

# 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	Five	Six
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2. The number of jumping events in decathlon are:
 

Two	Three	One
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3. The sport badminton was first originated in:
 

England	India	Iraq
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4. The number of Bangladesh athletes participating in the Atlanta Olympic Games are:
 

Three	Seven	Four
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5. The present Brazilian football coach is:
 

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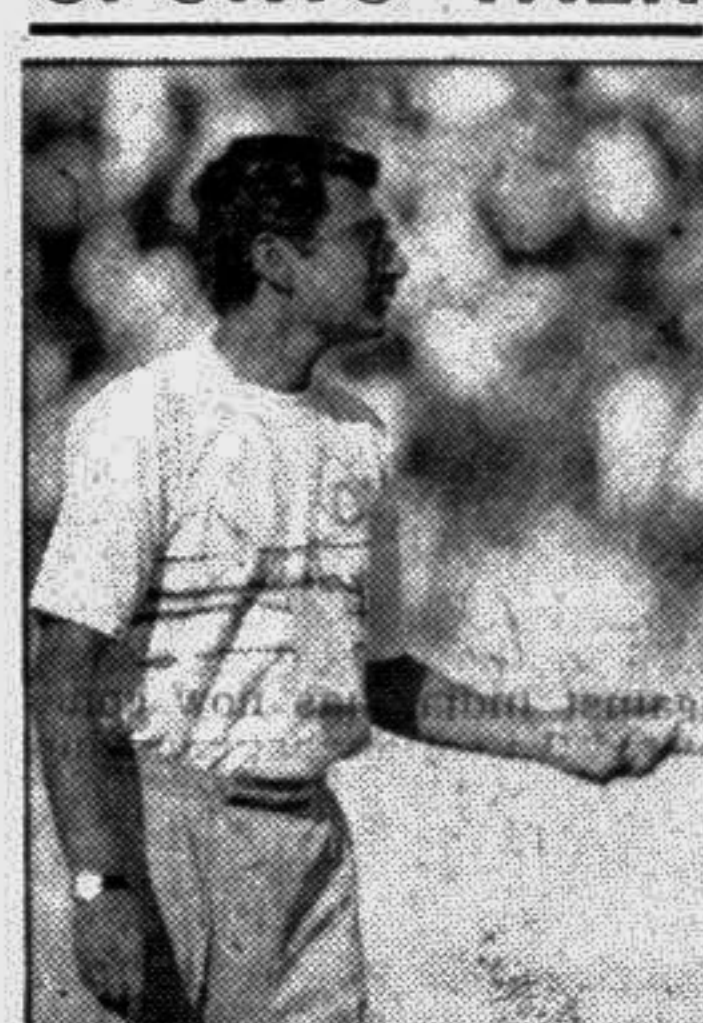
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### SPORTS TALK



Cedric D'Souza

(Indian hockey coach)  
 "There is no guarantee in life. But one thing is that we will play our best. About his team's prospect at the Olympic Games."

### Prize-giving ceremony

Sports Reporter

The prize distribution ceremony of the National Bank Limited Premier, First and Second Division volleyball leagues, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, will be held at the conference room of National Sports Council today at 5 pm.

Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth and Sports, will attend the programme as chief guest while Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, president BVF, will preside over the function.

### Nat'l schools TT begins today

Sports Reporter

The Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will begin at the wooden floor gymnasium near Rajuk Bhaban this afternoon.

A total of 94 students including 22 girls from 20 schools are taking part in the five-day meet scheduled to end on July 25.

### Old gun keeps all guessing

Sports Reporter

ATLANTA, July 20: Olympic supreme Juan Antonio Samaranch is determined to keep everyone guessing about whether he still plans to be in charge for the 2000 Sydney Games, reports AFP.

The Spaniard, who was 76 on Wednesday, will decide at the end of the year or early in 1997 whether to stand for re-election as president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in next year's elections.

"It will depend mainly on my health," said Samaranch on Friday.

The renowned master of sports politics added: "I can decide to run but I cannot reject myself. That depends on my colleagues on the IOC."

But many associates of Samaranch, a skilful but controversial leader of the Olympic Movement since 1980, are confident he will stand again and that if he does, his re-election will be a formality.



FAIR LADIES ON A FAIRY-TALE SHOW: Performers display their calisthenic at the grandiose opening gala of the Centennial Olympiad that kicked off in Atlanta on July 19. — AFP/UNB photo

## Russians aiming higher

ATLANTA, July 20: Hope springs eternal. How else to explain Russian boasts they have a lock on 30 gold medals, a whopping 43 per cent hike from 1992, while simultaneously producing a laundry list of what has gone wrong since the Soviet sports machine stalled, reports AP.

"Seventeen would be a disaster," said Valery Smirnov, referring to the number of golds Russian athletes Smirnov, referring to the number of golds Russian athletes won as part of the Unified Team at the Barcelona Olympics.

"Thirty gold medals— from then on it depends on luck," the head of the Russian Olympic Committee predicted Friday.

He readily granted that the US team will top the medal standings, but Russia will be up there in second place, even though the Soviet Union, and Unified Team, splintered into 15 national entities.

"Take [Vitaly] Scherbo, with his six golds," Smirnov said of the Belarusian, illustrating the drain of medal contenders.

And the list goes on.

The destruction of the big red machine that once dominated the Olympics can even be taken literally.

Two facilities in the Cauca-

sus were wiped out by ethnic fighting. They were new for the top athletes," Ludmilla Maslakova, a former Soviet Olympic coach, said wistfully.

More complaints.

The Soviets perfected a cradle-to-Olympic gold system that culled the young from their families and molded



them into champions over the next two decades in dozens of specialized schools. Funds now have to be accounted for as Russia slouches through a depression.

"In the past, nobody was counting money. We put millions in sports schools," Smirnov said. Now, "the system is not working anymore

like the previous one."

And more gripes.

With the Soviet breakup, nothing was going to stop the coaches from leaving. And they have — in droves. "We lost many coaches to the West to money," Maslakova said.

The new sports on the Olympic roster are too American and Smirnov predicted the four golds in beach volleyball, mountain bike and softball will all go to the United States.

"Softball, not a single person out of 1,000 would be able to say in Russia what softball is," Smirnov said.

But he is confident that Russia will shine in athletics, swimming, gymnastics, wrestling, weightlifting, boxing, fencing, judo and sailing to meet his ambitious target.

Maybe he should not listed too much on coach Maslakova.

From seven athletics golds in Barcelona, she'll be happy with three or four gold medals this time.

Yet she would not want to exchange the current, problematic times for the glories of her own years from 1968 to 1980 when she won two silvers and a bronze in the 400 meters relay.

"I was happy in the past because I was young," she said. "Now, I am satisfied, I feel good."

## Olympics: What's on today

ATLANTA, July 20 (Reuters): Timetable for the second day of Olympics competition on Sunday (all times BST):

### Swimming

8:05 pm: Women's 200 metres freestyle preliminaries.  
 Men's 400 metres individual medley preliminaries.  
 Women's 100 metres breaststroke preliminaries.  
 Men's 4x200 metres freestyle relay preliminaries.  
 5:30 am (Monday): Women's 200 metres freestyle final.  
 Men's 400 metres individual medley final.  
 Women's 100 metres breaststroke final.  
 Men's 4x200 metres freestyle relay final.

### Water polo (Preliminaries)

Group A  
 9 pm: Yugoslavia v Russia  
 10:40 pm: Germany v Hungary  
 1:40 am (Monday): Netherlands v Spain

### Group B

1:00 am (Monday): Romania v Croatia  
 4:20 am (Monday): Italy v Ukraine  
 8:00 am: United States v Greece

### Basketball

Women's preliminaries  
 Group A  
 8:00 pm: Brazil v Canada  
 3:00 am (Monday): Japan v Russia

8:00 am: Italy v China  
 Group B  
 10:00 pm: Zaire v Ukraine  
 1:00 am (Monday): United States v Cuba  
 6:00 am (Monday): South Korea v Australia

### Boxing

11:30 pm: Various weights, first round  
 6:00 am (Monday): Various weights, first round

### Cycling

9:00 pm: Women's road race final  
 Equestrian — three-day event  
 7:00 pm: Team dressage, first session

### Soccer

Women's preliminaries  
 Group F  
 12:30 am (Monday): Germany v Japan (Birmingham, Alabama)  
 1:00 am (Monday): Norway v Brazil (Washington DC)

### Group E

2:00 am (Monday): United States v Denmark (Orlando, Florida)  
 2:00 am (Monday): Sweden v China (Miami, Florida)

### Men's preliminaries

Group C  
 9:00 am (Monday): Italy v Mexico (Birmingham, Alabama)  
 3:30 am (Monday): Ghana v South Korea (Washington DC)

### Group D

4:30 am (Monday): Hungary v Nigeria (Orlando, Florida)

4:30 am (Monday): Brazil v Japan (Miami, Florida)

### Gymnastics — artistic

7:30 pm: Women's team compulsory, round one.  
 9:25 pm: Women's team compulsory, round two.  
 1:00 am (Monday): Women's team compulsory, round three.

### Hockey

Men's preliminaries  
 Group B  
 7:00 pm: Netherlands v Malaysia  
 3:30 am (Monday): Britain v South Korea  
 6:00 am (Monday): South Africa v Australia

### Women's preliminaries

3:30 am (Monday): Spain v Germany  
 6:00 am (Monday): Netherlands v Britain

### Shooting

7:00 pm: Men's trap qualifying  
 7:00 pm: Women's 10-metre air pistol qualifying  
 10:00 pm: Women's 10-metre air pistol final

### Softball

Women's preliminaries  
 7:00 pm: United States v Puerto Rico  
 Canada v Taiwan  
 4:30 am (Monday): Australia v China, Japan v Netherlands



READY TO ROLL FOR AZURES: The five star Muktiyoddha booters — Mamun Joardar, Barun, Rumi, Mizan and Rakib — are seen along with two others at the DMFA office on the first day of the inter-club players' transfer yesterday. The five have signed for Abahani. — Star photo

### ATLANTA SNIPPETS

#### NO MAN IN DISGUISE

ATLANTA, July 20 (AP, Reuters): Two thousand women athletes have undergone gender verification tests before the Atlanta Games, the IOC's top medical official said Friday.

"We have a few more tests still to go," said Prince Alexandre de Merode, the IOC's medical commission chairman.

"Everything is going smoothly. It's a well-known method which gives very clear results."

All women competitors must undergo the screening to ensure they qualify under the under-21 age limit. To ensure they qualify under the international Olympic Committee definition of "female."

Athletes who already have a valid femininity certificate issued by the IOC commission are exempted from the tests.

The screening is done through an analysis of the athlete's saliva. If there is a doubt, a physical exam is requested.

#### ODDS AGAINST ROBBER

Police deployed to guard President Clinton's motorcade in this Atlanta suburb on Friday got a bonus for their efforts — the capture of a would-be bank robber.

Dozens of county police officers were blocking the streets for Clinton's motorcade when a man, apparently unaware of the extra security presence held up the Wachovia Bank by claiming he had a bomb.

Minutes after bank employees called an emergency number for help, the police along the president's route rushed to the bank and nabbed the man as he fled out the back, said police spokesman Robert Quigley.

The robbery occurred at roughly the same time Clinton's presidential airplane landed at nearby Dobbins Air Force Base.

#### RUSSIA TRULY SINCERE

There is a new subject on the timetable in Russian schools — the Olympic Games.

As well as learning how to read, write and do their sums, Russian pupils will now get lessons teaching them who Carl Lewis is, why doping is banned and why the Games exist in the first place.

The Russian ministry of education and the Russian Olympic committee have worked on defining the curriculum which pupils will start studying when they are 14 years old.

"It is very important that our school children know about the Olympics and what they represent," Russian Olympic committee president Vitaly Smirnov told reporters on Friday.

The course really in an ABC of the Olympics and millions of books have been printed. All we need now is a sponsor to help us meet the cost of the project."

#### Lewis adds relay to list

ATLANTA, July 20: Carl Lewis' dream of winning a record 10 Olympic gold medals is still alive after he confirmed here on Friday he could feature in the US relay squad, reports AFP.

Lewis, who has eight golds to his name, one less than Finnish long-distance legend Paavo Nurmi, has only qualified for the long jump here and initially turned down a place as a sprint relay substitute.

But he said: "There's still chance I'll run the relay. It's still open."

"If there is an injury or a problem, they can come to me. I'll definitely be there if they call."

Lewis, appearing in his fourth Games since claiming four golds in Los Angeles in 1994, had rejected the role of substitute in June behind first-choice quartet Dennis Mitchell, Michael Marsh, Jon Drummond and Leroy Burrell after failing to qualify for the 100 and 200m at the US trials.

The 35-year-old could equal another record by winning the long jump title again. A fourth gold in a row would see him match American Al Oerter who took gold in the discus in 1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968.

Lewis, who had earlier suggested younger sprinters might appreciate a reserve role more than him, added: "It's not who runs that matters. The most important thing is that the US has to win that relay."

Lewis has a real chance of gold in the long jump after Cuban world champion Ivan Pedroso's injury problems this season. Mike Powell, however, the 1991 and 1993 world champion who finished behind Lewis in Barcelona, will be a real threat.

## NBC upsets Americans



Games were fluid.

Soccer has emerged as a growth sport in the US since the Americans hosted the 1994 World Cup but the NBC decision illustrates that it still



ALEXI LALAS

faces a battle for acceptance.

Defender Alexi Lalas, a veteran of the 1994 World Cup, said the Olympics represented a great opportunity for the Americans to accelerate the sport's development.

"It's another opportunity to show the rest of the world that we are a growing soccer nation and we know what we are doing," Lalas told a telephone

news conference.

"There will be 81,000 people in the stadium tomorrow and we can already feel some of the incredible energy that was generated in 1994," said the goatee-bearded defender.

The difference is that the stadium will be almost 100 per cent filled with US supporters this time," he added.

Lalas joined Italian Serie A club Padova after the World Cup but returned home earlier this year to play in Major League Soccer (MLS), the new 10-team professional league.

MLS has got off to a successful start, with crowds averaging almost 20,000 per match.

"I believed for many years that if we put together a quality product then people would come to see it," Lalas said.

"But we're very realistic. We've got to do a lot of work in the rest of this season and the off-season to ensure that it's even better next year," he added.

The Americans play Tunisia and Portugal in their other Group A matches. The Olympic soccer tournament is being staged at venues scattered across the US. But the semifinals and final will be played in the Georgian town of Athens.

## Inter-club booters' transfer begins

## 'Big shots' flock Abahani

Sports Reporter

The inter-club booters transfer, thought lost its gloss and mirth to a greater extent following an unprecedented enforcement of binding on 170 players, got off to a tumultuous start at the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Federation (DMFA) office yesterday.

Although the 20 Senior Division outfits have already picked up their best seven ten days ahead of what was dubbed as a limited transfer affair, things were not as sedate on the inaugural day as expected by the bulls.

When few were expected to be around at the big bowl, a huge number of ardent football lovers in the capital flocked the DMFA office at the Dhaka Stadium, where defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, now craving for a hat-trick title, made the most of the first day's bourse much to the enlightenment of their pet followers.

The fures, one of the two most crowd-pulling outfits in the domestic circuit, apparently completed their share of transfer business by roping in five key players from Muktiyoddha, putting an end to widespread speculations looming during the last couple of days.

The five national booters, surprisingly omitted from Muktiyoddha's arbitrary choice of seven, have joined Abahani this year. They are: striker Mizan, winger Rakib Hossain, midfielder Rumi Rizvi Karim and hard-working defender Barun Bhikash Dewan.

Among them, Mamun Joarder had earlier donned the sky-blue jersey way back in 1993 before joining the 'bandwagon' of an unprecedented players' revolt next year.

Besides, the Dhamondhi outfit, who came to the DMFA office at around 5 pm, along with their successful manager of last year Dewan Shahul Arefin Tutul, had also signed up striker Milon from their arch-rivals Mohammedans.

On the other hand, Mohammedan Sporting Club, leaving last year's frustration of sheer bad luck behind, came at the DMFA office at around 6.30 pm along with seven booters including three from Abahani Krira Chakra.

The three Abahani booters are — Biplob, Iqbal and Monsur Ali. Besides, Mohammedans, who finished behind their arch-rivals despite having a strong line-up last season, have also roped in Mamunul Karim, Jaglu (Rahmatganj), Rajani (Agrani Bank), and Manju, a promising striker who scored 12 goals for Dipali Juba Sangha in the Second Division league last season.

### U-19 football squad named

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday named 20 booters for the national under-19 football team which will take part in the qualifying round of the 30 Asian Youth Football championships scheduled to begin in Male the Maldives from July 27.

A total of three teams including hosts and powerful Iraq will take part in the meet. The winner will earn a berth in the final round.

Bangladesh will face Iraq in the opening match on July 27 while their next match will be against the hosts on July 31. The team is expected to return on August 4.

The following are the names of the members and officials of team which will leave for Male on July 23.

Team: Toni, Himu, Anwarul (goalkeepers); Fysal, Nasrul, Mamun, Pradeep, Shahjada, Jahangir, Rajani (defenders); Don, Tipu, Rana, Milan (midfielders); Azim, Iqbal, Nayan, Santoo, Asker Babu and Raju (forwards).

Officials: Dr. Shamimuzzaman Basunia (team leader), Nazrul Islam (manager), Otto Pfister (technical advisor), Abdus Sadeque (coach) and Hasanuzzaman Babu (assistant coach).

Meanwhile, one hundred and fourteen players have collected their tokens on the inaugural day of the three-day transfer. Of them 88 have changed their allegiance.

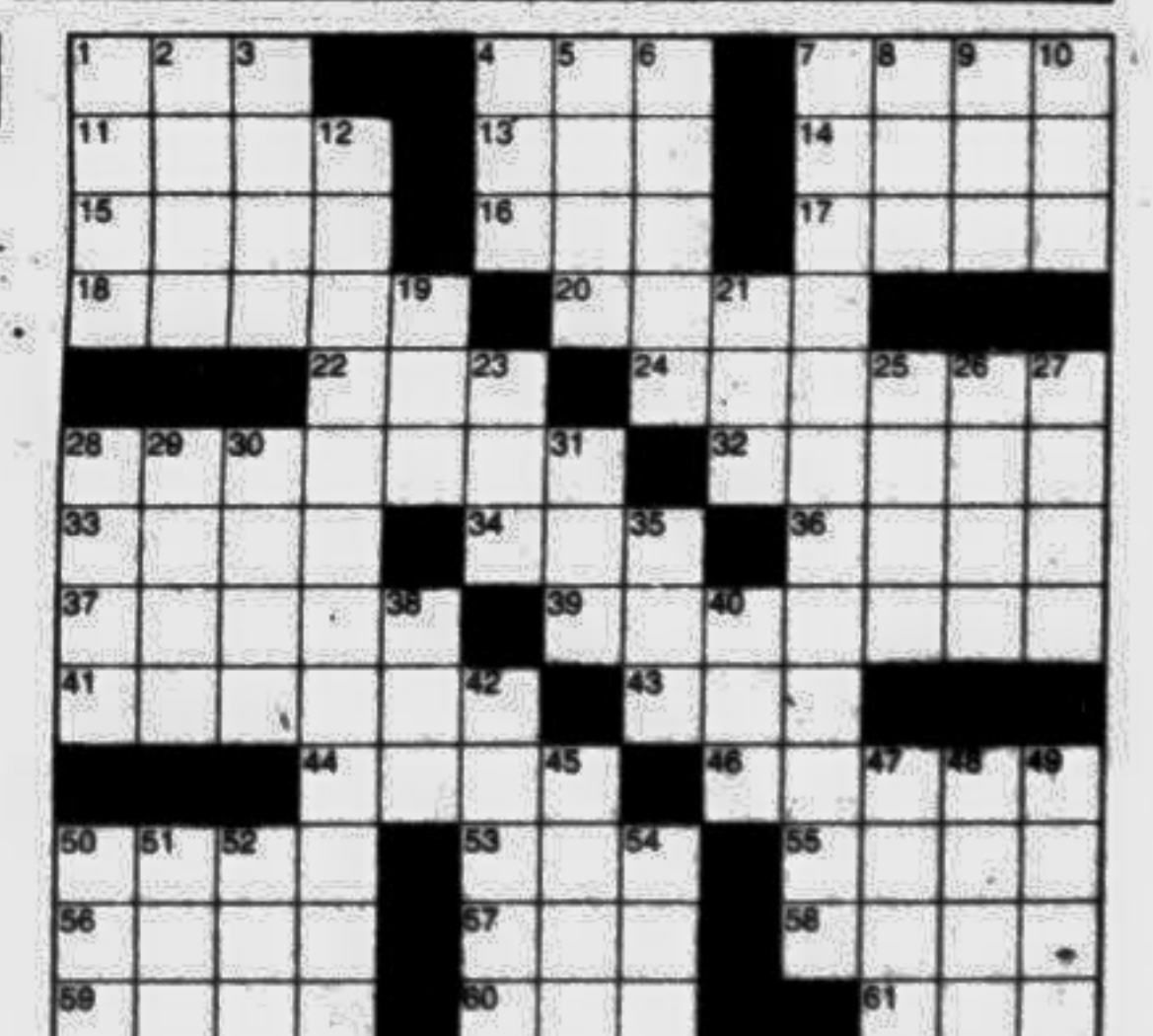
### Army football

JESSORE, July 20: Three

robin league matches were decided on the second day of the Army football championship at the Jessore Cantonment here today, reports BSS.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOKUIP

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BMHOYWVE DJEF JQ

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QWOFJHR JMFVFE

Saturday's Cryptokuip: THE POOR, UNLIKELY SUPERHERO WORKING AT A GROCERY STORE WAS CLERK KENT.

Today's Cryptokuip clue: Q equals F

The Cryptokuip 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.