COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-75

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm.

August 8, '97 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan? Tabarez Who lifted the Legg Mason

Classic tennis title this year? Wheaton Chang

Which is the new club of Roberto Baggio? Vicenza Atletico Bologna Who won the Ali Sports 7th schools kabaddi title?

Nawabpur Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Federation Cup football?

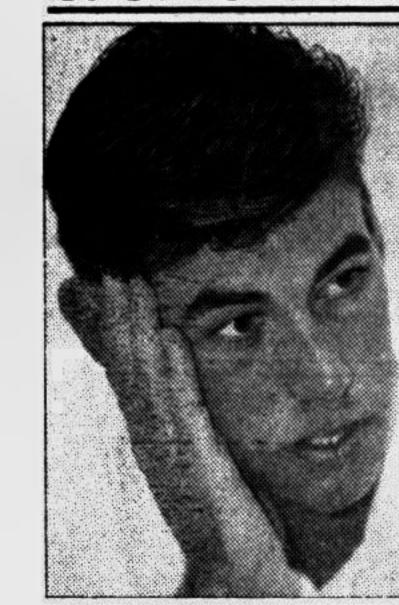
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SPORTS



Stephen Fleming (New Zealand orieket cap-

"I think captaincy has put that extra responsibility on me. and I seem to do better. It is always good to contribute with your batting, and the team is bound to gain in more ways than one. As captain, you tend to concentrate more on things like your technique, which only helps your batting."

Chehlum

Sports Reporter

The chehlum of former national football coach Gafur Balooch will be held today. A milad mahfil will be or-

ganised at the Brothers Union Club premises after the Zohr prayers.

Friends, pupils and wellwishers of the late coach have been requested to attend.

Barisal soccer From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 1: Abahani Krira Chakra beat Udayan Club by seven goals to one in the opening match of the First Division football league at the local stadium today.

Gopal of Abahani scored a hattrick while Milan Sr and Milan Jr netted two goals apiece. Mahammad Ali pulled one back for the losers.

Earlier, veteran footballer Zakaria Pintoo inaugurated the league in the afternoon, which is being participated by nine

Bad boys for good game

BRUSSELS, Aug 1: Three of world soccer's most temperamental ambassadors will lead a European Commission-sponsored anti-racism drive at a special tournament in Spain in October, reports Reuter.

The commission said on Thursday it would help organise the all star event on October 12 as part of the European year

against racism. Three teams, including some

of the world's top players, will meet in a series of 40-minute matches.

The sides will be captained by Argentine Diego Maradona, a confessed former cocaine addict: France's Eric Cantona. who was banned from the game atter an infamous kung-fu style attack on a fan while playing for Manchester United; and Liberian George Weah, the 1995 world player-of-the-year who was banned for head-butting an opponent after a game in

November 1996. The tournament will bring together some of the best football players in the world, united in their determination to show that racism as no place in our

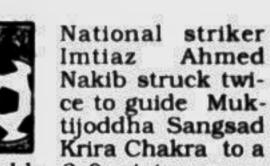
societies," the statement said. The commission said more details of the tournament would be announced at a news conference in September.



Muktijoddha's prolific striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib (L) fires the ball home to score his and his side's first goal against Abahani Krira Chakra in their 14th Federation Cup football clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Muktis won 2-0. -Star photo

Muktis topple Abahani

Sports Reporter



tijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra to a comfortable 2-0 victory over Abahani Krira Chakra in a tense second round clash of the 14th Federation Cup football tournament at the floodlit

Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Nakib, the leading scorer of the Premier Division league last year, struck in the second half. With the win, Muktis emerged Group Two champions with full points and will now take on Arambagh Krira Sangha

On the other hand, defeat left Abahani having to face arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the other semifinal earlier in the day.

in the second semifinal tomor-

The match began with Abahani forcing a corner in the third minute. But that was their lone attack launched in the entire game as Muktis, spearheaded by Iqbal, Swapan, Rakib and Nakib took over.

Although the teams remained locked in the first ses-

players but Italy's Serie A

remains the best in the world.

according to Juventus coach

proved from a technical point

of view but in my opinion the

Russians to look

into fixing

soccer officials are set to meet

on Monday to review allega-

tions of match-fixing in a Pre-

mier league game last week, a

senior league director said on

council will look at material

passed on by official observers

at the July 23 match at Sochi,

when the home side Zhem-

chuzhina beat long-time rivals

Chernomorets Novorossiisk

Vitaly Krechetov did not say

what prompted the suspicions

Naidyonov fiercely denied any

fixing and accused the soccer

elite in Moscow of conspiring

ing eighth in the table two

points behind fourth-placed

Chernomorets, would not be

sending a representative to

Monday's hearing, he told the

are scheming against strong

teams from the provinces.

"Dark forces in the capital

France won 1-0 with a golden goal.

The Sochi club, currently ly-

against provincial sides.

of dishonesty.

news agency.

Naidyonov said.

League executive director

Zhemchuzhina coach Arsen

An independent expert

Thursday, reports Reuter.

MOSCOW, Aug 1: Russian

"The English league has im-

Marcello Lippi, reports Reuter.

CHATILLON_Ita-

ty, Aug 1: The Eng-

lish Premier lea-

gue has benefited

from its recent

influx of foreign

sion, the winners had at least two distinct opportunities to

take a lead. In the 18th minute, Rakib's free kick from the top of the box ballooned off the side bar while Nakib's header from a goalmouth melee narrowly missed the near post in the 31st minute.

Undaunted by the first half misses, Muktis continued their assault with Nakib and Rakib commanding in defence.

In the 58th minute, Nakib had the most easiest opportunity to score when he got the ball inside the danger area from a Rakib cross. But his header was brilliantly fisted away by Abahani custodian Biplab.

After one more abortive attempt in between, Nakib finally broke the deadlock in the 71st minute. It was Swapan who received a Rakib cross from the right and passed the ball to an unguarded Nakib who turned his marker and deftly slotted the ball home.

Nakib then doubled the margin after 13 minutes with a brilliant piece of headwork. The tall striker had a chance to complete a hattrick in the

Serie A second to none

Italian league is still the most

sense," Lippi said after a train-

ing session at Juve's summer

anyone. The English FA Cup fi-

nal between Middlesbrough and

Chelsea was an awful match.

MARCELLO LIPPI

I'm not saying that all matches

in the English championships

are like that but in Italy the

to the Italian title last season,

said the appearance in Serie A

of players such as Brazilian

sensation Ronaldo, who joined

Inter Milan from Barcelona

this month, had helped on im-

players who reminds you of the

great champions who've arrived'

in Italy in the last 10 years or

Simao Saborosa of Portugal (C) fights for the ball with three unidentified French players

during their European under-18 championship final in Reykjavic, Iceland on Thursday.

Ronaldo is one of those

prove Italian soccer.

Lippi, who coached Juventus

standard of football is higher."

"Without wishing to blame

base in the Italian Alps.

shot sailed over the bar.

BRTC WIN

Earlier, in the day's first match. Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC). recorded a 2-1 victory over

After a barren first half, forward Badrul Amin Munna scored both the goals for the winners while Kanchan reduced the margin for the bankers.

Abahani and Muktijoddha hand, it was the third successive defeat for the bankers.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Club Cup engagement in North

next minute. But his left foot

Agrani Bank Sports Club.

After two defeats against

Sangsad, it was the first win for BRTC which lifted them into third place in the group with three points. On the other

Football Federation have rescheduled the semifinal fixtures to help Mohammedan Sporting Club prepare for Asian Korea next week.

According to the new decision taken Thursday night, Both the games will be played at 5 and 7 pm while the final will be on August 5.

so, like Maradona, Plathini

and Van Basten, about out from

he'll emulate them. The Italian

league is a difficult one to play

won championships with Na-

poli in 1987 and 1990, French

midfielder Michel Platini

inspired Juventus to the 1984

and 1986 titles while Dutch

striker Marco van Basten won

four league championship

medals and three European

cups with AC Milan in the late

Lippi said the main chal-

lenge to Juventus next season

would come from the two Milan

giants, last season's runners-up

spent heavily in the close sea-

son, and Sampdoria as poten-

bought some excellent players -

I wouldn't like to say who's

made the best buys. But Lazio

and Parma also have good all-

round squads. It will be a very

rely more on speed and less on

strength following significant

changes to their forward line

Christian Vieri has left for

Atletico Madrid while Croat

Alen Boksic has returned to

Lazio after one season in Turin.

play a friendly against English

side Newcastle in Cesena, near

Italy's Adriatic coast. On Sun-

day, the match is part of Juve's

although we're still in a

preparatory tages and we won't

play 100 per cent," Lippi said.

"That'll be our first real test

-AFP/UNB photo

centenary celebrations.

Juventus leave the Alps to

Powerful centre-forward

during the close season.

Lippi said Juventus would

He named Roma, who have

"Inter and Milan have

Parma and Rome club Lazio.

1980s and early 1990s.

tial title outsiders.

even title race."

"But it's too early to say if

Argentine Diego Maradona

both matches in Dhaka

Both the matches of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup football tournament between Abahani Krira Chakra and Old Benedictines of Sri Lanka will be held in the capital on August 23 and 25, reports UNB.

Earlier, the first leg match between two teams was scheduled for August 23 in Colombo and the second leg match due to be held in Dhaka on August 30.

However, the venue of the first match in Colombo has been changed as Sri Lanka expressed their inability to host the game.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Football Federation has agreed to host both the matches in Dhaka at the request of the Asian Football Confederation following Sri Lanka's appeal.

Super 8s cricket

Malaysian ARJUNA RANATUNGA against his team earlier this side wins week after their eight-wicket annihilation in the Asia Cup final to Arjuna Ranatunga's one-day champions drew flak

alike.

Sports Reporter

The Malaysian selection side beat India by nine runs in the Super 8s invitational cricket tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The homeside, for which two Bangladeshis Akram Khan and Aminul Islam are featuring, scored 128 in the stipulated 14 overs with Akram not out on 17. Bulbul could collect 13 runs. In reply, the Indians were restricted to 119.

In the opening match New Zealand beat South Africa.

BTV please clarify

Sports Reporter

Yet again Bangladesh Tele-vision disappointed all and sundry with their dose of misinformation regarding the Super 8s cricket tournament being staged in Kuala Lumpur.

During yesterday's prime time news bulletins when everybody was glued to their sets eagerly waiting to know how Akram and Bulbul performed for the Malaysian selection, they got the shock of their lives not once but twice hearing the Malaysian outfit, for which the pair are appearing, had beaten India by eleven runs instead of nine. Besides, they did not even bother to mention the Bangladeshis' contribution. Moreover, the viewers were taken aback to learn that Sunil Gavaskar, who needs no introduction, had taken three wick ets for the losers. Then how come Rohan Gavaskar was in action!

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Dilkusha Sporting Club, Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Islampur Udayan Sangha won their respective Pioneer Super league football matches held at different venues of the city yesterday.

At the Rajuk ground, Dilkusha recorded a 2-0 victory over Chalantika Sporting Club. Saidul put Dilkusha ahead in the 32nd minute while Sagir sealed the match after eight

minutes. In the other match at the same venue. Swadesh Samai Kalyan Sangha registered a solitary goal win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Mohsin struck the all-important goal in the 39th minute. Away at the Mohakhali T&T ground, the Islampur side beat Golam Mustafa Lane Krira Chakra 4-1.

Saidul, Maruf, Masud and Sharif netted one goal apiece for the winners while Zakir reduced the margin for Golam Mustafa Lane.

The day's other match between Golden Future Athletics Club and National Football Club ended in a 2-2 draw at the same venue.

Ronaldo vows to pay Inter back

MILAN, Aug 1: Ronaldo has promised goals galore for Inter Milan next season when the club bid to become Italian champions for the first time in nearly a decade, reports AFP. "I'm here to score a lot of

brought here to do, and I want to score plenty — like I did with Barcelona, and here, there's ev-

ery reason to think I can do it.

competition, Ronaldo scored a total of 47 goals in 49 matches for the Catalan club last season. Currently training at Inter's Appiano Gentile training base near Lake Como, he said," I'm working hard, and I can feel my fitness coming back I think I'll

"The next friendly against Bologna, will be an important one for me in terms of getting back, into shape."

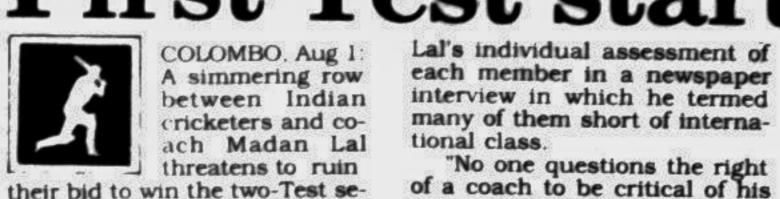
be ready soon.

August 5, which will pitch him against Roberto Baggio. Ronaldo said. "That's up to the coach, whatever (Gigi) Simoni decides is fine by me.

Commenting on the return match against Manchester United, which he watched on television after playing the first 17 minutes at San Siro, he said: "I saw a good first-half great football from two great sides."

inter, who last won the Italian title in 1988-89 have yet to settle their transfer row with Barcelona over the Brazilian

Abahani to play | First Test starts today



on Saturday, reports AFP.

"No one questions the right of a coach to be critical of his team," a senior player said. "But ries against Sri Lanka starting did he have to make it sound as Madan Lal's media outburst if he had no faith in the players? Even the timing was all wrong." The Indians have reason to

believe they can avenge the Asia Cup defeat in the Test matches - their last series win abroad was in Sri Lanka in 1993. India have failed to win any

of their 12 Tests abroad since then, despite securing eight wins in 13 home Tests in the same period, earning them the tag of tigers at home but lambs

Captain Sachin Tendulkar, looking for his first Test win away from home, plans to unleash five bowlers on a wicket that is expected to be a slow turner over the five days. Lanky left-arm spinner

Nilesh Kulkarni of Bombay will make his debut as support bowler for recalled off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan, vice-captain Anil Kumble and seamers Venkatesh Prasad and Abey Kuruvilla. India will once again use

wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia as opener to accommodate five specialist batsmen in Navjot Sidhu, Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Azharuddin, Saurav Ganguly and Tendulkar. The Sri Lankans will blood

young middle-order batsman Mahela Jayawardena as a replacement for the injured Hashan Tillekeratne, but will play only four regular bowlers.

Sri Lanka, which aims to become the world's Test playing nation by the turn of the century, have won just nine of their 74 matches since gaining official status in 1981.

cricket, but there's still a long way to go in Test matches. manager Dulpee Mendis said. adding this series was very important for the home side.

Heavy rain this morning kept the players confined to indoor nets, and with further bad weather forecast over the next



SACHIN TENDULKAR

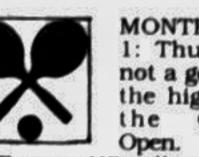
week, a draw would seem the likely result.

capt), Navjot Sidhu, Navan Mongia, Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Azharuddin, Saurav Ganguly, Anil Kumble, Rajesh Chauhan, Nilesh Kulkarni, Abey Kuruvilla and Venkatesh Prasad.

SRI LANKA: Arjuna Ranatunga (capt). Sanath Jayasuriya, Marvan Atapattu, Aravinda de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Mahela Jayawardena, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Muttiah Muralitharan, Jayan-

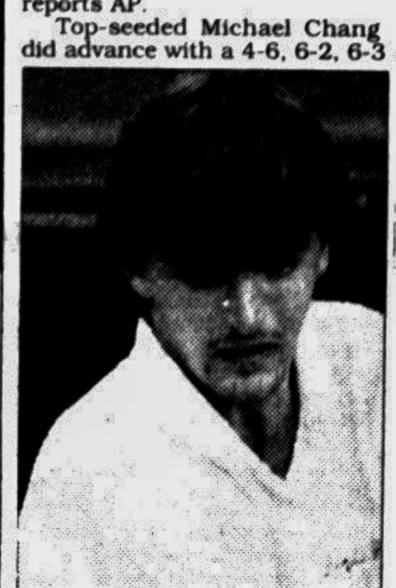
Umpires: Steve Randall

Goran, Thomas tumble



Former US college champion Chris Woodruff beat secondseeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 7-6, 6-2 and Fabrice Santoro upset No. 3 Thomas

reports AP. Top-seeded Michael Chang



GORAN IVANISEVIC

In other matches, No. 4 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat defending champion Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 7-5, 6-3; No. 5 Thomas Enqvist beat fellow Swede Jonas Bjorkman, the 12th seed, 6-3, 6-2; No. 7 Mark Philippousis of Australia downed Gillaume Raou of France 7-5, 6-3; and No. 8 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands defeated Justin

Santoro won a challenger tournament in Newcastle, England, on Sunday, then flew overnight to Montreal in time to beat 14th-seeded Jim Courier in the first round.

The French right-hander knocked off Geoff Grant on Wednesday, then beat Muster.

Santoro, who has added to his workload by playing doubles, advanced to Friday's quarterfinals against French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten. After Courier and Muster, that's three French Open champions

"Everyone tells me Montreal is a nice city, but I haven't seen it yet," said Santoro, who is

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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four days, I've only played matches and slept. "I'm trying to get the maxi-

mum rest. The time zone change is tough, but I feel okay. As long as you keep winning, you rest much better. Santoro said he entered the British tournament last week

because he had lost in the early rounds of some previous tournaments and needed to get in some matches. "I went to the challenger to

"It's true, I won it easily, but I came to Montreal with some matches in my legs, ready to play." Santoro has won four of six career meetings with Muster. but it was their first match on hardcourt. Muster, a clay-court

specialist, has been adapting

his game to faster surfaces and

gain some confidence," he said.

lost on hardcourt for the fourth time in 26 matches this year. "I wasn't consistent enough and he played 100 per cent of his game," Muster said, "I had so many chances and didn't finish

off the points." Patience and control were the key for Chang. "I play best when I'm calm,"

said Chang, who saw the 15th-Amsterdam Open

tennis results AMSTERDAM, Aug 1: Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini and Czech Slava Dosedel moved smoothly into the semifinals of the 4,75,000 dollars Amsterdam Open with convincing victories on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Filippini was first to book his last-four berth overpowering sixth-seeded Spaniard Javier Sanchez 7-6, 6-1. Sanchez blew a golden chance to take the opening set but was broken while serving at 6-5 up and Filippini snatched

through the second set. The unseeded Dosedel proved to be the villain of the piece beating home favourite John van Lottum 6-4, 5-6, 6-2 in

the tiebreak 7-5 before cruising

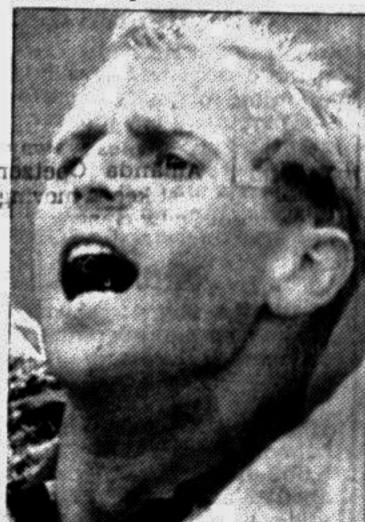
Thursday's other quarterfinal. The 21-year-old Van Lottum, ranked 233 in the world, reached the third round at Wimbledon this year and is regarded as one of the rising stars of Dutch tennis.

A thigh-strain picked up in the second set left the Dutchman struggling though, and he finished the match with heavy strapping on his left leg.

picked him apart with an exceptional variety of precision shots. "I'm a thinker - on or off the

court," Chang said. "If I get frustrated or angry, I won't think clearly. "If you see a guy start to lose

it a bit, you have to be ready to take advantage of it. These guys don't give you a lot of opportunities and when they do, you have to capitalise on it."



THOMAS MUSTER

Celio can't play in England

LONDON, Aug 1: Brazilian international Čelio Silva's move to English champions Manchester United has been called off after the defender was refused a work permit, club manager Alex Ferguson said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Ferguson said United, who

had agreed a fee of some 3.5 million pounds (5.9 million dollars) with Brazil's Corinthians for the 29-year-old Silva, had abandoned the transfer because British officials would not give the player a permit.

Former England striker Peter Beardsley has also had to change his plans after his Newcastle club cancelled his transfer to Premier league newcomers Bolton.

Newcastle officials said on Thursday that they had decided to keep the 36-year-old Beardsley after losing Alan Shearer to injury last weekend.

TGSZMSDT KG DPGGKGY LZVSD

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU THINK EATING HUSH PUPPIES MAYBE MAKES DOGS STOP THEIR BARKING?

will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CRYPTOQUIP DSTQUPVS XQYYSDT XPTV VRSKD UKMS

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals G

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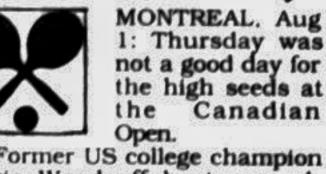
TEAMS

INDIA: Sachin Tendulkar

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MONTREAL, Aug ranked 53rd in the world. "In seeded O'Brien pushing too hard 1: Thursday was in the second set and then



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media ban on both players and

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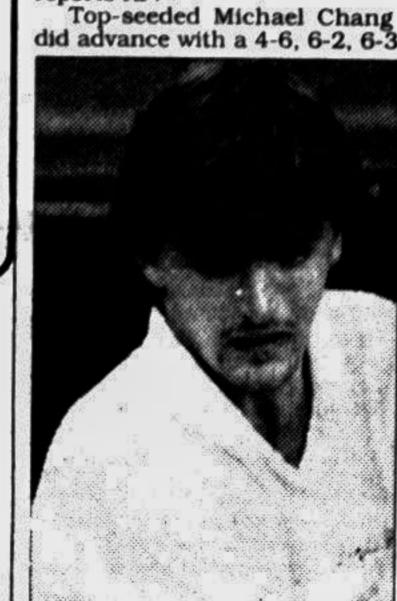
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Superman

in one week.

goals. "It's my speciality," said the Brazilian on Thursday. "That's what I've been

Between League and Cup

As for his exact playing po-sition in the Bologna match on

"The important thing for me is just getting to play."