COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-73 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment? Krajicek

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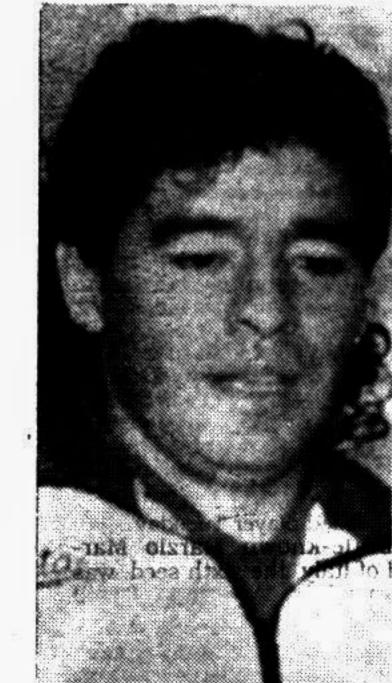
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EN-VITS



Diego Maradona (Temperamental Argentine

"I owe to Ben (Johnson), the fastest man in the world. He has real talent... he is an animal." (Said of the Canadian sprinter who was life-banned

soccer star)

for taking steroids repeatedly). Batistuta banks

on Madrid

MADRID, July 9: Argentine international striker Gabriel Batistuta will turn to Real Madrid if Barcelona do not improve their offer, a Spanish newspaper said today, reports Reuter. I'm going to play in Spain,

that's for sure," Batistuta, who plays for Italian club Fiorentina, was quoted as saying in the Spanish sports daily AS.

"I want to return to Spanish football but if Barcelona do not decide before Thursday then I will start negotiations with

Madrid." Fiorentina want 3.5 billion pesetas (23.8 million dollars) for the player but Barcelona have offered only 2.7 billion pe-

setas (18.4 million dollars). Batistuta has been seen by Barcelona as a possible replacement for departing Brazil-

ian marksman Ronaldo. But Monaco's Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson is also

a target for the Catalan club. We are negotiating with both Batistuta and Anderson. although we need to sing only one of these two," Barcelona president Jose Luis Nunez said.

Papin's act of compassion

BORDEAUX, France, July 9: Jean-Pierre Papin, whose little daughter Emilie suffered brain damage at birth, has helped organise an auction next week of sports memorabilia in aid of handicapped children, reports Reuter.

"(The parents) are often on their own, discouraged and haven't the same financial means as us. So, if we can, (we will) help them," the Bordeaux centre forward, whose wife also had a part in creating the Nine

of Hearts Foundation, said. Emilie is undergoing an American method of treatment that involves great expense and frequent trips to the United

States. "It's a restricting method and not a miracle solution ... with Emilie, it's working. She has made enormous progress and I live only for that," the former

France captain said. rapin has rounded up sports equipment belonging to leading figures in world sports, travelling to Imola for contributions from racing drivers Jean Alesi and Jacques Villeneuve and also obtaining the late Ayrton Senna's last helmet.

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CALCUTTA, July

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given the best team to lead by

the selectors," Tendulkar said

in a surprise outburst given

front-page coverage in the Aa-

squad for the one-day tourna-

ment had not been picked on

Tendulkar, whose own posi-

tion as captain is under pres-

sure after a string of defeats

said: "They have saddled me

with a B-grade team. I have de-

one keep on lying? Lies do not

serve anyone's interest. I will

The Aajkal said Tendulkar.

who made his comments in a

phone interview from Bombay.

had left the team training camp

in a rage after the squad was

announced he is currently in

London at an International Cri-

None of India's selectors

India fly out next week for

the Asia Cup, a quadrangular

tournament also involving

Bangladesh, Pakistan and

world champions Sri Lanka.

They also take on Sri Lanka in

a two-Test series and a limited-

the skipper get a team of his

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dian captain is powerless. Ear-

lier, only performance mattered.

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"I am very unhappy. The In-

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Tendulkar added: "Why can't

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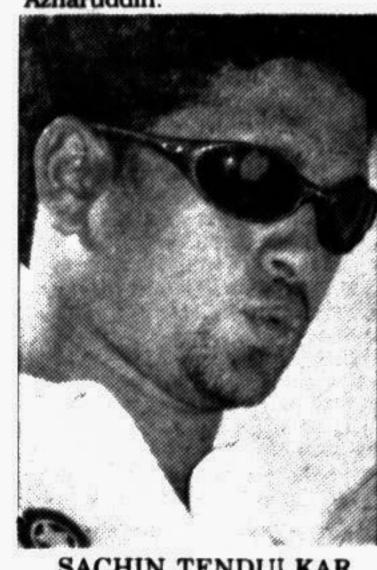
were available for comment.

He added: "For how long can

cided to speak the truth."

allow no one to use me."

He was quoted as saying the



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Tendulkar, one of the leading batsmen in the world became captain of the side in August but his leadership was discussed by the selectors before the Sri Lanka tour after a series of defeats.

Tendulkar began with a dream one-off Test victory against Australia in New Delhi last year followed by a series win over the visiting South Africans.

But since then he has failed to inspire his eleven, which went on to lose Test and oneday series in South Africa and the West Indies. The team also failed to reach

the finals of the Independence

Cup — a four-nation tournament including Pakistan, winners Sri Lanka and New Zealand - in May.

Tendulkar, however, said he was not concerned about his future as captain. "I am not hankering after the captaincy. Let them take it

away. Meanwhile in New Delhi, coach Madan Lal has said the side needs back-to-basics practice to break its losing streak. as a meditation therapist volunteered a miracle solution to solve their problems. Bombay-based therapist

Rajan Bhonsle, however, suggested 'dynamic meditation' held the key. The Asian Age newspaper

said Bhonsle argued that without meditation, the team would 'end up as nervous wrecks' and offered his professional services to Tendulkar's team. Lal, however, said that the team's real problem was "running between the wickets. I

exercises on improving this particular aspect. "On the fielding front also have asked the boys to dive and

stop the ball. Earlier, Madan Lal backed a plan to bring in a psychologist to help the team, which is currently under investigation for alleged match-fixing, perform

"On too many occasions, we have lost from wining situations with well-set batsmen throwing away their wickets." he said.

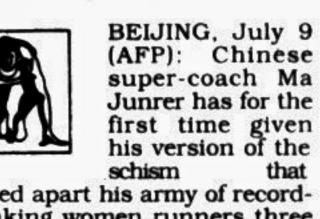
The team is currently under a shadow after former Test star Manoj Prabhakar alleged he was offered money by an unnamed teammate to ensure India lost a one-day encounter with Pakistan in 1994. An official inquiry is currently under-

seem to have come too late for a

Qu and Liu have all but

professional reconciliation.

Ma opens his mouth at last



ripped apart his army of recordbreaking women runners three years ago. In an interview with the Beiing Youth Daily, Ma also

hinted at a possible reconciliation with the runners that walked out on his team, including 5,000m and 10,000m world record holder Wang Junxia. Wang led the defection from the ranks of "Ma's army" after

the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshimalancousing the wolatile coach of hoarding prizes won by his athletes at the World Championships in Stuttgart the previous year.

Pioneer soccer Sports Reporter

Choitali Sangsad recorded a 2-1 victory over Badda Jagarani Juniors in one of the two Pioneer football league matches held at the T&T ground in Mahakhali yesterday.

Sohel and Shahadat scored one goal each for the winners in the 4th and 29th minutes while Lipu reduced the margin for Badda Jagarani in the 45th minute.

The day's other match between Gazipur Ekadash and Juboshikha Sangsad ended in a 1l draw.

Haris put Gazipur ahead in the 52nd minute while Zulfigar levelled the score for Juboshikha after eight minutes.

Badminton camp Sports Reporter

A badminton training camp, organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation (BWSF), will commence at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi from July 15.

Interested girls and boys bellow ten years may make their entries for the camp at the BWSF office in Dhanmondi any day before July 15 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Juninho gets beaten up

LONDON, July 9: Brazilian football star Juninho has been beaten up in a street brawl over a girl, it was reported today, reports AFP.

The diminutive star, who is quitting Middlesborough to play for Spanish club Atletico Madrid for 2.9 billion pesetas (20 million dollars), was left

with a cut below his right eye. The incident happened early Monday outside the player's home in the village of Ingleby Barwick, Teesside, in the northeast of England, said The

Sun newspaper. The paper said Juninho, 24, was punched several times in the attack, as was his father, Osvaldo, who received a black eye when he tried to help his

son. "The men must have been waiting for him as he got home," said witness quoted in the paper.

"They were furious. One of them shouted, "leave my woman alone" and then they both piled into him. "One of them smacked him in the face. It sounded like

Juninho had been seeing one of their girlfriends." A police spokesman confirmed officers had attended "an incident" and said there would be no further police involvement.

Wang, Qu Yunxia, and Liu Dong each won a new Mercedes for taking gold in Stuttgart. However, Ma told the news-

paper he had a document signed by five directors of the state sports commission, guaranteeing him a 50 per cent share of any prizes won at Stuttgart.

"So basically, I had the right to one-and-a-half cars," Ma



MA JUNREN

said, adding that he had kept one Mercedes for his own use and - after Wang led the walkout - donated the other two to the provincial sports commission in Liaoning, where his training camp is based.

Ma also revealed that he had recently agreed to give up his "half" stake in one of the cars, freeing up two Mercedes to be returned to the athletes who won

As Ma has insisted on retaining one car, one member of the Wang-Qu-Liu triumvirate will be awarded 30,000 dollars compensation by the provincial commission.

"The whole situation will finally be resolved." Ma said. However, the solution would

dropped out of competitive athletics and Wang, who won 5,000m Olympic gold in Atlanta, wants to retire, according to her current coach Mao Dezhen. Since the breakup of his team. Ma has struggled to find runners to match the glory days

> Jiang Bo are being tipped as medal contenders for the 200 Olympics in Sydney. Ma, meanwhile, remains as bombastic as ever, using the Beijing Youth Daily interview to suggest how China as a na-

of 1993-94, although young

hopefuls like Wang Xiaoxia and

ing his own personal philosoam someone who likes adventure," Ma proclaimed. "Because China is a country

fields, we must have the courage to be adventurous. f, one day, we find we have become scared of adventure, we will have lost the chance to develop," he said.

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Kabaddi matches washed out

Sports Reporter

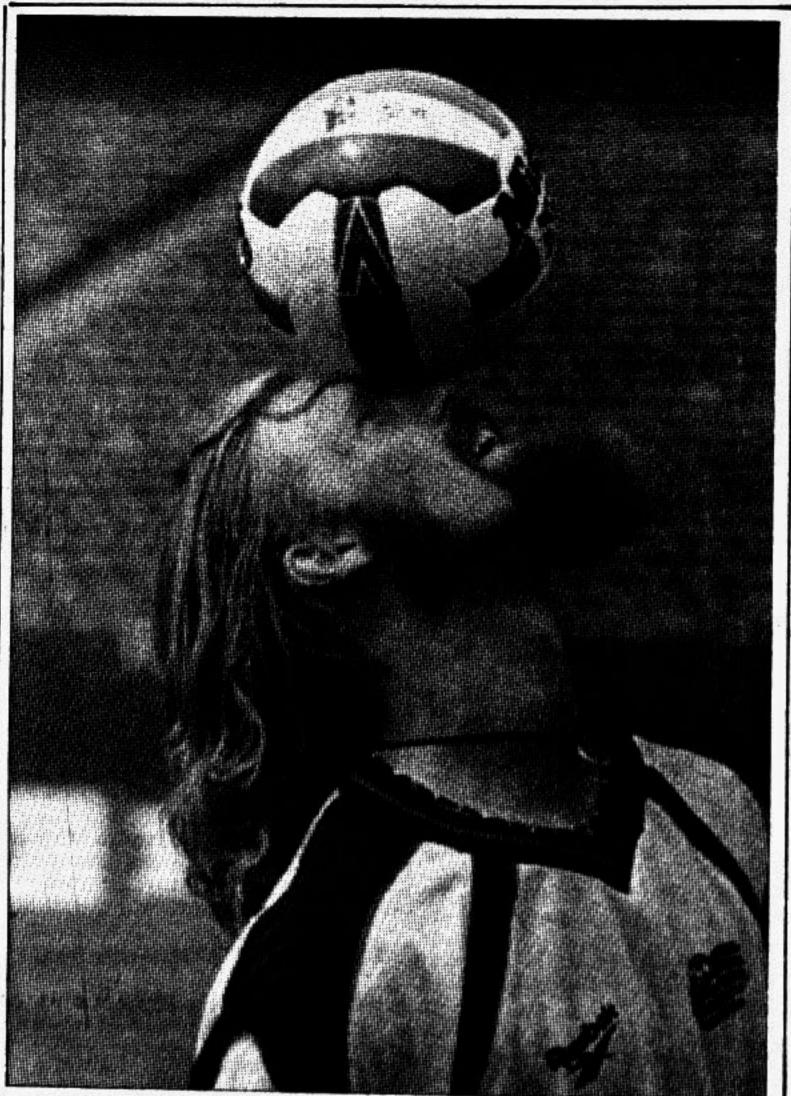
Rain washed out yesterday's both the Ali Sports schools kabaddi tournament matches scheduled at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium.

Both the encounters will now be held today before the day's scheduled matches at the same venue.

TODAY'S MATCHES Haider Ali High School vs Maniknagar Model High

School (2 pm) BDR School and College vs Razarbagh Police Lines High School (3 pm)

Nawabpur Govt High School vs AK High School (4 pm) Ansars and VDP High School vs Maniknagar Govt Primary School (5 pm).



Alexi Lalas of the New England Revolution demonstrates his skills during training at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford on July 8. Lalas will play in the MLS all-star -AF/UNB photo game.

Scoreboard of the rain-affected first warm-up match between touring Bangladesh na-

tional team and Sri Lanka Cricket Board President XI played at the Colombo P Sara ground Wednesday: SLCB PRESIDENT X1 Thushara c Akram b Saiful

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Total: (For five wickets in 30 overs) 176 Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-85; 3-137; 4-171; 5-175 Bowling: Shanta 19 Saiful 20 Salahuddin Athar Ali Akram Khan 0 Nannu 0 Moni 0 27

have assigned the boys specific BANGLADESH

Durjoy c Ranjith b Samaraweera 23 Sumon st Galagoda b Bandarnayake **Bulbul** not out Nannu not out Extras: Total: (For two wickets in 30 overs)143

Fall of wickets: 1-48: 2-104 Bowling: OMRW Villayvarayan Ranjith Samaraweera Bandarnayake Perera Jayanwardene 5 0 39 Result: Sri Lanka Cricket

Board President X1 won by 33 AKC football camp from Saturday

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra formally opens their football camp for the upcoming season next Saturday. The camp begins with a milad mahfil at the club house at 4 pm followed by an exhibition match between the former and present Abahani booters scheduled to kick off at

The club has requested the following 42 former players to be present at the club house at 3 pm for the match: Motaleb. Nannu, Badshah, Ashraf, Tutul Yusuf, Rafique, Amalesh, Helal. Hasanuzzaman Khan, Suruj Swapan, Ashish, Kazi Salauddin. Chunnu, Gaffar, Anwar, Tamim, Sadeque, Nizam, Aniruddha, Mohsin, Naim, Jhantu, Mamun, Wasim, Emilee, FI Kamal, Khasru, Masud Hasan Dilu. Shamsu, Gafur, Belal, Amal, Elham, Nitai, Moin. Faruque, Kala, Moin, Rakib and Bablu:

Dahlin signs for Blackburn

STOCKHOLM, July 9: Swedish striker Martin Dahlin said on Tuesday he was joining English Premier league club Blackburn Rovers for a fee of around three million pounds (5.08 million dollars), reports

Reuter. Dahlin, who has made 55 international appearances for Sweden, said his Italian club Roma had agreed terms with Blackburn and he had decided to join the English club.

"It feels good that everything is ready, it feels good to be playing for Roy Hodgson again and it feels good to be going to the (English) Premier league, that's where everyone wants to be playing just now," Dahlin

Dahlin moved to Roma last year from Borussia Moenchengladbach but was unable to secure a first team berth and returned on loan to the German

The 29-year-old striker will train with his new club when Blackburn visit Sweden for two pre-season friendlies later this

Blackburn manager Roy Hodgson knows Dahlin well. Dahlin was nurtured by Hodgson as a youngster with Swedish First Division Malmo, where the Englishman was manager.

Brian stays at Ibrox

LONDON, July 9: Danish international Brian Laudrup said today he would complete his existing contract with Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers, quashing talk that he was moving to English title holders Manchester United, reports Reuter.

Laudrup, who had also been linked to Ajax Amsterdam, met Rangers chairman David Murray on Tuesday. "After positive talks I have

decided to complete my existing contract with Rangers," he said. Laudrup has agreed to stay in Scotland until the end of next season, although he said during negotiations with Ajax earlier this month he would leave when his contract expires in a year's time. The twice-crowned Scottish

player-of-the-year left Denmark in 1987 and played for Bayern Munich, Fiorentina and AC Milan before joining Rangers where he enjoyed three successful seasons, winning the championship every year. But Laudrup appeared eager for a move and seemed likely to

who becomes Ajax's coach next month. "The only thing I'm missing is international success at club level," Laudrup said. "It's not about money, it's about ambi-

join fellow Dane Morten Olsen

But chairman Murray persuaded Laudrup to stay and did not rule out extending his contract at a later date.

Column One Sachin hits out at selectors BD-SL BOARD Julian bats in a jiffy

JESMOND, Engsquad. land, July 9: Allrounder Brendon Julian, unable to command a place in Australia's Test side hammered a 79-ball

century as the visitors beat the Minor Counties by nine runs in a friendly one-day match on Tuesday, reports Reuter. Julian's second 50 came from only 15 deliveries, including six sixes from 10 balls, as

he hit 106 in Australia's total of

290 for seven.

Altogether the left-arm seamer who bats right-handed hit eight sixes and nine fours. Minor Counties captain Ian Cockbain, formerly of Lancashire, made 82 in the reply of 281 for nine, but a lot of his runs came against part-time bowlers and there was never any threat of a shock defeat for the tourists.

In a team containing only

five of the Test line-up. Australia's second highest scorer, with 35 not out, was Matthew Elliott, normally an opener but batting at number eight. Replacement wicketkeeper

Darren Berry made 34 in his first match since joining the

Steve Waugh captained the team but did not bat or bowl because of a swollen hand suffered while making two hundreds in the third Test at Old

on Tuesday:

SCOREBOARD

tralia and the Minor Counties

Trafford. Scoreboard of the friendly one-day match between Aus-

AUSTRALIA Slater c Fell b Sharp Langer c Humphres b Richardson Ponting lbw b Sharp Julian b Oakes Bevan st Humphres b Dalton Blewett c Cockbain b Oakes Berry b Richardson Elliott not out Kasprowicz not out Extras: (b-4, lb-15, w-14) Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 290 Fail of wickets: 1-35: 2-36:

3-53; 4-146; 5-202; 6-205; 7-256. Did not bat: S. Waugh, P. Reiffel Bowling: Oakes 10 0 43

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Dalton 0 63 1 Fielding 4 0 45 0 Myles 0 40 0 MINOR COUNTIES Dan c and b Julian **EcClestone** b Reiffel Fell c Berry b Reiffel Myles c Julian b Bevan Cockbain e Bevan b Langer Dalton b Kasprowicz Humphres c and b Ponting

Fielding c Reiffel b Slater

Sharp c Slater b Ponting

Oakes not out

Elliott

Ponting

Slater

Richardson not out

Extras: (b-4, lb-6, w-10, nb-16) 36 Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 281 Fall of wickets: 1-61; 2-92; 3-104; 4-150; 5-218; 6-241; 7-249; 8-254; 9-267. Bowling: Kasprowicz 58 Julian

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Langer Result : Australia won by 9

Repeat race on the cards?

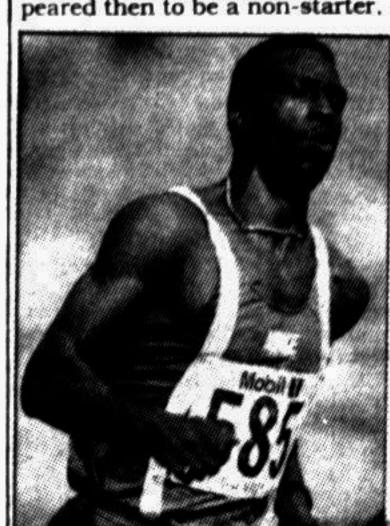
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LONDON. July 9: Olympic sprint champions Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson, who clashed in an anti-climatic 1.5 million

dollars showdown a month ago. could meet each other in a rematch later this year in a Las Vegas parking lot, reports Reuter. Although the idea surfaced

soon after Bailey beat Johnson in Toronto on May 31 and appeared then to be a non-starter.



MICHAEL JOHNSON

Bailey's manager Ray Flynn said on Friday he was "totally serious" about the idea.

"There has been a great deal of interest shown in a rematch and I think the people supporting Michael Johnson would be very keen on another race as their man did not do

anywhere and if the money was right, a parking lot of one of the big Las Vegas hotels could be the ideal place to stage the race. I am totally serious about this. The race could take place anywhere. Why not there?

"I think any rematch should be over 150 metres again. You could either have a straight race, or a 150 with one turn as we had in Toronto. But whatever the venue, I think the chances of a rematch somewhere in North America are very high.

Championship boxing matches have been held in converted Las Vegas parking lots for years and other sporting events such as a For-

Bailey skips Linz meet VIENNA, July 9: Canadian

Olympic and world champion Donovan Bailey has pulled out of Wednesday's international athletics meeting in Linz because of a thigh injury, organisers said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. The 29-year-old world 100 metres record holder, who sus-

tained the injury in Lausanne last Wednesday, was due to run in the 4x100m in the Canadian team which won gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Bailey's manager Paul Donovan said in a statement sent to the Linz organizers that

from the injury before the World Championships. He said that although Bailey had taken part in Friday's meeting in Oslo his injury had

Bailey wanted to recover fully

himself justice in Toronto. worsened. **Anderson on Barc's list**



NICE, France, July 9: French champions Monaco's Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson, a lead-

ing candi date to fill the gap let by compatriot Ronaldo at Barcelona, said on Tuesday he was very keen on a move to the Spanish giants. reports Reuter. "A club like Barcelona inter-

ests me, that's for sure," Anderson said. "I'm aware of everything that's been said and written, the fees proposed, but I've not been contacted directly." French media, including Tuesday's twice weekly France Football, have reported that Barcelona's new team boss

Louis van Gaal has been interested in Anderson since his days as Ajax Amsterdam coach. They have also said Barcelona would be prepared to pay about 22.5 million dollars for the 26-year-old former Vasco Da Gama Guarani,

Servette and Marseille striker, a sum many believe Monaco could not refuse. Anderson, who is under contract with Monaco for five years, said he wanted a dialogue with his club's authorities be-

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"It's very important for my future and my career," he said in a telephone interview, saying he would be disappointed of

the move did not come off. "If I have the chance of going to Barcelona there has to be a clear discussion because something exceptional is about to happen," said Anderson, who turned down the chance of a move to Paris St Germain a year ago.

"The possibility it seems I'm being offered of replacing Ronaldo is a very important challenge and I would like if to happen. It's also a chance for me to

aspire to a place in the Brazilian national team and the World Cup," he added. Monaco have refused to comment on whether they have been contacted by Barcelona over their striker, leading scorer in the French First Division the 1995-96 season and

third equal with 19 goals in their championship season. During last month's Tournoi de France, Brazil coach Mario Zagallo said Anderson, who he has worked with at junior international level was never out of the national team picture even though he has yet to win his first full cap.

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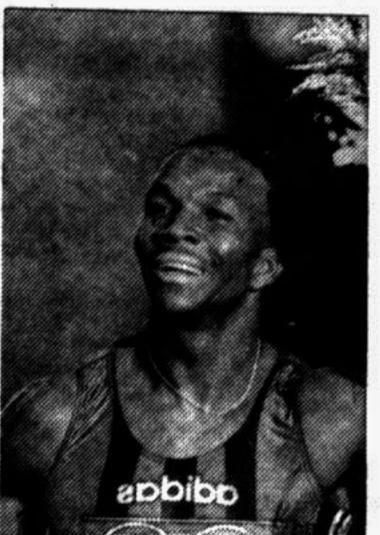
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been held in the American gambling capital deep in the Nevada desert Another head-to-head to try and establish the world's fastest man would certainly appear to

mula One Grand Prix have also

the gambling instincts of Vegas's high-rollers. Bailey, who picked up 1.0 million dollars in prize money. and another 500,000 dollars appearance fee in Toronto, won after the American pulled up with an injury 50 metres from

the line. The Canadian was extremely



DONOVAN BAILEY critical of his opponent afterwards, calling him "a chicken" and doubting the extent of his injury. But on Friday he was

contrite. "I said things I should not have said afterwards," he said. "But I was reaching just minutes after the race and a lot of comments had been made by Michael before the race. I was never taught to beat around the

bush and said exactly what I thought. "I would be interested if the package was right but, unlike in Toronto, I would rather appreciate any race was staged in an athletics environment.

But we'll have to wait and see."

Another compelling argument for a rematch was the TV audience for the race in Toronto which Flynn said was "a huge green light to potential spon-The race had a huge audience in Canadian television terms with 3.6 million viewers or

population. It was a higher viewership than the 3.4 million who watched Bailey win the Olympic 100 metres last year in Atlanta. 'That represented very cheap programming for the TV companies and I know they would be interested in another race. I think certain other safeguards would have to be built into any rematch in case

about one in nine of the

one of the runners was injured as happened in Toronto. But I am sure it will happen later this Any rematch would need to be sanctioned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation whose president Primo Nebiolo is reported to be highly critical of the "circus elements"

CRYPTOQUIP

of similar events.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals C

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words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FACT: FISHERMEN AND SHEPHERDS SIMPLY HAVE TO LIVE BY HOOK AND 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