

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-74

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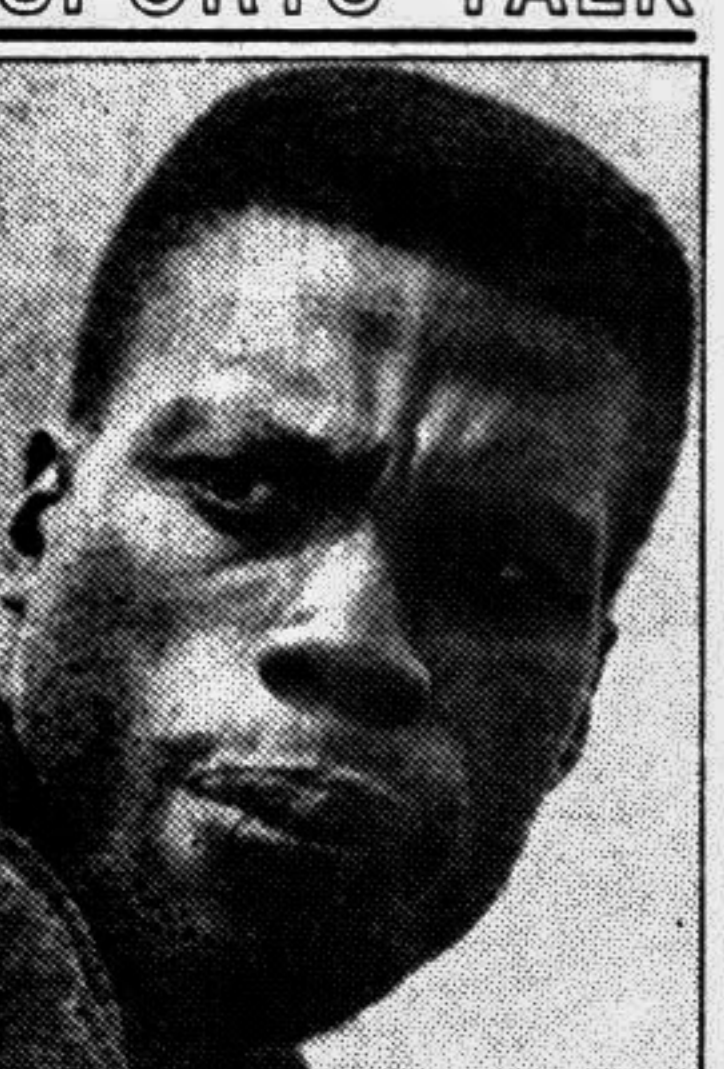
Competition closes 8 pm, July 25, '97

- 1 Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?
2 How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?
3 Which nation clinched the Copa America title?
4 Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?
5 Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Curtly Ambrose... West Indian pace bowler... After scalping his 300th Test wicket.

Bangladesh pushed down further

Sports Reporter Bangladesh have been dropped down further in the FIFA world rankings which was published on July 16. Bangladesh, who had been placed at 137 in the list of 194 countries last month, were pushed down again to 138.

Ali Sports school kabaddi

Sports Reporter Sharmin Textiles Mills Model High School moved into the final of the Ali Sports School kabaddi tournament defeating Nawabpur Government High School by 100-67 points in one of the two semifinals held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar (L) leads his team in a practice session day before their first Asia Cup match against Sri Lanka in Colombo today.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter Lalgach Sporting Club recorded a 2-0 victory over Rayerbazar Athletics Club in one of the two Third Division Football Super league matches played at the ground adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a one-sided affair, Shamem and Monir struck one goal each in the first half to guide their side to their third victory of the league.

Lancs live up with bat

LONDON, July 17: An unbroken stand of 243 between current England batsman John Crawley and former international Neil Fairbrother put Lancashire in command on the first day of their four-day English county championship match against struggling Sussex on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

A commotion in motion

LONDON, July 17: A team doctor at English soccer club Tottenham claimed on Wednesday that he lost his job for trying to stop German international striker Juergen Klinsmann from playing after a serious head injury, reports Reuters.

missed precisely because I was not prepared to bend the rules and compromise the health of players at the club," he told the London tribunal.

Milan bid for Leonardo

PARIS, July 17: AC Milan have made a 20 million-dollar bid for Brazilian midfielder Leonardo, Paris St Germain president Michel Denisot said today, reports AFP.

He told me that he would be referred to a neurosurgeon of his choice but not give me the neurosurgeon's name, Keating said.

Ponting proves his point

CARDIFF, Wales, July 17: Ricky Ponting hit a timely century against Glamorgan Wednesday to stake a claim for the troubled No. 6 batting spot in the Australian Test line-up, report agencies.

Excluding the wickets taken by these three players, Glamorgan has taken just 55 wickets this season.

Australia, surprisingly sent into bat against a second-string Glamorgan attack without pacemen Waqar Younis and Steve Watkins and England off-spinner Robert Croft, amassed 369 for four before skipper Mark Taylor declared.



R PONTING ...126 n.o

Ponting, dropped after the second Test against the West Indies in November 1996, provided the day's brightest batting at No. 4 with a fine unbeaten 126 in just under four hours.

customary half-century and Matthew Elliott and Greg Blewett had contributed 26 and 54. Ponting got stuck into the Welsh county's bowling.

The right-handed Ponting batted at No. 5 for Australia in his first three Tests and at No. 3 in the next three before he was dropped.

GLAMORGAN: First innings James not out 16 Morris not out 15 Extras: (lb-3; w-2; nb-4) 30 Total (for no wicket) 39

Target 'ambush marketing'

SYDNEY, July 17: The battle over Olympic marketing took a new twist today as organisers of the Sydney 2000 Games (SOCOG) announced an advertising campaign to stem the threat of 'ambush marketing,' reports Reuters.

Palfreyman said the most publicised example was last year's Atlanta Games when US sports-wear company Nike, a non-sponsor, arranged promotions and massive signpost advertising near Olympic stadiums.

SOCOG media manager Richard Palfreyman said international Olympic Committee (IOC) officials were concerned about the increasing trend and had given the all-clear for SOCOG to launch a counter-offensive.

By example, the survey found 40 per cent of people incorrectly believed the national airline Qantas was an Olympic sponsor — while less than 20 per cent knew that rival airline Ansett was in fact an official Games partner.

With table-topping Glamorgan facing Australia and third-placed Middlesex not playing, Essex's hopes of making ground were hit by Roberts' 117 in Northants' total of 354 for nine.

Palfreyman said while legislation was in place to stop non-sponsoring companies using property such as the Olympic rings, ambush marketing was not an illegal practice.

There were no hundreds for Surrey against Hampshire at Guildford despite the home side rattling up a huge first-day score of 457 for nine. England's Alec Stewart fell two short on 98 with fellow England men Mark Butcher (69) and Graham Thorpe (84) as well as captain Adam Hogg (75) and Chris Lewis (66 not out) also in the runs.

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Yorkshire bundled Durham out for just 152 with Darren Gough (four for 37) and Peter Hartley (three for 29) doing most of the damage. Yorkshire ended on 137 for two.

A spokesman for Qantas dismissed SOCOG's move, saying Qantas had a long association in sponsoring Australian sport and athletes and would continue to do so.

Ukrainian soccer coach gets life ban

KIEV, Ukraine, July 17: Ukrainian soccer's governing body has banned a head coach for allegedly attacking two referees in their hotel room this week after a match, newspapers reported Thursday, writes AP.

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A disciplinary committee of the Ukrainian Soccer Federation slapped a lifetime disqualification on Yuri Pogrebnyak, head coach of Metallurg, a Premier League squad from the Azov Sea Coast city of Mariupol.

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In the pre-dawn hours Monday after a home game Metallurg lost 2-0 on Sunday, Pogrebnyak and three other men went to the Mariupol hotel room where two referees were staying, one of the referees told a newspaper.

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Pogrebnyak sat down across from referee Alexander Kazachenko and complained that a goal had been unfairly judged a good goal, Vadim Shevchenko told the daily Kievskiy Vedomosti.

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"We tried to explain our point of view, but without hearing us out Pogrebnyak stood up and hit Kazachenko in the face with his fist," Shevchenko said.

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The coach and the three other men then punched and kicked both referees for several minutes, he said. The attackers left the room after a hotel employee knocked on the door.

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The referees received first aid at the airport before leaving town. Shevchenko said.

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Shove over, big boys — the girls are here

By Ghislaine Kruit from Tokyo

Women's sumo wrestling has taken off in Japan, and there are plans to develop an international competition. The men who control the traditional sport may have doubts about the newcomers, but, as Gemini News Service reports, they are helping the female fighters in an effort to boost their own Olympic credentials.

Japanese women are throwing aside the traditional role of the submissive female and pushing their way into a sacred male preserve — sumo wrestling.

Organisers hope that as women become more adept, the influence of other fighting styles will disappear. "It will develop towards pure shin sumo technique," said Kobashi.

ceral countries, and officials are seeking a standardised form, with a view to presenting it to the International Olympic Commission. To be taken seriously, the ISF feels it needs a women's category — as judo, boxing and other wrestling disciplines already have.

Somewhat surprisingly, perhaps, men are welcoming them in, rather than jealously guarding this bastion of Japanese made ritual.

Women's rules outlaw slapping and elbowing around the face and chest that feature in the men's version, and the clothing is different. Whereas men wear nothing but a mawashi (cloth between the legs attached to a belt), women are clad in leotards and shorts, over which a mawashi-style belt is worn.

However, there has also been a growing interest among women — and not only in Japan. The shin sumo federation agreed at a meeting in mid-February to work towards staging the first international competition in, perhaps, two years' time. Japanese regional contests will be held in September and the second national championships next January.

However, the men who control the sport are the first to make clear that women's shin sumo (new sumo), which has been officially launched in Japan this year, is not the same as the traditional form that dates back 1,300 years and is regarded as paying homage to divine animistic forces.

There are records of women's sumo in the 19th and early 20th centuries. "But this was regarded as vulgar and for show," says Hidetoshi Tanaka, general secretary of the International Sumo Federation (ISF). This form went out of fashion decades ago, and the new one has been launched as a genuine sport with an official structure and rules.

However, one area into which women are not invited is the spiritual side of sumo. Just as conservative elements in many of the world's religions oppose women priests, so the male stalwarts of sumo cannot accept that female contestants can fulfil the traditional role of honouring the gods of nature in Shintoism. Women do not compete in — are not even allowed to touch — the men's earth-and-reed dohyo, into which chalk is thrown ritualistically before bouts.

The newcomers are happy with at least one difference: they are not obliged to pile on weight like their beefy male counterparts.

Some people think women sumo wrestlers might be something exotic — that's why we have sought to adapt the clothes," says an official from a firm working on the design.

The women's dohyo is covered with plastic and resembles a sports mat without any spiritual connotations. — Gemini News

"I don't want to be a fat wrestler," said one contestant at the first All-Japan Women's Amateur Sumo Championships. "I wouldn't do this if I had to be so big."

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Forty women, ranging in age from 14 to 46, limbered up in a shopping mall in Osaka on a cold January day to initiate a sport that organisers hope to spread to the world.

So far, about 70 women have registered with the shin sumo federation, a subsidiary of the Japan Sumo Federation, which is governed by the ISF.

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Gabriel leaving Fiorentina?

BUENOS AIRES, July 17: Argentine star striker Gabriel Batistuta cut short his holiday to fly back to Italy on Wednesday night to thrash out his future with Fiorentina, reports AFP.

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Making a grab for the big time: Yuko Adachi, who won the under-70 kilo category at the first All-Japan Women's Amateur Sumo Championships

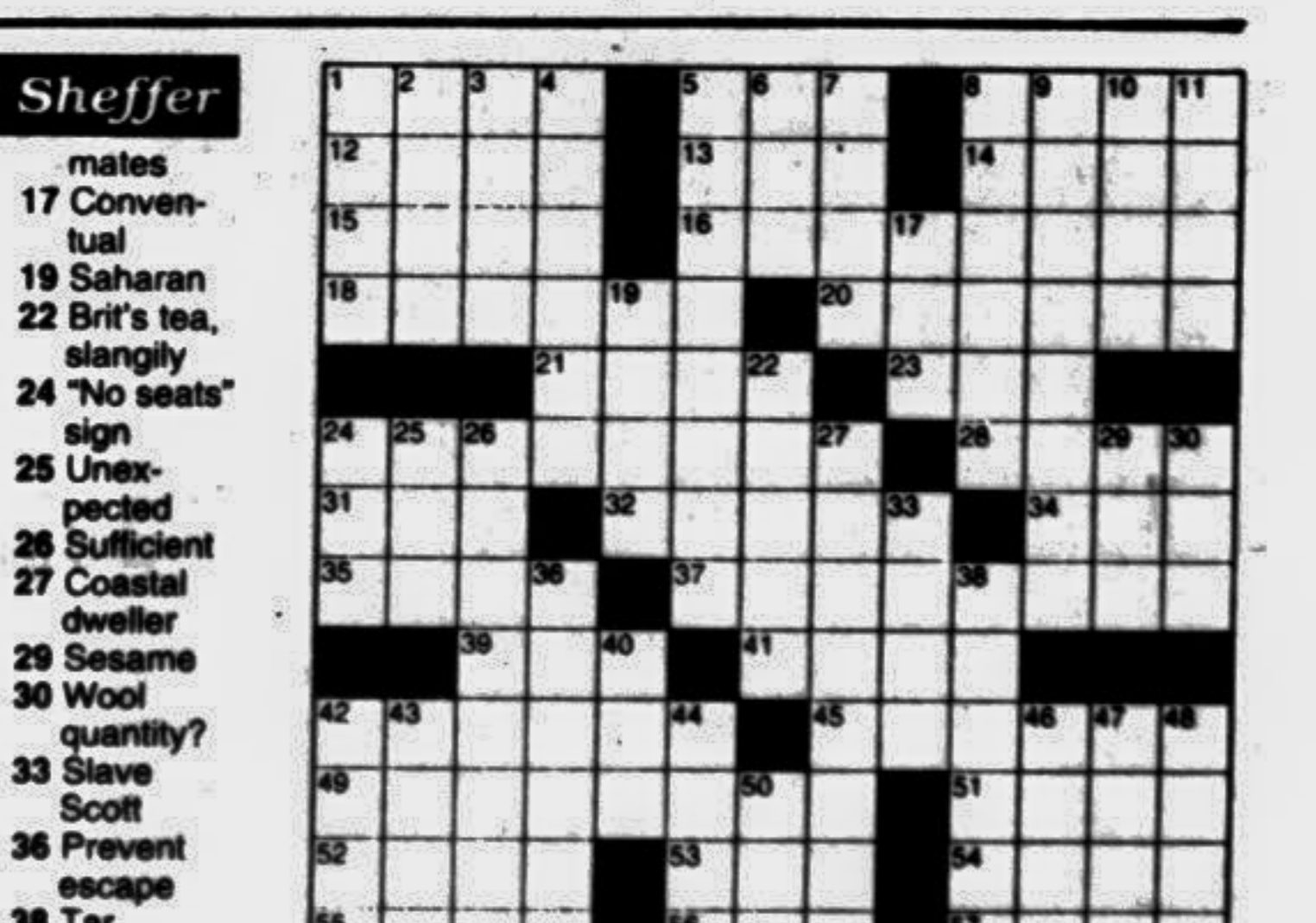


Army football

COMILLA, July 17: Chittagong and Jessore Area teams moved into the final of the Army football championship, reports BSS.

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