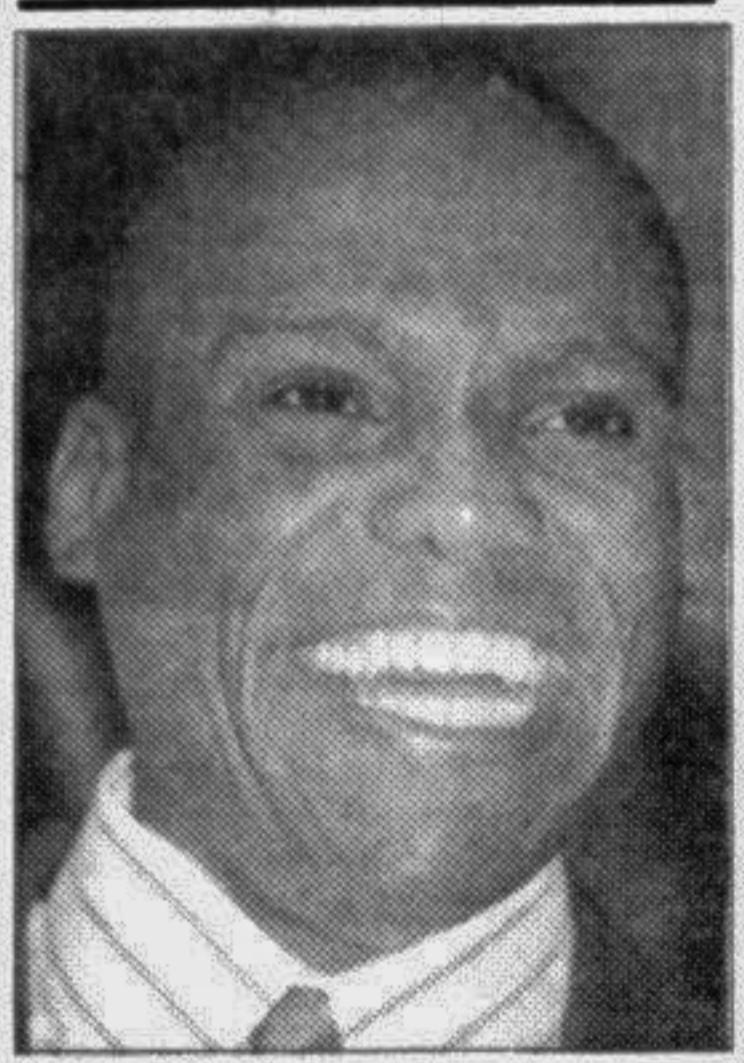


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Carl Lewis

(American athlete)
"There is definitely an effort to make the situation better, but there are still loopholes that need to be closed."

Said on keeping athletics clean from drug.

Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-64

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,

Feb 28, '97

1 Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?

Biman Kalabagan Brothers

2 In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by

Bulbul Nannu Akram

3 The eighth SAF Games will be held in

Nepal Bhutan Sri Lanka

4 Where was Martina Hingis born?

Switzerland Hungary Czech Republic

5 Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.

A Flower Campbell Houghton

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Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (if any)

Nat'l junior snooker results

Sports Reporter

ZR Azad of the hosts Dhaka Club stole the limelight on the inaugural day of the Ashok Leyland second national junior snooker championship defeating Fazal Ali of Gulshan Club at the billiards room yesterday.

Shane Baptist of Catholic Club handed Officers' Club Monir Chowdhury a 3-0 whitewash. Meanwhile, in the other billing of the day, Saqib Rahim of Chittagong Club recorded a hard-fought 4-1 win against MS Sattar of Gulshan Club while, Rahim's clubmate ZR Iqbal earned a 3-0 cakewalk over Naved Haq, who played under the banner of Gulshan Club.

Schools h'ball

The eighth Bata schools handball tournament organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation will begin in the second week of March, reports UNB.

Interested metropolis school teams have been requested to send their entries by February 25 between 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm at the federation office with a fee of Tk 50.

Jhalakati cricket

JHALAKATI, Feb 24: The First Division cricket league arranged by the District Sports Association began at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

In the inaugural match, Halim Smriti Sangha defeated Itaydi Club by seven wickets.

The losers were all-out for 81 runs only in 21.3 overs. The winners chased the target for the loss of three wickets sparing only 14.1 overs.

The sad same suffering

By The Animadverter

Whatever the game is — football, cricket, hockey or even khokho — they are there as the inevitable characters occupying the microphone as much as possible to prove their peculiar prowess before the millions of audience of electronic media across the country.

The most consistent virtue (or vice?) of them is non-stop babbling. Making mockery of the art of commentary with their sickening spur-of-the-moment cracks, the same old combination has achieved a telling success in keeping their seasonal jobs intact in order to sink the millions of sports zealots in an unfathomable sea of auditory suffering and anguish owing to frustration. But the tragedy is, in spite of the harsh criticism hurled at them from time to time, they have been oddly victorious in wounding the hearts of the BTV and Betar authorities. One always ties oneself in knots thinking of the stuff that make the hearts and heads of these bizarre fans in the two state media.

The usually sports-shy BTV this time made up for its negligence that at times borders on criminality by extending live coverage to all the matches of the ongoing SAARC cricket tournament but cricket buffs who perform had to rely on the electronic media were soon made to find out that their delight was not without its share of disappointment. And as usual it was provided by the 'talkers' who while supplying sound to the sight of the proceedings took the mickey out of the viewers as well. For, more significant the occasion is, keener the urge is of our radio and TV commentators to drown dependents of the electronic media in a sea of misinformation, mispronunciation.

Zia's hopes dashed

Sports Reporter

Local favourite IM Ziaur Rahman's hopes of earning his first Grand Master norm suffered a severe blow when he stooped to Indian IM Devaki Prasad in the fifth round of the third United Insurance Grand Masters' chess tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Zia, who adopted Sicilian defence with his black pieces and followed Timanov variation against Prasad, stumbled to his first defeat in five outings after 32 moves.

With this defeat Zia consequently put himself out of the title race as he remained glued to his previous collection of three points, one point adrift of GM Jim Plaskett of England and IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam who won their respective boards yesterday to lead the standings collecting four points each.

In the day's round, Plaskett edged past IM Saldali of Uzbekistan while Dung, the most promising participant in the 14-player meet, defeated Sajidin Lovlu of Bangladesh. Playing with white pieces and developing Trompovsky strategy, Plaskett checkmated his counterpart after 39 moves while Dung, who played with black pieces, overplayed Lovlu after 25 moves.

Besides, GM Malisauskas of Lithuania won his fifth match, defeating IM Dmitri Kafarov of Uzbekistan in 67 moves.

Bolden bursts to fore

BIRMINGHAM, England, Feb 24: Ati Bolden passed a self-imposed trial with flying colours on Sunday by speeding to world best times in both the 60 and 200 metres at the Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix, reports Reuter.

The Olympic 100 and 200 metres bronze medalist equalled Jamaican Michael Green's 60 metres mark of 6.49 before taking to the boards less than an hour later for the 200 metres.

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