

Column One

Sports WHIZZ KID

Announcement

TWO BITS OF A GOOD NEWS! Hey kids! From next week, WHIZZ KID-51 to be precise, there will be a new format. Two weeks to send in entries. Two thousand taka worth of prize bonds to win every fortnight.

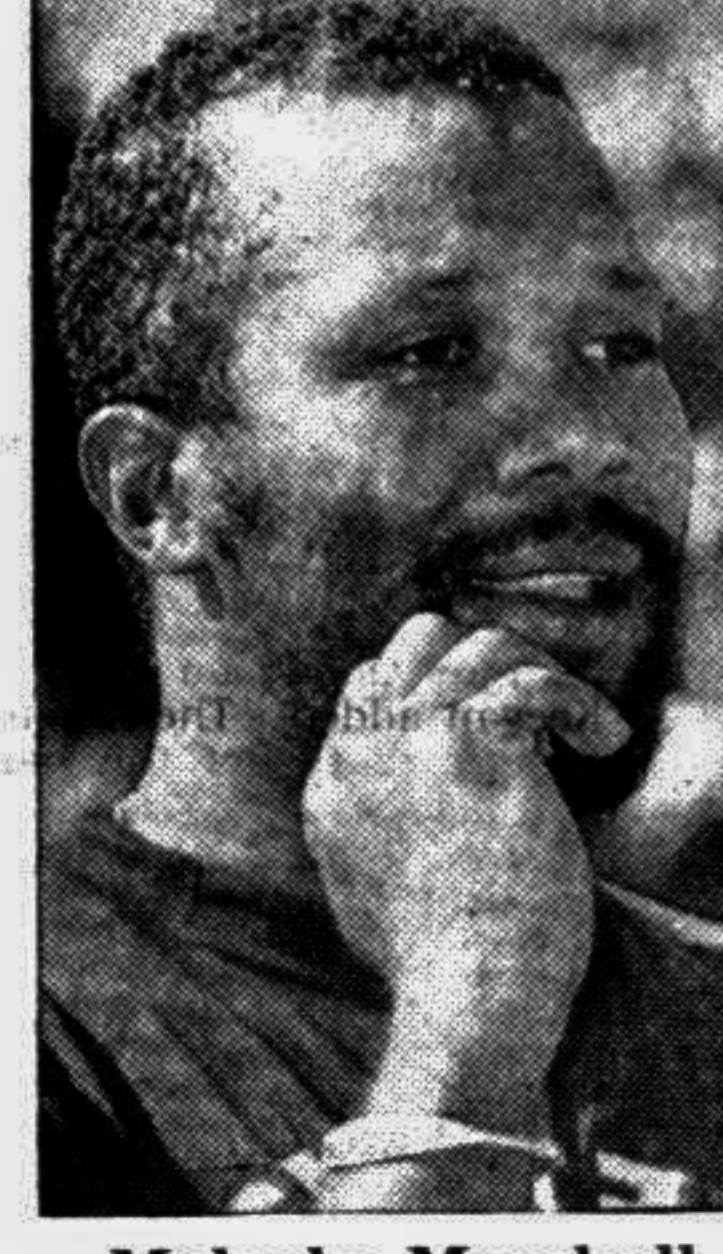
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-50

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 16, 1996)

Table with 5 questions about sports events and athletes. Questions include: 'The fastest man in the Atlanta Olympic Games is...', 'Number of golds China won in the Atlanta Olympic Games are...', 'Who is the skipper of Nigerian Olympic soccer team...', 'Who won the first ever Olympic gold for Burundi?', 'Pakistan won their first Olympic hockey gold in...'

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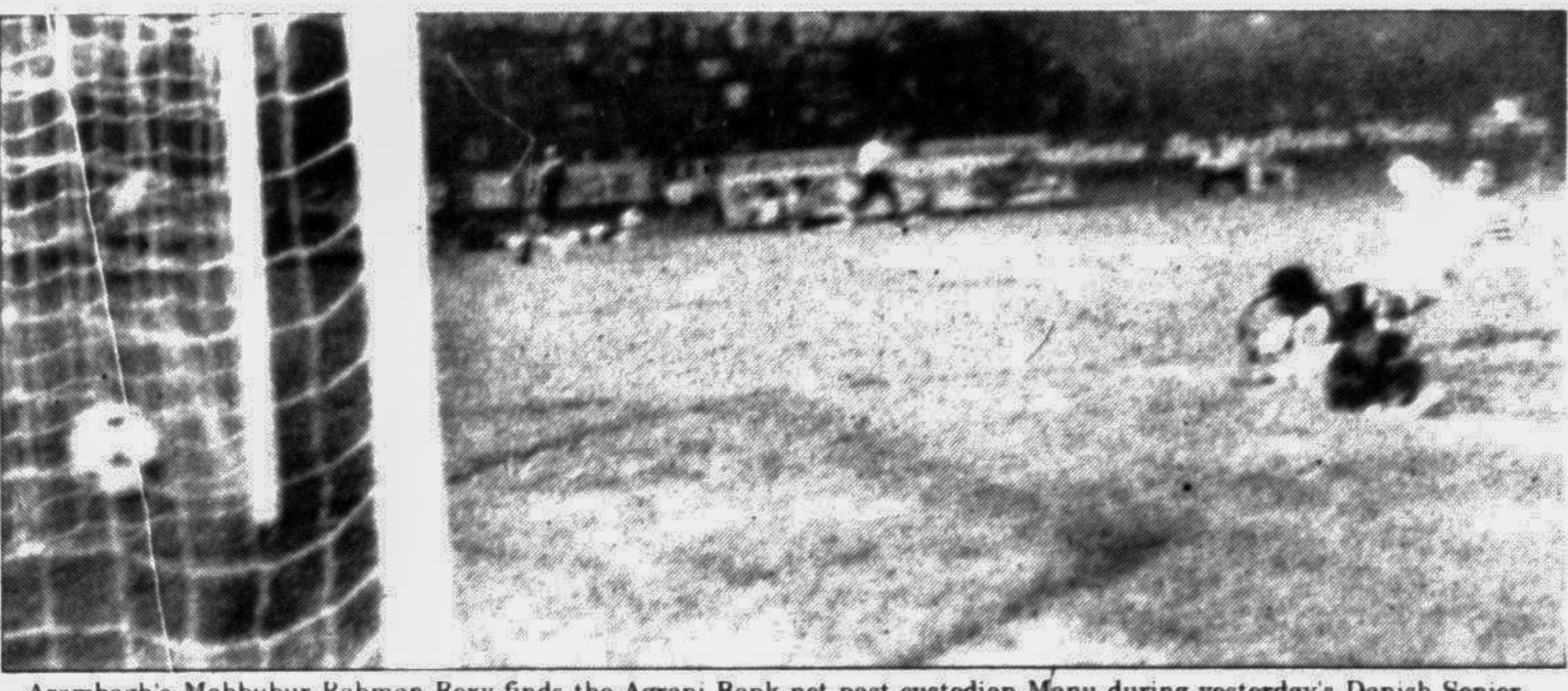
Malcolm Marshall (Former West Indian celebrated fast bowler) 'Keep smiling and live day by day.' (While telling about the motto of his life.)

Dortmund exit

BONN, Aug 12: Bundesliga champions Borussia Dortmund made a nightmare start to the new season on Sunday, crashing out of the German Cup in the first round with a 4-3 defeat by regional league side Wattenscheid, reports Reuter. Dortmund's exit followed another first round shock when cup holders Kaiserslautern were eliminated by another regional league side, Greuther Fuerth, on Saturday. Wattenscheid, a small club from western Germany, raced into a 3-1 lead before Dortmund hit back with goals from Heiko Herrlich and Stefan Reuter to level at 3-3 and force the match into extra time. But the underdogs struck back, scoring through Frank Blaeker in the 115th minute to book their place in the next round. The moral-sapping defeat for Dortmund came less than a week before they begin the defence of their Bundesliga title, with their opening match away to Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday.

Chinese soccer roundup

BEIJING, Aug 12: China's Dalian Wanda, playing at home, outplayed Tianjin Samsung 3-2 to take a five point lead in the Chinese soccer league, the Xinhua news agency said today, reports Reuter. Tianjin opened the scoring in the 12th minute but had lost three goals to Dalian by the end of the first half, the news agency said. Tianjin scored another goal, narrowing the gap to 3-2 in the sixth minute of the second half, but failed to get an equaliser. Dalian ranked top in the 12-team league with 26 points. Shanghai Shenhua, Dalian's closest rival, drew 2-2 against Sichuan Quanzhong to rank second in the league with 21 points. Guangzhou Apollo, playing at home, beat Jinan Taishan 3-1 and ranked third. Jinan Taishan opened the score in the 52nd minute after a goalless first half but Guangzhou then played aggressively. Hu Zhijun scored a hat-trick with goals in the 59th, 71st and 89th minutes.



Arambagh's Mahbubur Rahman Roxy finds the Agrani Bank net past custodian Manu during yesterday's Danish Senior Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium. Agrani Bank won the match 2-1. — Star photo

Rusty start for Abahani

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra got off to a disappointing, though a significant win, in the Danish Premier Division football league when they squeezed past babes Bangladesh Boys by a lone goal in this year's league opener at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. National striker Mizan, switched to Abahani this season, headed home the all-important goal in the 23rd minute of an eye-soring engagement, much to the dissatisfaction of an audience of 20,000 at the big bowl. It was by any standard a very dreary and insipid encounter between the two unevenly balanced outfits. Abahani, who are on a hot trail for an elusive hattrick title, displayed a languid rally in their opening match of the prestigious league. The otherwise strong frontier, which missed the service of Mamun Joarder who is nursing a knee injury, lacked motivation. The defence, however, looked impressive. But it was the midfield that was painfully pathetic in the absence of an aplomb marshal like Russian Sergei. Abahani, who are yet to brought in any overseas players, however, tried their luck with skipper Monem Munna and Barun Bikash Dewan to operate in the middle. But both failed to inspire the team. Not only that, with Munna, Barun and occasionally Rumi, a pale shadow of his former bril-

Asian youth chess Rakib off to Macao

National junior chess champion Abdullah Al Rakib left the capital for Macao yesterday to participate in the 20th Asian youth championship. The championship will be held in Macao from 12 to 27 August. According to a press release of the Bangladesh Chess Federation, the federation is bearing the air fare while the other expenditures of his trip will be shared by the individual and his local club, Mohammedan Sporting. The winner of the championship will be awarded with a direct International Master title.

Reefat suffers setback

Indian IM Vargese Koshi took sole lead in the Open International Rating chess tournament when he defeated local favourite IM Reefat bin-Sattar in their sixth round clash at the NSC chess room yesterday. With the victory, Koshi went atop the standings with five and a half points to his account while Reefat, who suffered his first defeat yesterday, joined IM Ziaur Rahman, Ali Amzad Mintu, Arun Chandra Sarkar, Monir Hossain, Rani Hamid and German Thorson Docher in the second place with all having five points each. Besides, five players—Mizanur Rahman Labu, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Saidul Islam Masum, Krishnapada Biswas and Tipu Sultan—were in the third place with 4.5 points apiece at the end of yesterday's round.

Fed Cup East Bengal's

CALCUTTA, Aug 12: East Bengal regained the coveted Federation Cup after a long gap of eleven years as they scraped past a spirited Dempo Sports Club 2-1 in extra-time in an exciting floodlit final at the Salt Lake Stadium here last night, reports PTI. Striker Raman Vikaram produced the golden goals immediately after the switch over the extra-time after both the teams were locked 1-1 at the end of the regulation period enabling his team to win the title for the fourth time. East Bengal shot into the lead in the fifteenth minute of the first half with media Tushar Rakshit finding the target with a neat placement. But the euphoria was short-lived as the goals restored parity within a minute through striker Camilo Gonsalves. After being tied 1-1 at the end of the regulation time, the local giants played their heart out with a flurry of raids from both the flank before the wily Raman Vijayan sealed the fate of their opponents to send the nearly one lakh crowd into a frenzy. East Bengal, runners-up for the last two years, turned on the heat from the word go as both their strikers Vijayan and Prasanta Chakraborty kept piercing the defence cordon to keep the game on their hooks.

Barbosa wins

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Aug 12: Brian Barbosa won the USBA middleweight title Sunday night when champion Robert Allen — his eyes nearly swollen shut and his right hand broken — could not answer the bell for the 10th round, reports AP. Barbosa, draped in a Puerto Rican flag, climbed atop the ropes shouting, "I'm the champ I'm the champ," to the Providence Civic Centre crowd. Barbosa, who lives in Providence, is 21-3 with 14 knockouts. Allen of San Diego had won his last 17 fights and dropped to 17-2. Barbosa applied pressure from the opening bell in a bout of 160-pounds.



Abahani's striker Mizan is like bone in the kebab with Deen Mohammad (L) and Pappu defending the Boys' citadel at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Rain delays the inevitable

LONDON, Aug 12: Worcestershire avoided a defeat inside three days against South Africa A on Sunday thanks to a sixth wicket stand of 125 between Steve Rhodes and David Leatherdale at New Road, reports APF. The home side, set a massive 451 victory target, resumed at 96-3 after rain had prevented a start until 3.30pm. (1430 GMT) with the loss of 61 overs because of rain. They quickly slumped to 107-5 inside four overs with Gary Gilder Trapping Vikram Solanki (29) lbw and James Rainsford completing a pair on his debut — caught at first slip of Meyrick Pringle. But then Leatherdale and Rhodes joined forces and denied the probing South African attack, with Greg Smith and Pringle finding steep bounce from the Diglis End, for 35 overs. Leatherdale, in his first four-day outing since June, when he suffered a hand injury, went on to achieve a season's best score of 73. But Rhodes, lading the side in the absence of the rested Tom Moody, remained firm and finished unbeaten on 41. He hit only one boundary, but has so far survived 111 balls as Worcestershire closed on 239-6 from 69 overs. South Africa will still be hot favourites to record their third first-class win of the tour today and maintain their unbeaten record.

Three refs for Asian soccer

Three local football referees — Sheikh Badruddin, Monirul Islam and Subash Chandra Roy — will conduct the Group Two matches of the 16th Asian Club Championship to be held in New Delhi, reports UNB. JCT of India will take on Nepalese NRT Club twice on August 17 and 19 on a home and away basis. JSN Anandarajan of Sri Lanka has been appointed match commissioner. The officials will leave here for the Indian capital on Thursday.

Dull draw

MAMPALA, Aug 12: Ethiopia drew 1-1 with Uganda in the first leg of their African Nations Cup preliminary group match held on Sunday, reports AFP. It was Ethiopia who took a surprise lead in the 46th minute when Ugandan defender Edward Karungu put the ball in his own net after calculating a back pass to his goalkeeper. Ibrahim Buwembo equalised for Uganda in the 65th minute.

Late goal opens Bank account

Sports Reporter Agrani Bank made a resounding start in the Danish Premier football league when they edged past Arambagh Krira Sangha by the odd goal in three in the second match at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In a lively encounter marked by forays and counterforays, the Bankers, sixth behind Arambagh last season, emerged as the worthy winners in a clash of the two evenly-balanced mediocre outfits in the ten-team elite group. Striker Tutul, fresh from a wonderful season last year, resumed his striking powers with a gem of a goal in the very second minute of the proceedings to enable Agrani Bank an early lead. It was obviously a memorable moment for the dark centre-forward who scored from his first touch of the ball, a lighting side volley off his left foot that rocketed into the far corner of the opponents net, bemusing a stranded Arambagh custodian Manu. Tutul then set up his captain Jahangir for a possible second goal in the 14th minute. But Jahangir's pile-driver into an empty net from close rebounded off the cross-piece, much to the relief of a beleaguered Arambagh. The Motijheel outfit, after surviving the close call, gradually settled into a groove, but were denied an equaliser in the 16th minute when Roxy's scorching right-footer from the edge of the box cracked against the cross-piece. Roxy, the inspirational captain of Arambagh and undoubtedly the best performer of the night, finally got the equalizer in the 39th minute with a cool placing past a diving Bank custodian Manu. But, the long-hired former national midfielder who was almost unstoppable down the middle, once again helplessly watched his 54th minute grounder recochete off the

Rahmatganj beat BRTC

Sports Reporter Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society got off to a sound start when they handed promoted Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Sports Club a 0-2 defeat in their inaugural Danish First Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Forwards Sattar and Babu Zamah scored once each for the old-town outfit in the 11th and 15th minutes respectively. The day's second match between Dhanmondi Club and Badda Jagarani Sangsad ended in a 1-1 draw. Striker Towhid put Dhanmondi ahead as early as the 7th minute while Wahid levelled the scores in the 13 minutes before the final whistle.

Dilkusha DC Cup kabaddi champs

Sports Reporter Dilkusha Sporting Club emerged champions in the Dhaka Deputy Commissioner kabaddi tournament '96 after recording a convincing 72-39 win over Satrouza, Ekota Sangha in the final match yesterday. The winners, who earned four Ionas during the entire match, led the first half 34-15. In the absence of the president, Mahbubzaman, the vice-president of Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, gave away the prizes among the winners.



Abahani footballers being introduced to Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, prior to their league opener yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

Velasco's bonanza

MANILA, Aug 12: Filipino boxer Mansueto Velasco may have won a silver medal in Atlanta, but the welcome he received in Manila Monday was pure gold, reports AP. Riding on the back of a 10-wheel flatbed truck decorated like a boxing ring, his medal draped over his white Navy uniform, Velasco was driven from Manila to the suburban financial centre of Makati in a raucous motorcade. "He's my hero because he showed us how good Filipino boxers are," said office worker Ferdinand Gallo. Velasco, the only Filipino medal winner at the Atlanta Olympics, was greeted by thousands of well-wishers carrying small Philippine flags. Sales girls and patrons spilled out of department stores, and traffic stalled as drivers left their vehicles for a glimpse of the diminutive ring hero. An elderly vendor grabbed a fistful of candies from her cart and offered them to Velasco. In Makati, workers threw yellow confetti made from shredded telephone directory yellow pages out of office windows. The boxer stopped to shake hands and sign autographs, and he threw plastic bottles of sports drinks to the crowd. Velasco lost the light-flyweight final 19-6 to Daniel Bojilov Petrov of Bulgaria, a world champion and Barcelona silver medalist. But many Filipinos, who stayed up late to watch the bout, vehemently protested the results. Many Filipinos believe Velasco won, while others say he may have lost but by a closer score. The fight has been re-broadcast and analysed numerous times. For winning the country's lone medal in the Games, Velasco received a presidential citation from President Fidel Ramos plus a check for 500,000 pesos (19,200 dollars) and a promise of a monthly stipend of 7,000 pesos (269 dollars) the first lifetime pension given to a Filipino athlete.

Velasco, a sailor in the Philippine Navy, also received a three-rank promotion to technical sergeant and is expected to be given a new house and two cars by private businesses. The silver medal was the country's second since Anthony Villanueva, another boxer, won one in 1964 in Tokyo. The last medal won by the country was a bronze won by Velasco's brother Roel in Barcelona. The Velascos hail from the impoverished farming town of Bago in the central Philippine island of Negros. Many boxers are produced by the town because it is seen as the best way to escape poverty.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Clues include: 1 Arthur or Lillie, 4 Low cart, 8 Office holder?, 12 Crew need, 13 Green acres, 14 Gardener's trophy, 15 Treaty clauses, 17 Competent, 18 Pedestal occupant, 19 Make like a peacock, 20 Draw a conclusion, 22 Bacterium, 24 Stationer's quantity, 25 Crafts-persons, 29 Singer Davis, 30 Fight, 31 Wade opponent, 32 Trick, 34 Sioux tribe, 35 Partner, 36 Exhaust, 37 Frustrate, e.g., 40 Incite, 41 Cliche, 42 Well type holder?, 46 Tidbit for Columbo, 47 Two-way, 48 Conceal, 49 Do-it-yourselfers' buys, 50 Blackbird place, 51 Needle, 52 Hammer, 53 Fluffy, 54 accessory, 55 Listening device, 56 Archaeologist's find, 57 Ornamentation, 58 Small stream, 6 Exist, 7 Indubitably, 8 Bracelet, 9 Piercing place, 10 Capri, e.g., 11 Hammer-head part, 12 The same, 13 Latin, 19 Stiffly, 20 Cookbook author, 21 Approach, 22 Prandial prayer, 23 To be, in, 25 Hit bottom, 26 They're from the heart, 27 High time, 28 Future flower, 30 Place of worship, 33 Representations, 34 Work, 36 Relieve, 37 Drop from the payroll, 38 Tangelo variety, 39 Too woe, 40 Celebrity, 42 USN, 43 Wish, 44 otherwise, 45 Without further ado.

Solution time: 26 mins. Today's Cryptopuzzle clue: R equals L. The Cryptopuzzle 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.