

Venkatesh Prasad

(Indian pace bowler) "Yes, I do miss him ... but that is not the point here. I have a job to perform." On fellow pacer Javagal Sri-

Competition-76

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, August 22, '97 The current New Zealand cricket captain is

Thompson Germon Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus

Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal? Mizan Zakir Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?

Wadekar Amarnath The 100 metres world record holder is Bailey Fredericks

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Kanu to resume national duty

MILAN, Aug 13: Almost one year after the successful Olympic final against Argentina in Atlanta, Nigerian football star Nwankwo Kanu is rejoining his national team, reports AP. The 21-year-old player, who

returned to action earlier this month following a heart valve surgery, said Tuesday he hoped to be in the starting 11 in the Guinea-Nigeria match scheduled Sunday. Kanu made his announce-

ment as he prepared to leave his Italian team, Inter, to travel to Nigeria.

Azhar hits chancy hundred

India settle for a draw

13: Mohammad Azharuddin survived three close shaves to hit up his 19th Test cen tury today and steer India to a face-saving draw in the final Test against Sri Lanka here.

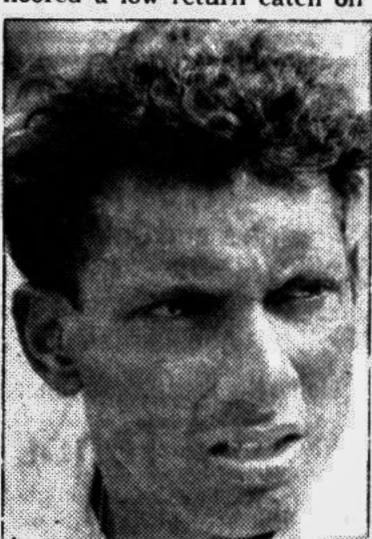
reports AFP. The 34-year-old former captain made an unbeaten 108 as India, set a victory target of 373, recovered from a precarious 138 for four soon after lunch to post 281 for five by close of the fifth and final day's play.

Ajay Jadeja scored 73 and Saurav Ganguly followed his 147 in the first innings with a dour 45, sharing a match-sav-ing stand of 110 for the fifth wicket with Azharuddin.

India, who began the final day at 49 for no loss, needing a further 324 in 90 overs to win. almost threw away the match because of reckless batting by the top-order.

As Azharuddin steered India to safety, the Sri Lankans were left to rue three missed chances early in his innings.

Azharuddin was on 12 in a score of 122 for three when spinner Muttiah Muralitharan floored a low return catch on



DE SILVA ... m-o-m his follow through after getting both hands on the ball.

tharana put down a thick edge off Sanath Jayasuriya when Azharuddin had moved to 40.

Then at the stroke of tea, wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwi-

Jayasuriya himself reprieved Azharuddin the third time on 51 when he failed to grab a return catch that flew to

Azharuddin, who made 126 in the drawn first Test, hit 14

boundaries during his defiant four-hour knock. The Indians had added just six runs to their overnight score of 49 for no loss when they lost opener Navjot Sidhu, who edged a drive off left arm seamer

Chaminda Vaas to Sanath Jayasuriya at first slip. Number three Rahul Dravid struggled to score six off 46 balls before being deceived in the air by Muralitharan to give

short-leg an easy catch. With Dravid unable to find the gaps, India scored just 26 runs off 18 overs in the first 90 minutes.

Jadeja, looking to cement his Test berth, provided the Indians a glimmer of hopes by making his fourth half-century in 11 matches.

Jadeja. 35 overnight with the help of seven boundaries, batted through the morning session to remain unbeaten at lunch on 56 with India on 94 for two.

Sri Lanka were gifted the vital wicket of Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar for eight soon after lunch when he attempted to loft Muralitharan



JAYASURIYA ... m-o-s out of the ground and only managed to sky the ball to mid-

Jadeja then sliced Sajeeva de Silva to gully to make India 138 for four with 45 overs still remaining in the day.

But Azharuddin and Ganguly saw off the second new ball to deny Sri Lanka victory. The two teams will begin a

three-match limited overs series on Sunday.

Colombo Wednesday:

4-78, A Kuruvilla 2-68)

M Muralitharan 4-99)

(overnight 49-0)

Dravid c Atapattu b

Tendulkar c Sanjeeva

Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-7)

Azharuddin not out

Muralitharan

b Muralitharan

Mongia not out

Total (for 5 wkts)

100; 4-138; 5-248

Ganguly c

SRI LANKA: Second innings

INDIA: Second innings

415-7 decl (S Jayasuriya 199; A

de Silva 120; A Kumble 3-156)

Jadeja c Atapattu b Sanjeeva

Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan

Fall of wickets: 1-55; 2-75; 3-

AZHARUDDIN ... 19th ton

Results: Match drawn; series

Man-of-the-match: Ar-

Man-of-the-series: Sanath

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Muralitharan

Jayasuriya

drawn

Jayawardena

Pushpakumara

avinda de Silva

Jayasuriya

Sidhu c Jayasuriya b Vaas

most double their match fee for their slow over-rate in the second and final Test, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) said today, re-SCOREBOARD port agencies. Scoreboard of the second The BCCSL said in a state and final Test between India ment that members of the inand Sri Lanka which ended in

dian team were each fined 195 per cent of their match fee by SRI LANKA: First innings the referee John Reid as they 332 (A de Silva 146; D Mohanty had bowled 22 overs less than required. INDIA: First innings 375 (S. Tendulkar 139, S Ganguly 147;

Reid roughs

up Indians

COLOMBO, Aug 13: The Indian team have been fined al-

The penalty, which will cost the 11 Indians 1,250 dollars each - five per cent short of their basic match fees for two Tests - is the stiffest ever fine imposed on any team for bowling their overs slowly.

"I am very disappointed that the Indian team has created a record in over-rate fines for the number of overs (22), but am equally concerned that very little effort was made to speed up despite being advised daily of their position," Reid said in a statement.

The Indian teammanager R S Shetty told that the fine was too harsh, but admitted his team's violation of the rules.

"It is too harsh a fine if you play with medium pacers. But this is not an excuse for bowling less overs in an hour. We are aware of the rules," said Shetty in a telephone interview.

The modalities of paying the surcharge will be worked out between the Indian cricket board and the players, he said.

The Sri Lankans, who also bowled their overs at a snail's pace in the first innings, are expected to be fined on Thursday. Play was extended by an

hour on the first four days to accommodate the stipulated 90 overs during the day's play.

Bobby takes solo lead

Sports Reporter

Ruhul Islam Bobby of Monipur High School extended his impressive all-win record to seven in the 12th schools chess tournament defeating Mehdi Hasan Parag of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt High School at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, Bobby, the national sub-junior champion, adopted Slav defence against Parag and won the board after 48 moves.

Bobby earned a solo lead in the nine-round meet. Parag joined the crowded second spot point behind.

The other players are: Mohammad Javed of Armanitola High School, Sabbir Ahmed of Nabakumar Institution, Saveer Hasan of Oxford International, Jainal Abedin of Vadorganj Govt School and Ejaj and Naim Arefin Ratul of Dhanmondi Govt High School respectively. The eighth round begins today at 3 pm.

400 report for U-20 camp

Sports Reporter

Four hundred young players including 200 from different districts across the country reported yesterday at the Bangladesh Cricket Board for the Bangladesh under-20 team trials.

A team of four coaches headed by Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury will supervise the trials which begin at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium this morning. The others being Wahidul Gani, Dipu Roy Chowdhury and Dawlat Zaman.

After one week, 35 will finally be picked for a camp which will be conducted by Gordon Greenidge.

Bangladesh is going to take part in the World Youth Cup Asia zone qualifiers which will be held in Hong Kong next December. UAE, Singapore, Fiji, Nepal, Malaysia, Maldives, PNG and hosts Hong Kong are the other nations which will vie for two Asian berths on offer.

The 16-nation final round of the World Youth Cup which also includes nine Test playing countries will be held in South Africa next February.

Two African teams — Kenya and Namibia, two from Europe and one from North America will be the other participants in the finals.

Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday called five more players in the ongoing camp of Bangladesh 'A' cricket team.

According to a BCB press release, Mustadir Litu and Al-Amin of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Iqbal Hossain of Abahani Krira Chakra, Sharfuddowlah Ibne Shahid Saikat of Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Mukhtar Siddique of Azad Sporting Club have been asked to report at the Dhaka Stadium on Saturday by 9 am.

JOC nominates

TOKYO, Aug 13: The Japan Olympic Committee (JOC) today selected the western city of Osaka as its official candidate to host the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, JOC officials said, report agencies.

29 to 17 in a secret ballot at a meeting in Tokyo of JOC officials and representatives from Japanese athletic associations. Osaka, the third-largest city in Japan after Tokyo and



Samir Shakir, the new Iraqi football coach of Mohammedan Sporting Club, makes a point during his team's training session at the T&T ground in Mohakhali yesterday.

- Star photo

Ronaldo reminded of reality



MILAN, Aug 13 (AFP): Inter Milan goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca sent Brazil a friendly reminder on Tues-

day - Ronaldo may be important, but remember who pays his wages. Ronaldo, currently in Asia

with the Brazilian national squad, will be wanted by both teams next season - as Inter try to win the Italian league and Brazil prepare for the World Cup finals.

Pagliuca said, "I'd rather be happy to see that he travels as little as possible. I realise that, for Brazil, Ronaldo is just too important "But it's only fair that Inter

because those are the ones that decide the championship. "And then you have to remember that it's president Massimo Moratti who pays his

have him for the big matches.

"As for us, his teammates, we'll accept things because we know that he's a sensible lad and he knows what he's got to national duty - including the derby against AC Milan in November and a home game against champions Juventus in

seven of Inter's 34 league matches next season on Inter-

Ronaldo stands to miss up to



RONALDO

December.

Pagliuca also warned Ronaldo that life in the Serie A would be tougher than the Spanish league with Barcelona. "I know he's got skills that

are way beyond those of all the other strikers in Italy," he said. "But it's going to be very difficult for him to continue to score goals as he has done up till now. "Italian defenders are the

best in the world and so are the goalkeepers," added Pagliuca, who was beaten once by the 20year-old during the Tournoi de France.

The Brazilian ace, however, is continuing to repay Inter after his world record 27-milliondollar move form Barcelona with the Italian club selling nearly 35,000 of Ronaldo's team shirts - worth nearly four billion lira (2.2 million dollars) in just 10 days.

Inter are also enjoying record sales of season tickets thanks to Ronaldo's arrival with 40,000 sold already, worth 20 billion lira (11 million dollars), and a final target of 50,000 by the time the season starts on August 31.

Batistuta bestirs himself FLORENCE, Italy. don't coincide."



Aug 13: Argentine hero Gabriel Batistuta said today he is determined to take Fiorentina back to the top in Italian football after months of rows and disappointment, reports

Batistuta has now buried the hatchet with club president Vit-torio Cecchi Gori after recently threatening to quit over a bitter contract dispute. He also wants to make up for the team's unin-

spiring season in 1996-97. "Relations with the club are fairly okay," he said. "I've been through some difficult times. but I feel better now, what really helped us was the support of the rest of the team and of the fans. "I asked for things which I felt were fair, but if he (Cecchi Gori) doesn't share that opinion it certainly doesn't make him a

nasty person. "He's looking after his interests and I'm looking after mine and sometimes those two things

Looking to the season ahead Batistuta's two objectives are a good performance in the Serie A

and another in the World Cup finals with Argentina. "A lot of us here are absolutely desperate to make up for things," he said. "The match with Barcelona is still burning won't be playing in Europe next

season. Fiorentina finished up midtable in the Serie A, and went out of the European Cup Winners' Cup semifinals to Ronaldo's Barcelona, amidst a hail of missiles and flares from angry

"Now we've just got to make the right kind of start - a few good results will help us get our confidence back," he said. "We're already trying out new tactics and if the fans are with us it will make everything eas-

After playing 4-4-2 under Claudio Ranieri, Fiorentina have switched to a 3-4-3 formation under new coach Alberto Malesani. "I don't usually pay much at-

tention to tactics, but I like this 3-4-3 and so does the rest of the team," said Batistuta. "It means sacrifices sweat

and running hard, and you have to be careful, not take too many San interesting "As In past seasons Fiorentina's success it will de-

pend almost entirely on the scoring ability of the man they call Batigol." He only managed 13 last time around and hasn't scored in any of their recent friendlies against Tottenham Hotspur, Lazio and Bologna.

The 28-year-old is meanwhile also planning to give his best in his national colours at the 1998 World Cup finals in

France. "I don't want to go there as a tourist, but as one of the leading figures in the tournament," he said. "I want to be playing, not watching."



Some of the 400 young players, who reported to the BCB for the under-20 team trials, gather at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday morning. - Star photo

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHELLFISH MIGHT OF-TEN BE SEEN GAMBLING AT THE CLAMS CASINO. Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals I

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

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Tender Invitation Notice

Memo No. TWD/26/452

Dated 5-8-97 21-4-1404BS

Council yesterday.

Tender Invitation Notice No. 25/97 Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited on item rate basis from Public Works Directorate's licence holder 1st/2nd class E/M contractors having VAT Department's registration certificate, for the under-mentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned as well as Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka Office as per the under-mentioned date & time and opened on the same day at 12-15 hrs in presence

(if any) of the tenderers. Name of work: Supply of Sil Koroi timber

Estimated cost: Earnest money: At 2% of the rate quoted by contractor Time for completion of work: 15 (fifteen) days. Last date of selling tender: 27-8-97 (during office hours) Last date of receiving tender: 28-8-97 (12-00 Noon)

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Linford really meant it



ZURICH, Aug 13: Linford Christie said on Tuesday that he was not excited about running anymore and

confirmed his retirement as well as his desire to pursue his coaching career, reports Reuter. Christie announced his retirement, not for the first time, on Saturday and said on Tuesday he was happy with the deci-

Scene from the seventh round of the 12th schools chess tournament at the National Sports

would wake up one morning and not feel like competing, then that would be the time to stop," he said. "It would have been nice to give the fans one more meeting

but you've got to quit sometime.

"I've always said that when I

"That's it, I will not change my mind." The 37-year-old Briton, who attended the recently-ended Athens World Championships as a television analyst, said he had not felt frustrated by not being on the track.

200 metres I did not hear the pounding of my heart I usually have when I'm not out there," he Christie will now concentrate on coaching several leading athletes including Namib-

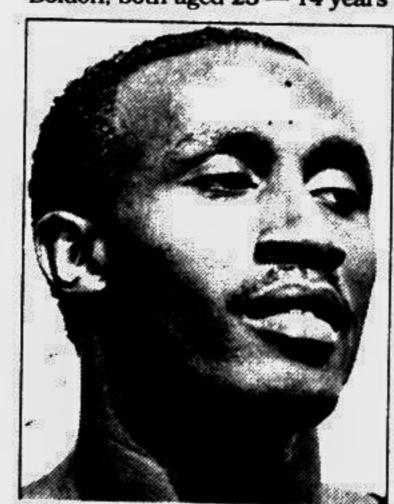
"Watching the 100 and the

ian Frankie Fredericks, Jamaican Merlene Ottey and Briton Jamic Baulch. "I've been in the sport since 1979. I've learned a lot and I feel I can pass it on," he said.

The greatest European sprinter in history, Christie made a late start to his international career, reaching his peak with gold in the 1992 Olympics and the 1993 World Championships. Christie collected 23 medals. including 10 golds from major

championships, but his reign at the top came to an incongruous end when he was disqualified from the 100 metres final in last year's Olympics for two false starts.

In Athens he witnessed the start of the new era with titles in the 100 and 200 metres respectively for American Maurice Greene and Trinidad's Ato Boldon, both aged 23 — 14 years



LINFORD CHRISTIE younger than Christie. Christie said he was slightly irritated to hear them keep talking about crushing the world record.

final today JESSORE, Aug 13: Air Head-quarters Unit and the BAF Base Matiur Rahman moved into Thursday's final of the Bangladesh Air Force interbase handball championship at the BAF Base Matiur Rahman here today, says a press release.

BAF h'ball

BCB calls up five more Sports Reporter

Osaka

Osaka beat rival Yokohama

Yokohama, is the financial centre of western Japan and has a population of about 2.6 mil-

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