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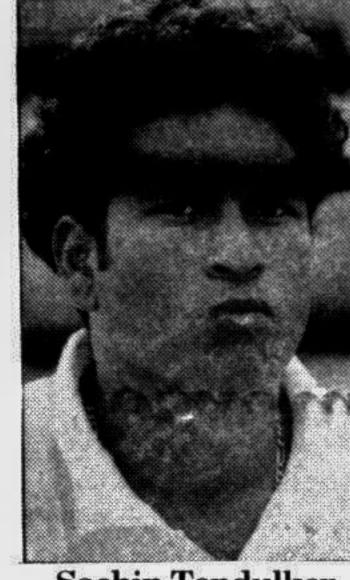
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Testing time for Gazza

GLASGOW, Aug 17: Paul Gascoigne will be back for Scottish champions Rangers on Saturday with just two weeks to prove his fitness for England's World Cup opener. reports AFP.

Ibrox boss Walter Smith is ready to give Scotland's playerof-the-year his first outing of the season as a substitute against Dunfermline at East End Park.

That will leave new England coach Glann Hoddle with the decision of whether to name Gascoigne in his squad next Thursday for the World Cup qualifying tie in Moldova on September 1.

Gascoigne will make the bench, while Brian Laudrup, Joachim Bjorklund and Alex Cleland are also ready to return for Rangers as promoted Dunfermline kick off their first premier fixture for four years.

Smith has yet to decide whether to risk captain Richard Gough, who suffered a nasty cut on his face against Clydebank in midweek, with next Wednesday's European Cup tie with Alania Vladikavkaz in Russia looming.

Brits to get more Sky Sports

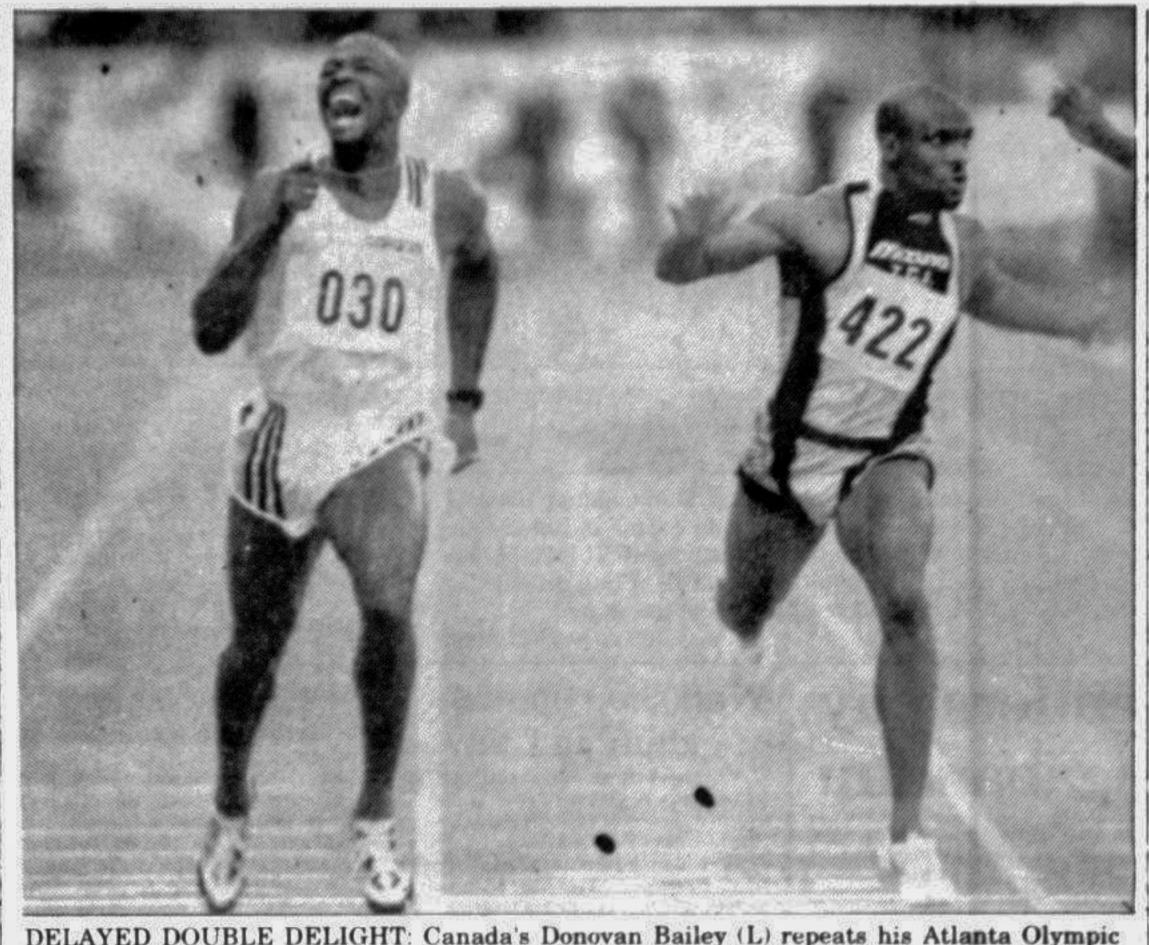
LONDON, Aug 17: Armchair British fans will be able to watch 14,000 hours of sports coverage over the next year an average of 38 hours a day as Rupert Murdoch's Sky TV bids to strengthen its hand in the British market, reports

Sky said Wednesday the new English domestic football season, which kicks off this weekend, will be "the most televised" in British football

history. The satellite service launched Sky Sports 3 on Wednesday, to complement Sports 1 and Sports 2, with coverage from Thursday

through to Sunday nights. More than 170 live games from the Premiership, the FA Cup and the League Cup will be broadcast, as well as action

from the lower divisions: Sky said it aims to increase dramatically the 5.3 million households it already serves and claims that terrestrial TV cannot compete with the breadth of its coverage.



DELAYED DOUBLE DELIGHT: Canada's Donovan Bailey (L) repeats his Atlanta Olympic feat to win the IAAF Grand Prix 100m at Cologne on August 16 with a time of 10.03 seconds. - AFP/UNB photo Mitchell (10:07) of USA was second.

Bailey regains composure



COLOGNE, Germ any. Aug 17: Olympic sprint champion Donovan Bailey bounced back from defeat

with a victory and a smile while former gold medalist Heike Henkel left athletics with a tear in her eve at the Cologne Grand Prix on Friday, reports Reuter.

Bailey beaten over 100 metres at the richest meeting in athletics in Zurich on Wednesday, produced the same strong finish which took him to Olympic gold and a world record of 9.84 seconds in Atlanta to beat a world-class 100 metres field.

Competing in her last major event, the sevelte, blondehaired Henkel, the 1992 Olympic women's high jump champion, could only clear 1.90 metres but left her home stadium with a standing ovation ringing in her ears.

Those were the nicest moments of my career but at the same time the saddest. Henkel said. "Many thanks to Cologne. What is my future? That's simple - family, career and a bit of high jumping.

American Dennis Mitchell. who had beaten Bailey in-Zurich, could not live with the Canadian in the final 20 metres of the men's sprint, the highlight of the meeting.

Baley powered through to win in 10.03 seconds despite damp conditions with Mitchell second in 10.07.

Namibia's Olympic silver medalist Frankie Fredericks was third with 10.14. Trinidad's Atlanta bronze medalist Ato Boldon could only finish fifth in 10.19 behind fourth-placed Canadian Bruny Surin (10.16).

As world and Olympic sprint champion, Bailey can command a huge appearance fee for turning up at meetings around Europe. In Zurich, for example, he was likely to have picked up at least 70,000 dollars for just putting on his

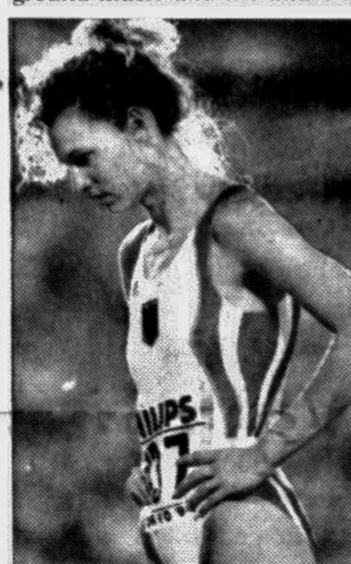
"How much would I as meet director pay the winnerof a race like this. Believe me, a lot," he said afterwards.

"Because you had both the Olympic winner and world record holder in the field.

Michell, sporting his usual bright green outfit, started brilliantly and was ahead of Bailey halfway. But the towering Canadian ate up the ground in the last 50 metres.

Jamaican Michael Green. seventh in the Olympic final, pulled up in severe pain in the last 20 metres with what appeared to be a leg muscle

strain. Cologne organisers tried to liven up a coolish evening by playing music with a strong beat during the distance races and even playing quiet but dramatic movie-type back ground music and the athletes



HEIKE HENKEL

stepped up to the start line.

But it did not help the distance runners to records. The most emotional moment of the evening did not need any melody at all. Henkel's face said it all.

The 32-year-old high jumper, one of the most popular athletes in Germany, has struggled to return to her top form since she gave birth to her first child at the start of

The German failed to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics and has decided she does not have the competitive edge to continue at the top level.

She was clearly holding back the tears when she was presented to the crowd before dropping out of the competition at an early stage. Just two days after the Zurich meeting, it was difficult for the Olympic stars to lift their form again.

the meeting. She was roared

on by the German fans when

she did a lap of the track after

Russia's double Olympic champion Svetlana Masterkova, who broke the women's mile world record in

Zurich, looked on autopilot as she cruised to another victory in the 1,500 in four minutes 04.54 seconds. Romanian Gabriela Szabo won a tight finish in the women's 5,000 metres in a fast 14 minutes 44.42 seconds. Italian Roberta Brunet was just

run out in the final 40 metres.

clocking 14.44:50 in second place. Norway's Olympic champion Vebjoern Rodal won the men's 800 metres in one minute seconds while Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj took the men's 1,500 metres in 3.33:45 and his compatriot Khalid Boulami clinched victory in the men's 3,000 in 7.33:92.

In the women's 100 metres Jamaican veteran Merlene Ottey took the scalp of American Olympic champion Gail Devers for the second time in three days. Devers just pipped Ottey at

the Olympics in the tighest of photo finishes. But the Jamaican beat Devers in Zurich and produced another strong performance in the German city to win in 10.98 seconds. American Gwen Torrence. third in Atlanta, was second in 10.99 with Devers third in

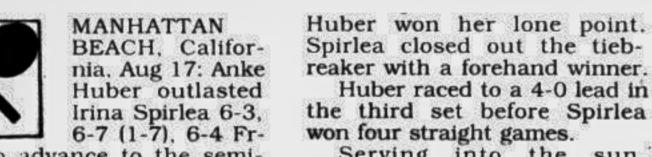
Kenyan Daniel Komen, who has produced two outstanding performances over 3,000 and 5,000 metres in the last week. could only manage third place

in the 1,500 metres. Komen, who became the second fastest 5,000 metres runner of all time in Zurich. clocked 3.34:17 behind El

Guerrouj. But the talented 20-year-old is expected to make world record attempts over his stronger events, the 3,000 and 5.000, at more lucrative meetings in Brussels and Berlin in

Hubsudova shuts Date out

the next fortnight.



iday to advance to the semifinals of the 450,000 dollars Acura Classic, report agencies. Huber, the second seed from Germany, will meet No Karina Hubsudova of Slovakia in Saturday's semifinals. Hubsudova surprised No 3 Kimiko Date of Japan 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 Friday.

The 23-year-old Slovakian. who has jumped 77 places in the rankings to 21st in six months.

"It's a great win for me," she said. "I never played her before, and she has a lot more experience in matches like

Hubsudova said her sharp rise in the rankings was a bit misleading, since she was unable to defend points while she recovered from a left achilles tendon injury.

"I was up there before I was injured," she said. "I wasn't as high as I am now, but I was ranked 26th when I started having problems."

Her goal was to get back in the top 20 by the end of the year, and perhaps even to earn a seeding for the US Open.

The winner of Friday night's quarterfinal match between No 4 Lindsay Davenport and No 5 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa will play No 1 Steffi Graf in the other semifinal. Huber needed 2 hours, 3

minutes to put away Spirlea. who had six aces to Huber's nine double faults. Huber wrapped up the first set against the sixth-seeded

Romanian by winning the final four games. Spirlea led 2-0 in the second before Huber tied it up 4-4. They traded serves and ended up in the tiebreaker. which Spirlea led 6-0 before

when she doublefaulted. Huber won her lone point. Spirlea closed out the tiebreaker with a forehand winner.

the third set before Spirlea won four straight games. Serving into the sun. Spirlea doublefaulted in the ninth game to give Huber a 5-4 lead. Huber won the final eight

points of the match. "I was leading 4-0 and I just let her get back in the match," Huber said. "At the end Lolayed good tennis, but it shouldn't have happened. I was lucky.

Hubsudova connected on 70 per cent of her first serves against Date.

In the third set, Hubsudova led 4-2 and was up 40-love on her serve in the seventh game

Then she dumped a forehand into the net and a back-

hand sailed long to allow Date to get to deuce. The game went to deuce five times and they played 16 points before Date's backhand

service return went long to give Hubsudova a 5-2 lead. "She was playing good and was forced to make errors, Date said. "There were many critical points, even before 5-I tried to stay close, but I

couldn't." "She has a great chance to reach the top level," Date said. Graf advanced to the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Amy Frazier on Thursday.

Rahmatganj on a roll

Sports Reporter

Rahmatgani Muslim Friends Society recorded their second successive victory in the Danish First Division football league when they defeated promotees Mirpur Chalantika Sporting Club by a solitary goal at the floodlit Mirpur Stadium last night.

Rahmatgani striker Azim netted the match-winner in the 74th minute.

The win raised Rahmatganj's tally to six points from two matches while Chalantika who made an impressive start with a victory over Wari Club in their league opener last week. remained stuck on three points.

Earlier in the day's first outing. Victoria Sporting Club registered their maiden victory with a marginal 1-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangsad. Striker Bhutto broke the deadlock 32 minutes into the

second half. With yesterday's win. Victoria earned four points from two matches while Badda have a single point to their credit.

Zia going great guns

Sports Reporter

National champion IM Ziaur Rahman of Biman inched ahead towards the Open Inter national Rating title when he tamed Saifuddin Lovelu of BTMC in the penultimate round at the NSC chess room vesterday.

In an English opening. Zia. playing with white pieces, took only 29 moves to edge past Lovelu. The win raised Zia's tally to eight and a half points which keeps him at the top of the table with a half point lead over IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, IM Vargesse Koshy and Monir Hossain who have eight points to their account

In the day's round, Reefat the top seed, ousted Ali Amjad Mintu, Monir defeated IWM Rani Hamid while Koshy beat German Thorsten Doscer

Besides, nine players were in their third position with seven points each. They are: Enamul Hossain Rajib, Saifuddin Lovelu, Sawkat Hossain Pallab, Ali Amjad Mintu, Hasibul Hasan Hanif, Enayet Hossain. Deen Mohammad, Mizanur Rahman Labu and Abu Sufian Shaki

The final round of the 11 round Swiss league will begin today at 3 pm.

Rain ruins Premier Div football

Sports Reporter

Both yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league matches at the the Dhaka Stadium — Young Men's Club Fakirerpool vs Agrani Bank SC and Abahani Krira Chakra vs East End Club — were washed out due to incessant rain in the

The matches, however, will now be held at the same time and venue today while the remaining fixture of the Premier league will be shifted bodily.

FIFA assures against 'foul ball'

BOSTON, Aug 17: The international federation of football associations (FIFA), the world governing body of soccer, will guarantee that soccer balls carrying it logo were not hand-stitched by children. US representative Joseph Kennedy's office said on Friday. reports Reuter.

The Massachusetts democrat has been at the forefront of a "foul ball" campaign to end the alleged use of child labour in the manufacture of soccer balls in Pakistan.

"Up until recently, few realised that about 25 per cent of the stitching on soccer balls stitched in Pakistan is done by children, some as young as four or five, working up to 10 hours a day," Kennedy said in a statement.

Pakistan exports about 35 million soccer balls a year, about one-third to north America, Kennedy's office said. In July, Pakistani labour minister Ghulam Akbar Lasi ordered the arrest of any contractors found using child labour, but denied that children were employed to sew soccer balls.

St Germain join the pack



Cameroon's Patrick Mboma and France striker Patrice Loko scojury time

red in the dying minutes to give Paris St Germain a 2-0 home win over Caen on Friday and put them level with maximum points on top of the French First Division, reports Reuter.

Lens came from behind to beat promoted Nancy 3-1 and go top on goal difference. while champions Auxerre. 2-0 winners at home against Lille PSG and Bastia also have six points and exactly the same goals records after two rounds of the new championship. European Cup Winners Cup

holders PSG, determined to win the league title they let slip from their grasp last sea son, were all over promoted Caen at Parc Des Princes with their Brazilian playmaker Leonardo in superb form. But the Parisians looked

like they would get no more than a point for their efforts

until their pressure finally told with Mboma's goal in the 88th minute. Loko secured the points when he scored in in-

Marseille, who made such a promising return from Second Division ignominy with a 3-1 home win over Lyon a week ago, looked set for another success win when they went

ahead at Le Havre. Striker Xavier Gravelaine, who hit the crucial second goal against Lyon, became the only player to score twice so far in the championship when he found the flet in the 40th minute.

But the north coast side equalised through striker Abder Ramdane in the 65th minute and Marseille's frustrations led to their French international Revnald Pedros being sent off with Le Havre's Frederic Brando for fighting off

Lille had defender Frederic Dindeleux sent off just before halftime at Auxerre and the 1996 double winners made their extra man tell with two

goals in two minutes just after an hour by Algerian international Mousssa Saib and former Lille midfielder Antonine Si-

Lens, fifth last season, fell behind in the 11th minute to a surprise strike by Nancy defender Sebastien Schemmel against the run of play and the

visitors continued to frustrate them for the rest of the first But once Cameroon international Marc-Vivien Foe had headed an equaliser from a corner four minutes after the interval. Lens never looked

Defender Eric Sikora converted a penalty on the hour after Czech Republic striker Vladimir Smicer had been brought down and Russian Sacha Rychkov, signed from Belgian club Standard Liege, added the third.

Scottish forward Alan Johnston, formerly of Hearts, scored the crucial second for Rennes in their 3-1 home with over Nice.



Montpellier's Jean Rouviere (R) evades Monaco's John Collins in a French First Division -AFP/UNB photo match at Monaco on August 15.

Adopt-an-athlete plan to beat race bias

Mohammed Allie writes from Cape Town

The legacy of apartheid still hangs over sport in South Africa, where many national teams, including the Olympic squad, are still predominantly white. A series of programmes is now underway, reports Gemini News Service, to improve matters by promoting black talent.

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focused on disadvantaged

C OUTH Africa's Sports Minister Steve Tshwete expressed concern that only 16 of his country's 86 competitors in the Atlanta Olympics were black.

While political changes have altered the composition of the government, the nation's sports teams still largely reflect the old, white-dominated order. Exceptions to the rule are soccer and boxing. which have long been largelyblack sport. Merit was the only basis for

selection for the Olympics, and white athletes had the advantage of years of access to superior facilities and coaching. However, efforts are now

under way to change things so that the sports teams of the future more accurately mirror the nation's racial composition. While realising there is no quick-fix solution, the National Sports Council (NSC) in con-

junction with the newly-established Sports Science Institute, based in Cape Town, has embarked on an ambitious programme of identifying talent at an early age and providing special training. On one level, sports academies are being estab-

nine provinces to provide coaching for talented youth. "We are unashamed about our intentions to change the demographic make-up of our national teams," says Donny Jurgens, NSC chairman in the Western Cape. "So, although

not exclusively so, the activi-

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Meanwhile, the Sports Science Institute, which conducts research and devises scientific training pro-

communities.'

grammes, has launched an innovative scheme called "Adopt at Athlete." Participants are athletes who have been identified as having the potential to become

national sports stars. Initially, they will be given one-year membership of the institute, says Jurgens, who doubles up as its outreach and development manager. "We will build up a file on

them and ask a private company to adopt each one through a sponsorship which will cover all their sports science needs." Jurgens' eyes light up when he talks about the

progress already made by the

14 athletes already "adopted." He says: "It's a small start, but at least 14 is better than zero.' He continues: "they've made tremendous strides. We can obviously afford to invest enly in those who have the

potential to succeed. "We're not in the business of mass participation. That's the responsibility of the NSC and the various codes. We will restrict ourselves to looking after the talented athletes identified by them.

One of the athletes is Earl Dippenaar, a 17-year-old squash player from Cape Town's coloured (mixed race) He's going places, literally and figuratively. He'll be playing in the world junior open tournament in Egypt in August after having reached the third round in a junior tournament

in London two years ago." Dippenaar believes his game can benefit greatly. " needed to improve my strength, stamina and endurance," he says, "and with the scientific input, this is al-

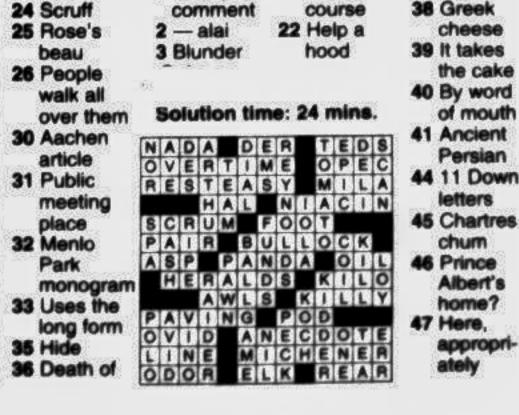
ready happening. The services provided by the institute are crucial, especially when the world's leading athletes are often on a par in terms of pure physical ability. The psychological and physical conditioning provided by the institute could make the difference between winning and losing.

Another project which sets Jurgens' pulse racing is the Gymnastics 2004 talent-identification project. It has selected 30 of the Westen Cape's most promising eight-year-old female gymnasts.

Science is the key to being one step ahead of competitors, he says. "We have so much natural talent in this country, and one we give everyone a chance to participate, we will take the first step." -- Gemini News

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IM Ziaur Rahman (L) pondering his next move against Saifuddin Lovelu during yesterday's Open International Rating chess tournament at the NSC chess room. Zia won the board. -Star photo



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UACOC'I IGKZMJ: NSQ GSFC IJKR NSQ. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOUR CUNNING TAT-TOO ARTIST TRULY HAD DESIGNS ON HER CLI-ENTS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals W 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.