SPORTS TALK



Josia Thugwane

(South African distance runner)

"I am dedicating this medal to him, because he made it possible, he made us free." After winning the Olympic

marathon gold.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-49 √ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

August 9, 1996)

1.	Double Olympic gold medalist Marie- Jose Perec is		
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2.	The electronic timing devices were first introduced in		
	Tekyo	Stockholm	Barcelona
3.	Which country leads the opening ceremony march-past in every Olympic Games?		
	Hosts	Albania	Greece
4	The number of golds US swimmer Mark Spitz won in the 1972 Olympics were:		
	Eight	Pive	Seven
5.	Cricket was a gold medal sport in 1900 Olympics. Who won the gold?		

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Shearer mania hits Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug 6: Soccer fans camped outside Newcastle United's ground for three nights, eager to snap up tickets to see world record signing Alan Shearer play his first match for his new club next weekend, reports' Reuter.

By Monday morning, when extra tickets for next Sunday's Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wemblev went on sale, 600 fans were waiting at the ticket

"We have been staggered by the response, which is all to do with the arrival of Alan Newcastle Shearer," spokesman Graham Courtney

England striker Shearer, the top scorer in June's European Championship, became the most expensive player in the world when he signed for 15 million pounds (23:4 million dollars) from Blackburn Rovers a week ago.

Shearer trained with his new teammates during their Far East tour last week and thousands of fans are expected at St James's Park to welcome him back to Newcastle today.

Fans have made a giant banner depicting the Newcastle number nine shirt, which Shearer to the city of his birth and the club's souvenir shop has been struggling to cope with demand.

Staff at the shop, swamped with requests for number nine shirts bearing Shearer's name. had to rush in an extra order for supplies of transfers after running out of the letters H and E.

Wright QPR's new owner

LONDON, Aug 6: Music and Media entrepreneur Chris Wright bought English soccer club Queens Park Rangers for about 10 million pounds (5.4 million dollars) on Monday and set his sights on an immediate return to the premier league,

Wright, a Rangers fan for 20 years, has pledged to make money available to player-man-

Muktis, Fakirerpool, Bank brief press

Column Une Ambitious yet stagnant

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra. considered one of the major forces in local football and who emerged third in

last year's Premier Division football league, will be happy if they can retain that slot in the forthcoming Premier league. scheduled to begin at the Dhaka Stadium August 12.

This was expressed by the Muktijoddha coach Amalesh Sen while briefing local sports reporters about their preparation for the upcoming league at the office of Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association yester-

Amalesh, one of the great midfielders of the seventies. said his side will not be as competent this year as they were in the last two seasons. He said, "We are not saying we are good enough for the championship fight. You know five of our star booters have left us This has definitely reduced our strength to 60 per cent. So we don't hope to become champions. But I can tell you, we will be in the race. Our primary aim is to retain the third posi-

Talking about the team's preparation, Atnalesh said they have begun their practice at the Army Stadium from July

When asked why have they let five of their booters go, Amalesh said. "We did not let them go; they went. Before the transfer, they were missing. So we had to omit them from the seven-player binding list Thank God for this new system this year. Otherwise we would lose the whole team this year because we didn't have much fund to keep them in the

Sports Reporter Asked by a reporter whether these five were left unattended because of some pressure from a big club or not, Amalesh could not provide

a satisfactory answer. About refereeing. Amalesh said, "Last year we were victims of poor refereeing. This year we want a change in this trend. Our demand is not against any foreign or local referee but for something very

Regarding the video recording of matches. Amalesh said this would help in stopping fixed matches.

Asked to rate the strength of Abahani and Mohammedan this year. Amalesh tipped Abahani as favourites. Abahani is the most balanced side. They have everything. Mohammedans are also very powerful as they have the best midfield combination in the country," he added

Answering to a question whether a player should be allowed to play for two clubs in a season. Amalesh expressed his annoyance. "This system prevails nowhere in this world. We don't support it. Replying to another querry

Amalesh could not confirm

who would lead the team this season but hinted that Masood Rana was their choice. Amalesh Muktijoddha manager Hatem Ali was also present at the

briefing.

Earlier, the officials of Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Agrani Bank Sports Club also briefed the press regarding their preparations.

Youngmen's Club, who were fourth in the Premier league last year, also hope to keep the fourth position this year.

Their coach Nazrul Islam Ledu said. "We got very little time for our preparation. We are, however, happy to have been able to keep intact our squad from last year.

Regarding his team performance, Ledu said his team will follow the same attacking style they followed last year. He also informed that they would not bring any foreign player to boost their league

Ledu stressed on employing local referees for the league matches. He said that local referees were also capable of conducting good matches. What they need was faithful support from our organisers. something which is lacking.

Ledu was also supported by manager Abdul Hannan and team captain Montu while replying to different questions from the reporters.

The Agrani Bank officials at the press briefing, Mohammad Rafique (manager). Abdul Hamid (coach) and Jahangir, the skipper, also expressed their resolve to perform well in the forthcoming league. The Bankers, who were sixth in the league last year, will be happy to retain that position if not something better.

They also welcomed the decision of recording all the league matches. This will effect a positive change in the attitude of the teams who play fixed matches," said Agrani Bank skipper Jahangir

On the second day of the four-day briefing arranged by BSJA, Brothers Union Club, Arambagh Krira Sangha and East End Club officials will brief the reporters this afternoon at the same venue

Britain, the bridesmaid Blame is being spread

goal for the 2000 Olympics?

Ecuador, Finland, Armenia and more than a dozen other countries that won as many gold medals as Britain did at the Atlanta Olympic Games that ended Sunday, reports AP.

the medals, this was Britain's worst Olympics in decades. The lone gold medal matched a low reached 44 years ago in Helsinki. And the 15 overall was the lowest since Montreal 20 years ago.

As Britain bombed, many of its European neighbours --Poland with seven each.

The caustic British tabloid press had a field day Monday.

Monday headline in the Daily Mirror, a reference to the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, which won three "Who do we blame for a na-

tional failure?" asked the Independent, as Britain's socalled serious papers also winced at a humiliating two

Robert Morgan and Tony Ali. The two said they were forced

LONDON, Aug 6:

Britain's former

Olympic and wor-

ld 100 metres

champion Linford

Christie said on

Tuesday that Great Britain will

never produce another 100m

Olympic champion, reports

the 100 metres final for two

false starts, told English news-

paper the Daily Mirror that the

Christie, disqualified from

to go to downtown Atlanta and sell off their official issue Olympic clothes to support themselves and have a night

Sellout" said the Daily Mail in a

"We are desperate for money," Morgan said in Atlanta. "We haven't got any sponsorship so what are we supposed to do? We are selling this stuff in order to have a night out because we simply don't have any cash." .

to sell — among other things his "Great Britain" lettered sweatshirt for 100 pounds (155 dollars). Both divers were reported to be unemployed.

made a bitter point.

Britain's lone gold came from rowers Steve Redgrave time in the last six Games.

hurdle champion Sally Gunnell and middle distance hopeful Kelly Holmes.

lack of funding for British

sport was the reason why

Britain was left struggling at

the bottom of the medals table.

this country can ever hope to

discover and develop a re-

placement for me. It's a

chance. When I go there will

be an enormous gaping hole

Christie, 36, used the dilap-

tragedy," Christie said.

that won't be filled.

"You have to worry whether

I don't think we have any

Malcolm Arnold, head

coach of the British track and field team, blamed journalists for ruining British team morale referring directly to a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television programme on the eve of the Games alleging that 75 per cent of Olympic athletes had used drugs.

Barcelona in 1992. Not even close.

"We're going to have to convince the paymasters of British sport that the rest of the world takes sports significantly more told the Independent.

nate some of the spending - is still on the drawing board. Linford lampoons govt

idated stadium in West London

which is named after him as an

example of the dismal facilities

which Britain's finest sports-

men and women are forced to

Olympic champions in such

surroundings? he told the

the club are forced to change

into our running gear before

we arrive. The whole scene is

so disheartening. It makes you

wonder how high track and

cause I was raised in that area close to Wormwood prison and

the famous old White City

chance — there will never be

longer seems to play such a big

part in school life. There are

too many distractions and, in

any case, I don't think the

teachers are keen to play their

tential competitors along the

way as a result. Any govern-

Roddan agreed. "There is a

flood of youthful talent in this

ernment neglect nearly all of it

which could inspire a whole

mmersmith and Fulham

Council slash the number of

staff at his stadium from six to

sources into facilities for the

serious competitors there will

gold medal at the Olympics

which finished in Atlanta on

Sunday — a rowing gold medal

for Steven Redgrave and

"Unless we pour proper re-

Great Britain won just one

generation of new athletes.

"Linford has set an example

"So what do we get? Ha-

country; yet because of gov-

is going to disappear.

be no improvement."

Natthew Pinsent.

just two.

ment efforts now are too late."

"We have lost too many po-

Christie's coach Ron

another Linford Christie."

"I feel particularly sad be-

"I don't think we have any

And he added, "Sport no

field really rates in Britain.

"How can we breed future

"Me and other members of

make do with.

Daily Mirror.

Stadium.

Open rating chess on Sports Reporter

Open international rating chess tournament, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federa tion, will begin at the NSC chess room this afternoon.

A total of 80 uprated players will take part in the 11round Swiss league competi-tion along with 12 rated play-

Pakistan to probe hockey team's failure

ISLAMABAD, Aug 6: Pakistani sports authorities said on Tuesday they would hold a through inquiry into the national hockey team's failure at the Atlanta Olympics, where the world champions finished sixth, reports Reuter. When they return home a

through inquiry will be conducted as to what went wrong," the official APP news agency quoted Minister of State for Sports Mirza Nasir Beg as saying in an interview

"People have the right to know what happened to the tall claims they made before proceeding to the Olympics," Beg said, referring to earlier statements by hockey officials that the team would win a medal. *

Beg said a report on the inquiry, when completed, would be made public.

Ireland awaits her princess

DUBLIN. Aug 6: Ireland's triple gold medalist Michelle Smith will arrive to a heroine's welcome when she returns from Atlanta today, reports

President Mary Robinson will greet Smith and the rest of the Irish team at Dublin Airport before an open-topped bus cavalcade drives into the city centre for a mass rally.

Two songs specially written in her honour by Irish composers - the 'Princes of the tide and 'Michelle is magic' will greet her triumphant home coming.

Later, the 26-year-old will be guest of honour at a street party near her family home in the South Dublin suburb of Rathcoole

Ireland's total medals haul of three gold and one bronze were all collected in the swimming pool by Smith and her success was soured only by insinuations that her amazing performances were fuelled by drugs.

Rich dividends from Atlanta

ATLANTA, Aug 6: The Atlanta Olympics will make a profit and create far more economic development than predicted, organising committee co-chairman Andrew Young said on Monday, reports Reuter.

the biggest wealth generator ever in the region. Merchandise sales and ad-

He said the Games would be

ditional revenue from high US television ratings should help the local organising committee (ACOG) avoid a deficit, Young "I feel certain that we will

end up these games slightly in the black," he said. "We get 15 per cent of every T-shirt, of every button, of every cap, of every Izzy. They tell me they sold 250 million dollars worth of Izzys." Young said he didn't like

the much-maligned Olympic mascot Izzy until he saw its popularity with children. "It was a very important part of continuing the Olympic tradi-tion amongst our children and grandchildren," he said. Young said the Olympics

were "perhaps the largest economic generator in the world today," Atlanta organizers had already estimated a 5.1 billion dollars impact from the Centenary Games.

"More wealth has been generated in this region than by any other event in our time", the former Atlanta mayor told reporters. "We will probably do an-

other 5 billion dollars before the turn of the century because of the influence of these Games." He said women accounted for much of the construction, business and volunteer staff. "These are the Games

where women came into their own," he said, "the contribution of women has been critical to the success of these Games." Responding to fierce crti-

cism of logistical problems at the Games, Young said initial difficulties with transportation and aecreditation are aggravated by a record number of athletes and journalists.

Argentine cops nab another

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Aug 6: Argentine police arrested a florist on Monday in connection with the death of a 45-year-old Brazilian who had cheered goals scored by Nigeria against Argentina in the Olympic soccer final, reports Reuter.

Witnesses told police that Elias Farias had enraged locals watching the match on television on Saturday in a suburban bar. After Nigeria won 3-2, a group of men chased him outside and beat him to death next to a candy stall.

The florist, who police sources described as a man in his early twenties, was the third suspect arrested in the case after two other men were detained over the weekend.



HOME BOUND: Olympians at Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta on August 5 cue for their homeward journey. -AFP/UNB photo

Lloyd's mixed moment



England on Tuesday extended David Lloyd's coaching contract to include their 1996-97 tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand, report agencies.

Lloyd, who took the job in May when Ray Illingworth gave up his role as team manager said the Test and County Cricket Board had asked him to oversee the November-March tour.

But Peter Lever will not be joining him after reportedly tendering his resignation as bowling coach. Lever refused to comment

on allegations of a rift but Lloyd insisted there was no conflict thought to be centred around the patriotic music and positive slogans the coach introduced to the dressing room this season.

Lloyd is planning talks with Ray Illingworth, chairman of selectors, on Tuesday after reports of a rift with Lever. Lloyd, a former Lancashire

teammate of Lever's is believed to have annoyed Lever with his innovative methods designed to motivate and inspire the England squad. Lloyd, renowned for his

positive thinking and upbeat humour, introduced catchy slogans and patriotic music into the England dressing room which appeared to pay dividends with a 1-0 series victory over India.

However, it suffered a blow when Pakistan inflicted an emphatic 164 runs defeat on England in the first Test.

Lever remains unconvinced the alleged rift but said: "As far by the psychological warfare and reports claim he was on the brink of handing in his

Leicester keep the lead LONDON, Aug 6: Leicester

shire, seeking to become English county cricket champions for only the second time in their history edged three points clear at the top of the table on Monday, reports Reu-They took a narrow lead

over second-placed Yorkshire despite having to settle for a home draw against Northamptonshire, for whom Kevin Curran took his aggregate against Leicestershire in the last five days to 269. All-rounder Curran scored

an unbeaten 62 as Northants made 212 for five in pursuit of a victory target of 296 in 59 overs on the fourth and final day. He hit a career-best 150 in the first innings and 57 not out in the Sunday League. Leicestershire off-spinner

Adrian Pierson finished with

four for 49, but the home side

simply ran out of time to force

ond-innings declaration until

a win after delaying their sec-

20 minutes after lunch.

before the start of this week's second Test at Headingley. He refused to comment on

resignation just three days

as I am concerned, I am still the England bowling coach and will be for the next Test Lloyd, brought in as coach at the start of this summer

after Illingworth lost his role as supremo, was surprised by the claims and stressed: " know nothing about it. I can't comment. But Lloyd revealed, "I will

be talking to Ray Illingworth about it after today's practice." It is not the first time Lever, hand-picked by Illingworth to improve the tech-

nique of England's players in

May last year, has been involved in controversy Lever and Illingworth worked with paceman Devon Malcolm during last winter's disastrous tour to South Africa and attempted to change his action to try and make him

more effective. The plan failed when Malcolm refused to cooperate and subsequent criticism of the Derbyshire paceman by Illingworth in his book led to a 2,000-pound [3,000-dollar] fine by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), against which he has lodged an appeal. It also led to Illingworth

declaring that he would be retiring from his post at the end of the summer.

Caddick being candidly

the party to tour Zimbabwe

and his native New Zealand



LONDON, Aug 6: Somerset pace bowler Andy Caddick, who feared he might be forced by injury to quit cricket a

England on Sunday, reports Reuter. Caddick was among three changes to their squad of 13 for the second Test in the three-match series against Pakistan starting at Headingley

on Thursday. Lancashire batsman John Crawley and Essex all-rounder Ronnie Irani were also brought back, while Graeme Hick and left-arm paceman Simon Brown were discarded and allrounder Mark Ealham ruled himself out because of a rib in-

Caddick, who has not played for England since ending Brian Lara's world Test record innings of 375 in Antigua two years ago, has been battling with shins problems ever since returning from that West Indies tour.

He was ruled out for most of

Caddick's return offers him the prospect of selection for

starting at the end of November. "It would be really special

Fatal fervour II!

LAGOS, Aug 6: Five people died while celebrating the victory of the Nigerian football team over Argentina in the final of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, press reports said here Tuesday, reports

One of the dead, a former pilot, fainted in his living room in Warri, a major town in Nigeria's southern Delta State, immediately after Nigeria won Saturday's final 3-2, the Nigerian Tribune said.

Before his death, the pilot, whose name was not given, was among the soccer analysts on the state television who had previewed the Nigeria-Brazil semi-final match last Wednes-In Spele, another major

town in the same state, four people were knocked down by vehicles while celebrating the victory of the Nigerian team, the newspaper said. Two of the four, motorcycle taxi riders, were performing

when they were knocked down by another motorist also celebrating the famous victory. The other two victims were run over when they ran across for me to go back to New Zealand with England," he said. "Now I have the chance to cement a place on that tour.

phoned my mum in Christchurch to tell her the news. My father is in hospital having knee surgery so it will be a real tonic for him.

While Caddick celebrates his recall and a possible return to his homeland, Hick is running out of time to book a place for the tour to his native Zimbabwe. Hick has been dropped

after a meagre tally of 195 runs in his last 13 Test innings, including 43 in his six Test innings this season. Chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth said: "Hicky is

struggling at the moment but

this is a three-match series,

we are one down and it is

game we have to win, so we

can't afford to carry anybody who is not doing well." Crawley, ignored for the 1-0 series victory over India in the first half of the summer after being plagued by hamstring trouble at the start of the season, is Hick's replacement but seems set to bat down the order to accommodate Naser

Hussain's return at number three after injury. Irani, who made his Test debut against India, was overlooked for the first Test at Lord's but comes back after

since May. "I'm a little bit surprised," he admitted.

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scoring only one half-century

final whistle, said the Tribune.

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CRYPTOQUIP

DHIWPA-OHWL ZTOAX ZX FZGOP OEA DGHSP IPIGVVK PELTTVAFZGHS. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "I MAKE A LOT OF MONEY," REMARKED THE CANDID COUNTER-FEITER TRUTHFULLY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals F

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.

last season, spent the English winter having corrective surgery and is now reaping the rewards of his return to fitness by claiming 46 first-class stunts with their motorcycles wickets so far this summer. "Last July I thought I would have to retire from first-class cricket so this is the icing on the cake," he said after being named in the Test squad. the road to celebrate after the

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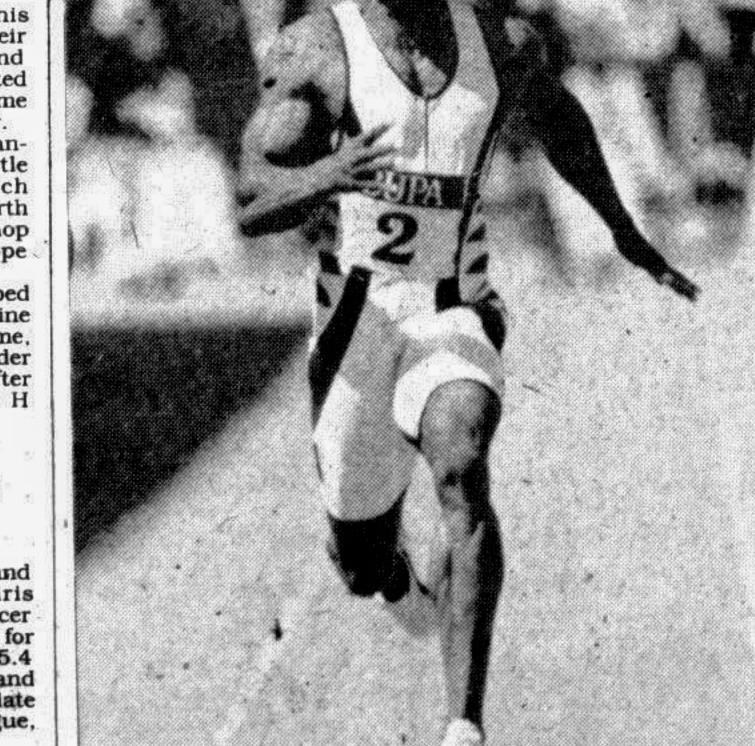
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LINFORD CHRISTIE

reports Reuter.

ager Ray Wilkins.

Beat Burundi Add to that list Syria, Olympics: The Final front page headline.

A grand total of one. No matter how you count

large and small prospered. Germany won 20 gold, France had 15 and Italy 13. And that's not to mention Ukraine with nine gold, and Hungary and

"A bunch of shepherds are better than Britain," read a

weeks in Atlanta. A lack of funding is being blamed, illustrated by stories carried across the country Monday about British divers

and Matthew Pinsent in coxless pairs. In track and field the highest profile sport in the Olympics — Britain finished without a gold for the third Defending Olympic 100-

Morgan said he was trying

British Olympic officials suggested the two were merely swapping or bartering their items a custom — among Olympic athletes. But the story

metre champion Linford Christie was eliminated from that event with two false starts, and the men's 4x100 relay team dropped the baton. Then there were untimely injuries to defending 400-metre

Crag Reedie, chairman of the British Olympic Association, suggested the problem was under funding. The BOA predicted that Britain would win 26 medals this time improving on 20 from

seriously than we do," Reedie

shortage of money, haphazard spending has also been blamed. A proposed British Academy for Sport - which might have helped to coordi-

rate striker. British Sport Minister Iain Sproat and the BOA will discuss the flop this week at an urgent meeting, which promises to center on funding. In addition to a reported

Added Arnold, "Our annual budget for coaching and development is equivalent to what a second-division football manager might spend on a third-