36-year-old Los Angeles resident said he has no desire to star in the movie.

"I'm not going to be playing myself," he said. "I don't want to live it again. It was hard enough the first time."

He will appear in the film, however, in the diving sequences.

"I've been back on the boards to get in shape because I'm going to do the body double."



GREG LOUGANIS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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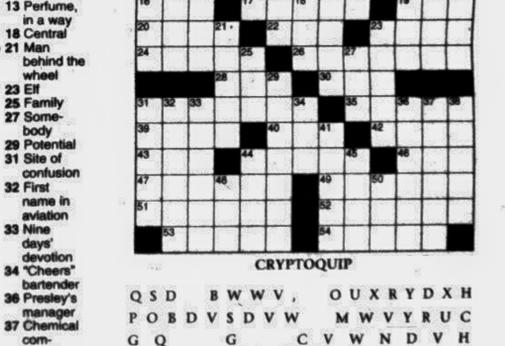
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- 17 Aden's land
- 19 "— my word"
- 20 Elmer's toe
- 22 Pack quorum?"
- 23 Paper name
- 24 Command to Fido
- 26 Go off course
- 28 Country singer— Reeves
- 30 New Jersey fort
- 31 Crazy
- 35 Scoff's instrument
- 39 Frozen
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- 53 Willie of "Eight is Enough"
- 54 They last for months
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- 70 Family
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- 73 Site of confusion
- 74 First name in aviation
- 75 Nine days' devotion
- 76 "Cheers" bartender
- 77 Presley's manager
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: MANY TRUE HAIR-BRAINED TYPES TRIED TO PURCHASE COMBS AT PARTS STORES.

Today's Cryptogram clue: Y equals K

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.