COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-74

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July 25, '97 Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?

How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?

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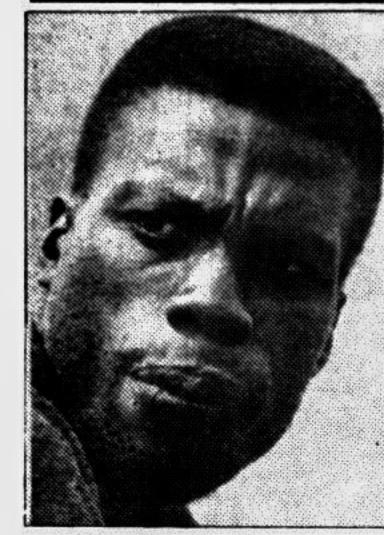
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SPORTS TALK



Cuntly Ambrose (West Indian pace bowler) "I knew I would get 300 but the question was when, I did it and I am quite happy." 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.

India, who were holding the top position among the SAARC nations, remained glued to the 116th spot. Nepal and Pakistan, who were 150th and 173rd respectively last month, also kept their rankings unchanged while Maldives went down to 182nd from 179th.

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 kabaddi court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the July 23rd final scheduled at 5 pm, the winners will take on Bangladesh Rifles School and College who won the other semifinal against Millat High School 110-55.



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. -AFP/UNB photo

A commotion in motion

LONDON, July 17: A team doctor at English soccer club Tottenham claimed on Wednesday that he lo-

st his job for trying to stop German international striker Juergen Klinsmann from playing after a serious head injury. reports Reuter.

Doctor Patrick Keating told an industrial tribunal that he lost his standing at the Premier league club because he refused to bend the rules on safety in the interests of club profits.

"I was constructively dis-

Milan bid for Leonardo

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

go to Italy but their Brazilian coach Ricardo does not want to release him before the Champions' League preliminary round matches they play on Aug 13

Paris are interested in signing Porto's Brazilian midfielder Edmilson as a replacement.

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.

Keating said his relationship with Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar and former Argentine manager Ossie Ardiles deteriorated after Klinsmann was



KLINSMANN

injured in a clash of heads dur-ing a league match against She ffield Wednesday in August 1994. He told the tribunal that Klinsmann showed signs of having an epileptic fit and he recommended that the striker should not play again until he had seen a neurological expert who could give the all-clear. He alleged that Sugar and club physiotherapist Tony Lenaghan ignored his advice. "They told me that he would

be referred to a neurosurgeon of his choice but would not give me the neurosurgeon's name." Keating said.

"I expressed my disquiet to the club physiotherapist about the unacceptable delay in assessing a potentially serious head injury which could have injured his life. "He told me that the club

were very angry with me and that I was to keep a low profile. He told me that I was very naive about the politics and the economics of the situation. "He said that Alan Sugar and

(chief executive) Claude Littner were only concerned about the share price and that the health and safety of players was not their main priority."

Tottenham denies unfair dismissal. In a written statement read out to the tribunal Lenaghan denied the allega-

"It is ludicrous to suggest that it is in the interests of the club that health is less important then money," he said.

The doctor eventually re-

signed in May last year

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.

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

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.

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

"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."

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.

Participants competed in the four categories: under 55 kilograms, under 70 kilos, over 70

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

"I want to get things settled before the season starts and if they don't want me then perhaps Barcelona do," he said before flying out.

The Spanish club has also approached Monaco about their Brazilian Sonny Anderson in a bid to find a replacement for their own Brazilian star Ronaldo, who hopes to finalise a move to Inter Milan next

Batistuta has again been left out of the Argentine squad for Sunday's World Cup qualifier against Venezuela.

National coach Daniel Passarella says Batistuta still figures in his plans for the 1998 final in France but the player said: "I won't beg to get back in the side."

kilos and one for all-comers. The heaviest, at 135 kilograms, was only half the weight of Japan's biggest male competitor. Most of the women had trained in martial arts.

Yuko Adachi, who won the under-70 kilo section, said: "I will always focus on my ability to fight well in judo."

Another contestant, Saito Tokuko, who had finished runner-up in the World Arm-Wrestling Championships in the United States last year, said she had trained with her sumoenthusiast husband for a month and was hoping to triumph. But she was quickly defeated. A crowd of about 500 gathered to watch. Not all were impressed.

"This is not real sumo," said an onlooker. "The moves are unrefined - a mixture of different fighting sports. If they want this to be successful they will have to do much better train-

ing."
However, Kimio Kobashi, chairman of the newly-formed Japan Shin Sumo Federation, said: "This is only the beginning." He explained: "We held it in a mall so that many people could see it and the sport could get exposure."

Traditionally, sumo involves large men trying to push or throw each other onto the ground or out of a circular unroped ring called a dohyo. Top professionals live like superstars. In competition, they tend to push rather than throw because of weight constraints, but many of the women relied on judo skills to topple opponents.
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.

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.

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

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.

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.

A key reason behind the launching of the new sport is that the ISF has set itself the task of spreading Japanese sumo around the world. Other types of the sport exist in sev-

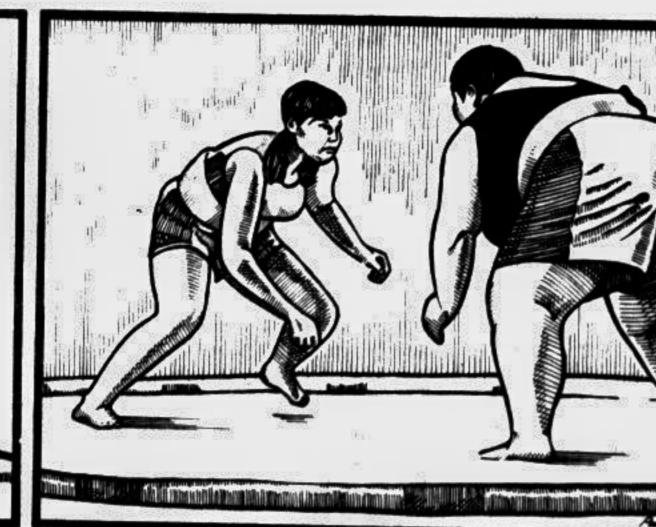
eral countries, and officials are seeking a standardised form, with a view to presenting it to the International Olympic Commission. To be taken seriously, the ISF feels it needs a women's category - as judo. boxing and other wrestling disciplines already have.

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, 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-andreed dohyo, into which chalk is thrown ritualistically before

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

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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

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Lalbagh 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, Shameem and Monir struck one goal each in the first half to guide their side to their third victory of the league.

With the win, Lalbagh finished fourth in the eight-team league having raised their point-tally to nine. On the other hand, it was the fourth defeat for Rayerbazar which kept them second from the bottom with their previous collection of five points.

In the day's other match, Matuail Udayan Sangha and Deepali Jubo Sangha shared points with a 3-3 draw.

In a see-saw affair, Ripon struck twice while Rana added the other for Matuail while Wahid, Rafique and Nizam scored one apiece for Deepali.

The draw, Matuail rolled up their campaign with nine points from seven matches while Deepali finished at the last having collected two point.

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 Reuter.

Crawley (112) and Fairbrother (132) finished the day unbeaten as Lances closed on 380 for five.

Another England player turned on the style just when it was needed as Kent's Mark Ealham blazed 96 not out after his side had been reduced to 162 for six by Leicestershire.

Ealham, who put on 145 with Zimbabwean Paul Strang (82), saw Kent to a total of 356 for seven.

Gloucestershire's England bowling hopeful Mike Smith took six for 47 as bottom club Derbyshire were skittled for

Gloucestershire swept past the meagre total to finish on 306 for four with Australian Shaun Young unbeaten on 156. Warwickshire managed 328 for nine against Notting-

hamshire at Trent Bridge de spite 18-year-old seamer Paul Franks taking a hattrick. Franks, who finished with four for 81, is the youngest ever Notts bowler to achieve the feat

Hadlee in 1987. Young opener David Roberts gave struggling Northampton-shire a lift against secondplaced Essex, hitting a century in only his second champi-

and the first since Richard

onship match. With table-topping Glamorgan facing Australia and thirdplaced Middlesex not playing. Essex's hopes of making ground were hit by Roberts' 117 in

Northants' total of 354 for nine. There were no hundreds for Surrey against Hampshire at Guldford 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 Hollioake (75) and Chris Lewis (66 not out) also in the

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.

Ukrainian soccer coach gets life ban

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

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.

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. Pogrebnyak sat down across

from referee Alexander Kazachenko and complained that a goal had been unfairly judged no good, Vadim Shevchenko told the daily Kievskiye Vedomosti. "We tried to explain our

ing us out Pogrebnyak stood up and hit Kazachenko in the face with his fist," Shevchenko said. 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 em-

point of view, but without hear-

ployee knocked on the door. The referees received first aid at the airport before leaving town, Shevchenko said.

Army football

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

Infantry 5-0 and Jessore beat Rangpur 2-1 in their respective semifinal matches played at the Comilla Cantonment today. The final match will be held on Monday.

Ponting proves his point

CARDIFF, Wales, July 17: Ricky Ponting hit a timely century against Glamor-

gan Wednesday to stake a claim for the troubled No. 6 batting spot in the Australian Test line-up, report agen-

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

Steve James (16 not put) and Hugh Morris 5 not out) survived the eight overs possible at stumps on the first day, taking the home team to 30 without Ponting, dropped after the second Test against the West In-

dies in November 1996, Pro-

at No. 4 with a fine unbeaten 126 in just under four hours. He outscored Michael Slater and Justin Langer, the other two contenders for out-of-form Michael Bevan's spot in next week's fourth Test at Heading-

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

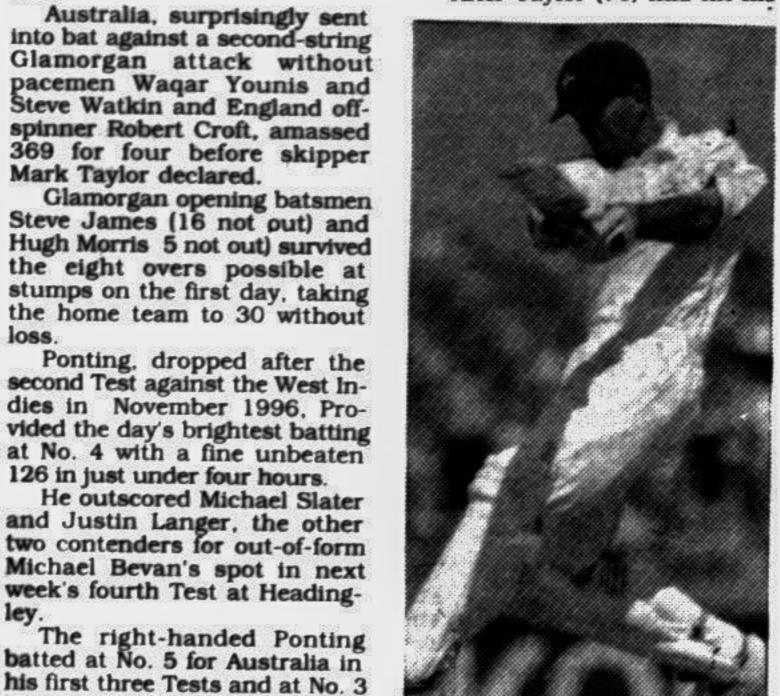
Slater, who smashed 95 against Scotland, scored 26 runs while left-hander Langer scored an unbeaten 50 off 76 balls with five boundaries. Australia's hopes of making

maximum use of the three-day game against the county championship leaders suffered a major setback when Glamorgan rested Pakistani Test player Waqar (thigh strain), his new-ball partner Watkin (back spasm), and Croft.

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

this season. Medium paceman Darren Thomas, who opened the bowl-

ing, has taken 32 of the 55 wickets while off-spinner Dean Cosker took 19 wickets. After Taylor (71) had hit his



R PONTING ...126 n.o

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

Ponting, playing in his third first-class game in the ninth week of the tour, reached his 18th first-class century, his fourth in six first-class games. Ponting won his Ashes tour selection through successive

hundreds for Tasmania in the

last three games after he was overlooked for Australia's tour of South Africa.

Playing in his 60th firstclass match, Ponting completed

5.000 runs when on 122. He hit 16 boundaries off 170 balls. Another to reach a career milestone during the game was Slater, who reached 7,000 runs

in 91 first-class matches when he was on two. Cosker celebrated his England call-up for the youth in-ternationals against Zimbabwe the wickets of Taylor and

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day tour match between Glamorgan and Australia on Wednesday:

Slater.

AUSTRALIA: First innings Taylor c Morris b Cosker Elliott c Mayhard b Butcher Blewett b Butcher Ponting not out Slater c Metson b Cosker Langer not out Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-2 nb-2) 16 Total (for 4 wkts declared) 369 Fall of wickets: 1-72; 2-132;

3-197; 4-246 Did not bat: M. Bevan, D. Berry, B. Julian, P. Reiffel, M. Kasprowicz 73

Bowling: Thomas Parkin 78 Butcher Cosker Maynard 10

GLAMORGAN: First inni-James not out Morris not out Extras: (lb-3; w-2; nb-4) Total (for no wicket) To bat: A Dale, M. Maynard,

AC Cottey, M Powell, g Butcher, C Metson, D Thomas, D Cosker. O, Parking Bowling (to date) O

Kasprowicz

By example, the survey

Target 'ambush marketing'



SYDNEY, July 17: The battle over Olympic marketing took a new twist today when organisers of the Sydney 2000 Games (SOCOG) announced an advertising cam-

paign to stem the threat of "Ambush marketing." reports Reuter. SOCOG media manager Richard Palfreyman said International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials were concerned about the increasing

counter-offensive. Ambush marketing is the term given to promotional campaigns run alongside..an.

Action from yesterday's Ali Sports schools kabaddi match

between Rifles School and Millat School at the court

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trend and had given the all-

clear for SOCOG to launch a

event by companies that do not

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

hold rights to that event.

"The IOC is very keen to see their sponsors protected," Pal-

freyman said. "We wouldn't be able to stage the Games without them and it's important that they are pro-

The situation came to a head in Australia after a survey released earlier this month indicated sponsor recognition had been hijacked by companies not officially aponsoring he

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. Top international Olympic sponsors pay around 40 million US dollars each over a fouryear period for the right to use the Olympics to market their own brands. Qantas has been running a series of ads featuring well known sports stars such as double Olympic swimming champions Kieren Perkins and Atlanta 400 metres silver medalist Cathy Freeman. Ralfreyman said while legis-

lation was in place to stop nonsponsoring companies using property such as the Olympic rings, ambush marketing was not an illegal practice. "What we're looking to do is develop a strategy to distinguish between just who and who isn't

real sponsor," Palfreyman said.

"We're not even suggesting that ambush marketing has taken place in Australia. "We just want them (nonsponsors) to know that they should be careful about the way they go about their advertising campaigns so they don't give the impression to the man in the

ation with the Olympic Games." Palfreymean added that SOCOG had spoken to several advertising agencies and expected a campaign to begin "as soon as possible."

street that they have an associ-

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

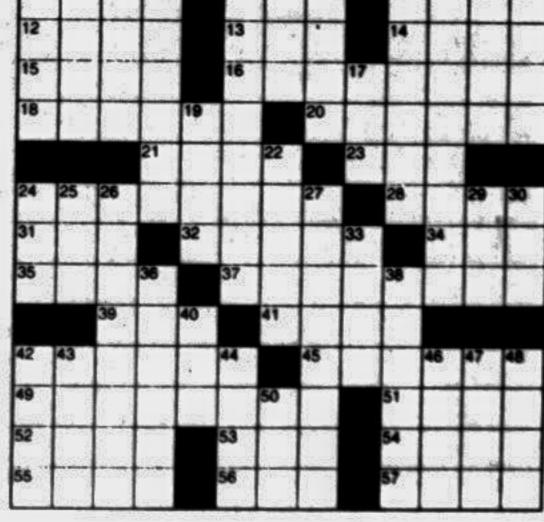
continue to do so.

Asian Club championship Alam made match

commissioner Z Alam of Bangladesh has been selected football match commissioner for the 17th Asian Club Championship to be held in India on August 9, re-

ports UNB. He will perform the job in a first round first leg match of the Asian tourney between Churchil Brothers of India and Dong Thap of Vietnam.

Four referees from the Maldives - Salim Ali, Abeer Ismail, Hakeem Abdul and Asim Ahmed - will conduct the match.



-Star photo

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CAKE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals B
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal () throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE HAREBRAINED BAKER LIKED TO CLEAN UP SPILLS USING A SPONGE