

# Column One

## Roost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
Competition-74

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Competition closes 6 pm, July 25, '97

- Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?  

Maya	Hingh	Vicario
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- How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?  

Two	Three	Four
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- Which nation clinched the Copa America title?  

Brazil	Peru	Bolivia
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- Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?  

Ghana	Colombia	Argentina
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- Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?  

Mohammedan	Abahani	Usha
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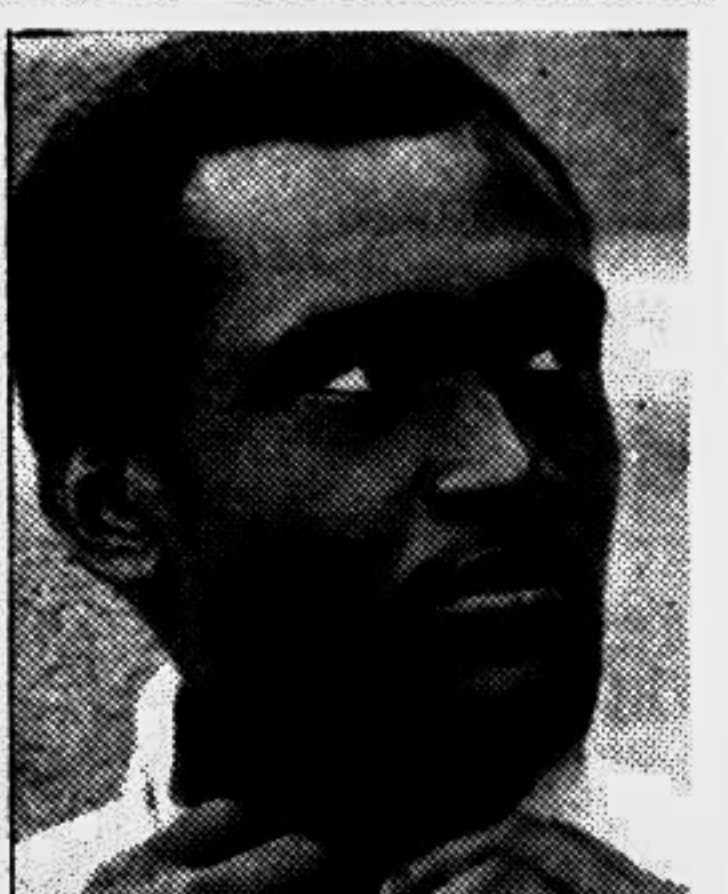
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### SPORTS TALK



**Carl Hooper**  
(West Indies all-rounder)  
"You've got to keep your feet on the earth. When you go up, you must remember that sometime you have to come down. That's what I remember most. To be humble."  
(Said of his attitude towards life)

### Bayern, VFB in final

BONN, July 24: Bayern Munich warmed up for the new season with an impressive 2-0 victory over European Cup winners Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday to reach the final of the inaugural German League Cup, reports Reuter.

Goals from new Brazilian signing Giovane Elber and international defender Markus Babbel helped the Bundesliga champions move towards a clash with VFB Stuttgart in Saturday's final in Leverkusen.

Stuttgart beat Karlsruhe 3-0 on Tuesday in the other semifinal of the lucrative competition which brings together the top six teams of last year's league championship.

The League Cup has replaced the traditional Super Cup between the champions and the Cup winners as the curtain raiser to the season which starts next month.

Elber, who joined from Stuttgart for 12.5 million marks (6.9 million dollars), put Bayern in front with a shot from just outside the penalty area after 29 minutes of the Augsburg game.

A header by Babbel from a cross by new French signing Bixente Lizarazu allowed the Munich club to seal the win and make sure of 750,000 marks (416,000 dollars) in prize money.

"We're not ready yet but I liked what I saw tonight," Bayern's Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni, "I'm pleased with the spirit, the mentality of the players. That's promising."

His Borussia counterpart, fellow Italian Nevio Scala who has just taken charge in Dortmund, was not too concerned by the defeat.

### Zimbabwe's appeal

JOHANNESBURG, July 24: Zimbabwe have asked English court authorities to release Bruce Grobbelaar for a vital African Nations Cup qualifier this weekend, reports AFP.

The veteran goalkeeper is one of four men on trial in Winchester for allegedly helping a Far Eastern Betting Syndicate fix results of English Premiership matches.

Coch Ian Porterfield wants the former Liverpool star to play in Angola on Sunday because a knee injury has ruled out first-choice gift Muzadzi and reserve Earnest Chirimbada is off-form.

Traditionally poor travellers Zimbabwe must avoid defeat in Lusanda to reach the Nations Cup finals for the first time following eight failed attempts.



Agrani Bank striker Kanchan (No 10) gets the ball past the Wari Club keeper to score his second goal during their Rupali Insurance 14th Federation Cup clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Agrani Bank blank Wari

**Sports Reporter**

Agrani Bank Soccer Club got off to a solid start in the Rupali Insurance 14th Federation Cup football tournament defeating Wari Club by three goals to nil in their first round Group C opener held at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first session 2-0.

In a one-sided affair, Kanchan struck twice while substitute Babu Khan added the other to the winners' account.

In the day's lone match which was actually scheduled for Wednesday but could not get underway due to countrywide power failure, the bankers, who have lost four of their key players during the inter-club booters' transfer early this month, did not have much problem to dominate the entire proceedings from the word 'go'. They went all-out to keep Wari boot-

ers busy in fending off a barrage attack most of the time.

It was a right side move that originated the first goal. Winger Hasan sent a neat minus to Kanchan who had little trouble in placing the ball home with a delicate touch in the 24th minute.

The nimble Bank forward then sealed the first half with a brilliant header after being fed a neat lob by Raj from the left flank after four minutes.

After the lemon break, Agrani Bank kept the pressure on Wari and added one more to their account with Babu Khan, came in as a substitute for Ikram Rana, heading the ball home from a Kanchan lob in the 85th minute.

With yesterday's win, Agrani Bank moved into the Group C final where they will meet Mirpur Chalanitka on July 26.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
YMC Fakirpool vs Dhanmondi Club (4 pm)  
Arambhag KS vs Bangladesh Boys Club (6 pm)

## Pioneer soccer's 2nd round on

**Sports Reporter**

National Football Training Club (NFTC), Islampur Uttaran Krira Chakra and Manikdi Probbati Sangha won their respective matches as the second round of the Pioneer football league commenced at different parts of the city yesterday.

Two first half goals by Ripon and Sumon guided NFTC to a 2-0 victory over Tejacon Nabataranga Krira Chakra in one of the two matches played at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

Ripon put NFTC ahead in the 16th minute while Sumon sealed the match after 24 minutes.

In the other match at the same venue, Islampur Uttaran recorded a 3-0 victory over Golden Future Sporting Club.

Sharif struck twice for the winners while Aminul added the other.

At the Rajuk ground, Manikdi booters managed a 2-1 victory over Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Sujon and Showkat scored one goal apiece for Manikdi while Karim pulled one back for the losers.

The other match of the day between Chalanitka Krira Chakra and Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha ended in a goal-less draw.

A total of 20 teams, split into four groups for the round robin league, are participating in the second phase of the meet. Top teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals.

## England sees the light

**LONDON, July 24:** England's cricket chiefs are being urged to consider staging floodlight matches when they host the 1999 World Cup, reports Reuter.

Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss put forward the idea following the outstanding success of a pioneering venture at his county's Edgbaston ground on Wednesday.

The Birmingham venue was the scene of the first-ever day-night competitive cricket match in Britain, with a bigger-than-expected crowd of 15,174 watching Warwickshire beat Somerset by 35 runs in a rescheduled Sunday League 40 overs game.

Gate receipts and corporate hospitality produced a profit of 70,000 pounds (117,000 dollars), Warwickshire's total revenue through the turnstiles last season was only 40,000 pounds (67,000 dollars).

The spectacle was witnessed by England Cricket Board (ECB) officials including cricket operations manager John Carr.

Amiss said: "We showed them people will come and watch cricket in the evening and may be the board have to think this is the way forward, may be for the World Cup, an international match next year or via more (Sunday) League matches."

"We've a one-day international here against South Africa next year and I think the board should seriously consider staging it as a day-night match."

Carr said: "I was very impressed with the level of interest from the crowd and the atmosphere was more like that of an international match."

"As regards things like the World Cup, you don't want to get too carried away and run before you can walk, there was a novelty value last night and it was a good evening weather-wise."

"There are day-night matches in other parts of the world so it is a subject already talked about but the better things go and the more expectations are exceeded like last night, the more feasible such things become."

Floodlight matches were a feature of the last two World Cups, in Australia and New Zealand in 1992 and on the Indian sub-continent in 1996.

## Warwicks win

**LONDON, July 24:** In the first ever competitive cricket match under floodlights in Britain, Warwickshire beat Somerset by 37 runs on Wednesday night, reports Reuter.

The game, an official Sunday League match, finished at 2336 local, delayed by a couple of minutes in the closing overs by a male stalker.

In front of a 15,000 crowd at Edgbaston, Warwickshire made 224-5 in their 40 overs and then bowled out Somerset for 187 in 39.2 overs. Warwickshire joined Essex and Lancashire at the top of the league on 32 points.

## Berlin Lewis' swan song?

**NEW YORK, July 24:** Carl Lewis, winner of nine Olympic gold medals and a record eight World Championship golds, will run his last competitive race August 26 at Berlin, reports AP.

The race, a 400-metre relay with his Santa Monica Track Club teammates Leroy Burrell, Mike Marsh and Floyd Heard, will be part of an international Amateur Athletic Federation Grand Prix meet.

"That will definitely be his last competitive race," his coach, Tom Tellez, said Wednesday by telephone from Houston.

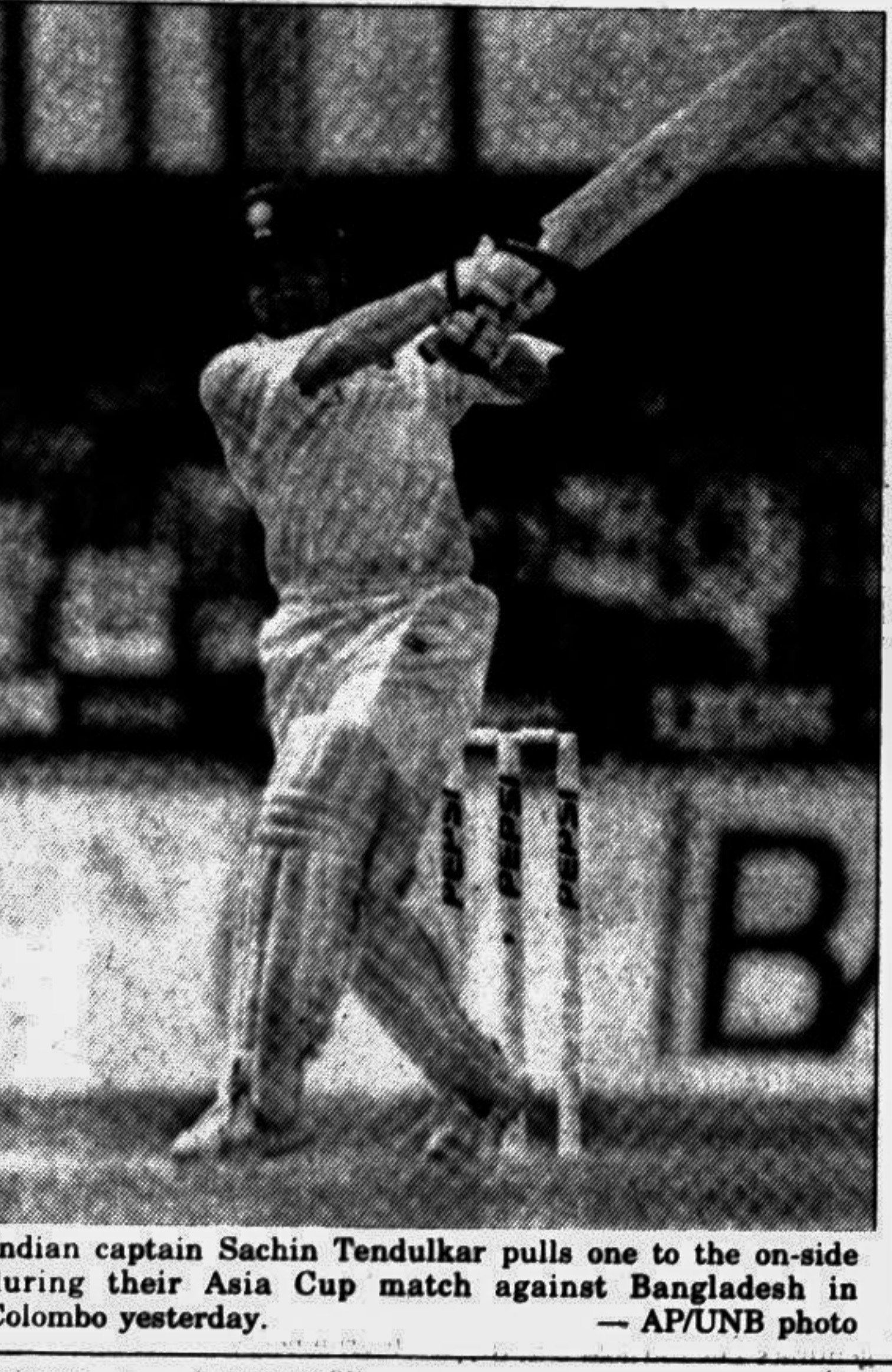
The 36-year-old Lewis will end his illustrious career Sept. 13 in an exhibition relay on his home track at Robertson Stadium in Houston during pregame or half-time festivities of the Pittsburgh-Houston game.

"He will do some things (races) for charity next year," Tellez said, "but that's all. He won't compete."

"He's getting tired of it all," Lewis says happily that it's over.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said recently. "I've had an incredible career, and hey, it's not over. To be able to end your career with an Olympic gold medal... is a dream. I feel like I've been blessed."

Tellez said special ceremonies were being planned for the September race, but plans were not yet finalised.



Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar pulls one to the on-side during their Asia Cup match against Bangladesh in Colombo yesterday. — AP/UNB photo

## Asia Cup cricket Bangladesh-India scoreboard

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup match between India and Bangladesh on Thursday:

**INDIA:**

Athar Ali	b Tendulkar	33	
Naimur ibw	b Kuruvilla	0	
Minhazul c Karim	b Prasad	3	
Aminul c Kumble	b R Singh	30	
Akram c Jadeja	b Kumble	11	
Khaled Masood	c Ganguly	b R Singh	12
Enamul run out		4	
Mafzur	not out	15	
Hasibul ibw	b R Singh	0	
Salahuddin	not out	3	
Extras: (lb-15, w-2, nb-2)		19	
Total: (for 8 wickets in 43 overs)		130	

Did not bat: Zakir Hossain

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-12; 3-57; 4-79; 5-92; 6-100; 7-104; 8-104.

**Bowling:**

Prasad	7	1	15	1
Kuruvilla	6	0	28	1
Kumble	10	3	17	1
Ganguly	6	1	24	0
Tendulkar	5	0	18	1
R Singh	9	2	13	3

**INDIA:**

Ganguly	not out	73
Tendulkar	Enamul	26
Azharuddin	not out	21

## Goa new breeding ground

**Novy Knapada**

India with the lifting by Salgaocar Club of the country's most prestigious football trophy last week.

Salgaocar defeated star-studded local favourites East Bengal 2-1 to win the Kalyani Black Label Federation Cup at the Salt Lake stadium here to provide ample hint of the shifting centre of gravity of Indian football before 120,000 partisan fans. Sponsored by the United Breweries for a sum of Rs. 80 lakhs (about \$228,571), it was billed as the "ultimate football spectacle" and 44 teams competed for the two month long tournament.

Salgaocar's win through an extra time 'golden goal' by India's skipper Bruno Coutinho marked the first time that an outstation club has beaten East Bengal in the final of a major tournament at Calcutta. Salgaocar not only bearded the lion in its den but also shattered several myths about Indian football. The match was played on a rain-drenched ground on which Calcutta teams are supposed to revel. Moreover, East Bengal's record of 11 goals in three matches on their way to the final had made them firm favourites for the title.

But superior team preparation enabled Salgaocar triumph. Their coach T.K. Chathumil developed a squad based on mental toughness and physical fitness which helped them to be

the most cohesive team in the competition.

Also, unlike most other leading Indian sides, Salgaocar had only one foreign player, a Nigerian, in its ranks and nine were local boys.

Coutinho, the man-of-the-match and man-of-the-tournament for which he received Rs. 30,000 (about \$875), later said, "This is the best win in our club's history as we beat East Bengal on their home soil not just defensive tactics but by clever, cohesive and tactical football." Eight years ago when Salgaocar won their last Federation Cup title, Bruno in his first year with the club had scored the decisive goal in extra time against Mohammedan Sporting, another Calcutta club side.

Scientific training programmes, including running on the beach, weight training and frequent medical check ups, a good junior development programme, the most competitive league in India and a well organised state association has enabled Goa to develop as a major football power.

Albert Colasso, secretary of the Goa Football Association, says, "Our local league is the most competitive in India, as there are about six teams — Dempo, Salgaocar, Churchill Brothers, Vasco, Sesa and MIT — of near equal strength."

More professional management has also enabled in the rise of Goa football. Unlike the Calcutta clubs, the owners of the Calcutta clubs are not greedy and do not force their players to play too many

## Kanu ready to roll?

**MILAN, July 24:** Inter Milan's Nwankwo Kanu, whose career looked over last year after undergoing heart surgery, is set to join Ronaldo in Inter Milan's friendly against Manchester United, reports AFP.

"Kanu, the star of Nigeria's victorious 1996 Olympic football side, had surgery in the United States last November after a pre-season medical test revealed a congenital heart disease.

Club president Massimo Moratti said: "It's a sensational possibility, if he gets through the last medical tests, he'll be on the pitch on Sunday against Manchester United."

Kanu has so far only completed partial tests, all of which he has passed, if the remaining heart checks are successfully by Saturday, the club will just have time to get his official medical clearance to play football again.

Kanu, bought from Ajax Amsterdam just before the Atlanta Games, last played for Inter a pre-season friendly on August 24 last year against Vicenza.

The Nigerian, who turns 21 next week, is expected to face regular medical checks on his heart by the Italian football authorities next season, even if they give him the all-clear this weekend.

## World Championships at stake

**ATHENS, July 24:** Vicious divisions among the organisers and a late start in preparations have created a financial nightmare for organisers of the sixth World Championships opening on August 1, reports Reuter.

The championships were awarded to the Greek capital after Mexico City turned them down for lack of funds and although the final cost is expected to be around 36 million dollars, projected revenue is only 7.3 million dollars.

Added pressure has been placed on the organisers with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voting in the following month for the host city for the 2004 Games.

"This is the big one, the eyes of the world are on Athens for the championships one month before the International Olympic Committee votes for the 2004 venue," said one senior government official. "Athens wants to prove it is the best candidate."

Although Gothenburg, the 1995 host city, was given 7 million dollars by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the Greek federation SEGAS agreed to undertake the project with no funding.

Soon the bills were running high, including 4 million dollars for security measures which include 15,000 police on duty throughout the champi-

onships.

Sports under-secretary Andreas Fouras and former SEGAS president Stratos Mollivas spent a year publicly insulting each other on who was responsible for the mess and who had the upperhand in running the event, putting all preparations on hold.

"With about 10 months to go we had to rush to find suppliers and had no choice but to accept their high prices," said the championships general manager Vangelis Savramis.

"They knew we were in need and in no position to negotiate."

One week before the start, the Olympic stadium still resembles a giant construction site with workers installing new cabling, replacing broken chairs, painting interior walls and installing desks and telephone lines for the media.

"Things always take time in Greece but in the end it all works out fine," Forcas said. "Right now I am under a lot of stress but I know that on August 1 all will be fine."

The championships' financial failure is raising questions about Greece's Olympic bid. Yanna Daskalaki, the Athens 2004 bid committee president, has said if Athens wins the Games the cost would be 1.3 billion dollar and revenue about 1.6 billion dollar.

"If we get the Olympics, I fear there will be widespread mismanagement of funds," Savramis said. "Greeks will end

up paying for years after the Games are held."

The championships will be scrutinised by some 40 visiting IOC members before the September 5 vote.

Almost all the 110 IOC voting members will visit Greece within the next three weeks enjoying the usual generous hospitality and meetings with senior government officials including Prime Minister Costas Simitis.

Athens, which lost the 1996 Games to Atlanta, is second favourite to Rome to stage the 2004 Olympics. The other three finalists are Stockholm, Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

## Nirala gymnastics

The Nirala invitational gymnastics competition, organised by the Bangladesh Gymnastics Parishad, concluded at the National Sports Council Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy was the chief guest in the closing ceremony of the two-day meet and distributed prizes among the winners.

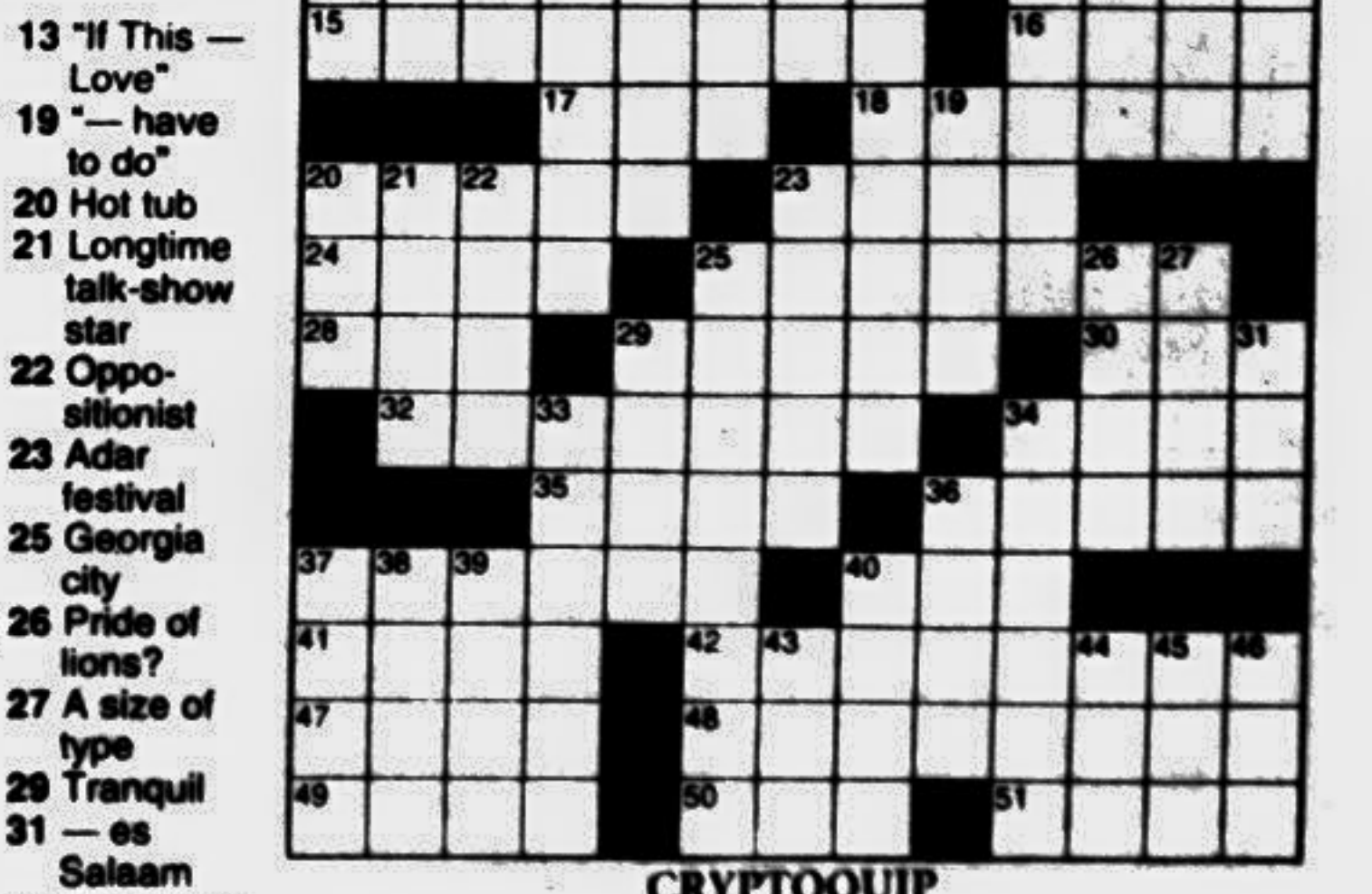
Eighty gymnasts, representing nine teams and some individual entries from across the country, took part in the 18-event meet sponsored by the Lalbagh Chemical & Perfumery Works Limited.



World environmental expert Maurice Strong (R), scored the organisers of the 2000 Olympic Games highly in their 'Green Games' effort during the release of his report in Sydney yesterday. Strong of Canada praised the environmental efforts of the Olympic committee despite the organiser's admission of the existence of cancer-causing dioxins at the Olympic site. The Sydney 2000 president Michael Knight is to the left of Strong. — AP/UNB photo

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Jerry Herman show
  - 5-in-apple
  - 8 Mississippi transport
  - 12 City whose name means "yellow"
  - 14 Arab potentate
  - 15 Where to "leave your worries"
  - 16 Bird of yore
  - 17 Lennon's lady
  - 18 Put on the line
  - 20 High-IQ cracker spread
  - 23 Confines
  - 25 UV device
  - 28 Museum stuff
  - 29 Yuletide refrain
  - 30 Succor
  - 32 Facing one another
  - 34 Pizarro's prey
  - 35 Reticent
- DOWN**
- Latin 101 word
  - 3 Long March leader
  - 4 Outfield stats
  - 5 Sax variety
  - 6 Pub proffering
  - 7 Office help
  - 48 Yerevan resident
  - 49 Ella's specialty
  - 50 "Haw"
  - 51 Future phalaropes
  - 10 Bona — DOWN
  - 11 Incensed (on)
  - 13 "If This — Love"
  - 19 "— have to do"
  - 20 Hot tub
  - 21 Longtime talk-show star
  - 22 Oppositonist
  - 23 Aden priest
  - 25 Georgia city
  - 26 Pride of lions?
  - 27 A size of type
  - 29 Tranquil — as
  - 31 — es Salaam
  - 33 Chip off the old block?
  - 34 Protected from harm
  - 36 Location
  - 37 Barracks army
  - 38 Org.
  - 39 Tibetan priest
  - 40 Pinnacle
  - 43 Raw rock
  - 44 Pre-determine
  - 45 Kvetch
  - 46 LTJG's subordinate



**CRYPTOQUIP**

V D H D G A J G H A M N S P  
A M X A R X J A M A J R Q D J U  
N S V X N J N R U J R G E A  
N S Q N E P U M X P R U ?

Saturday's Cryptogram: THE COMPOSER ADORRED BATHING SO MUCH HE BEGAN PRODUCING SOAP OPERAS.

Today's Cryptogram clue: M equals H

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.