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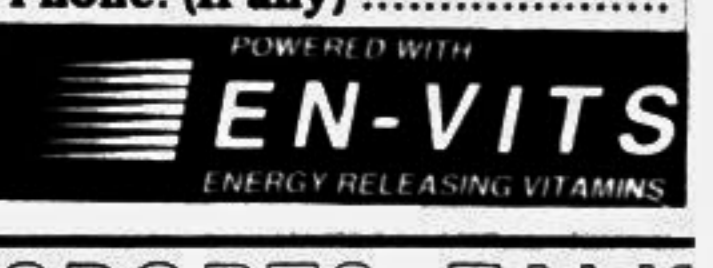
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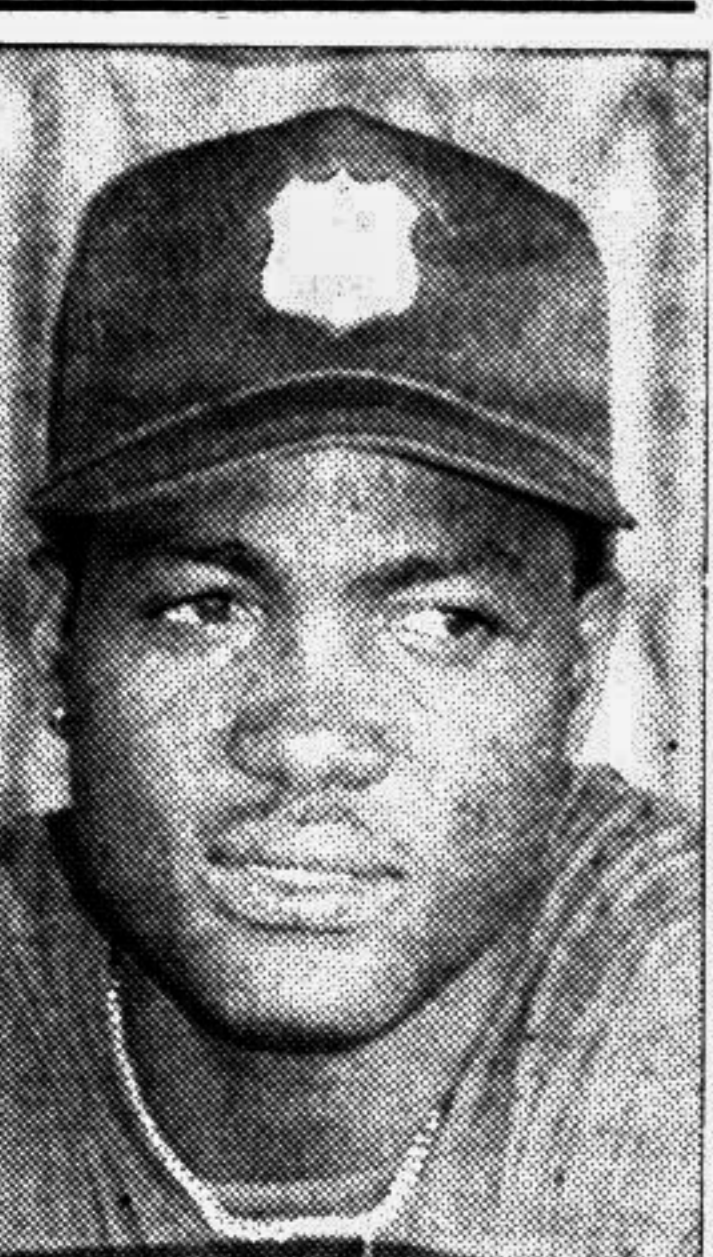
Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 5, '97

- 1 The century Saurav Ganguly hit against Sri Lanka in the second one-day match was his
2 Who clinched the Pilot Pen tennis title?
3 Who holds the 800m world record?
4 Who won the 12th schools chess tournament?
5 Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?

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SPORTS TALK



Brian Lara

(West Indies star batsman) 'I have had this dream (to captain the country) since I was very small. I look forward to the day when I would be leading the West Indies team. That would be the greatest honour for me.'

Div II chess Sports Reporter

West Jatrabari Krira Chakra kept the solo lead in the ongoing Second Division chess league as they outwitted Rajshahi Chess Club 3.5-5 in the fifth round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

With this win West Jatrabari Krira Chakra raised their collection to highest 16 points, one point clear of the chasers Sonali Bank who tamed Uttara Chess Club 4-0 yesterday.

In the day's other matches, Lalbagh Kishore Sangha trounced Barisal Chess Club 4-0, Golden Chess Club beat Kaltabazar Jubo Sangha 2.5-1.5, Mitra Chess Club defeated Keraniganj Chess Club 2.5-1.5, while BUET 'A' team outplayed BUET 'B' team by four points to nil.

Obituary Sports Reporter

Mohammad Golam Kibria, 78, father of former national cricketer G S Hassan Tamim, died of heart attack at the Suhrawardy Hospital yesterday morning.

Hokkaido Marathon Wainaina's

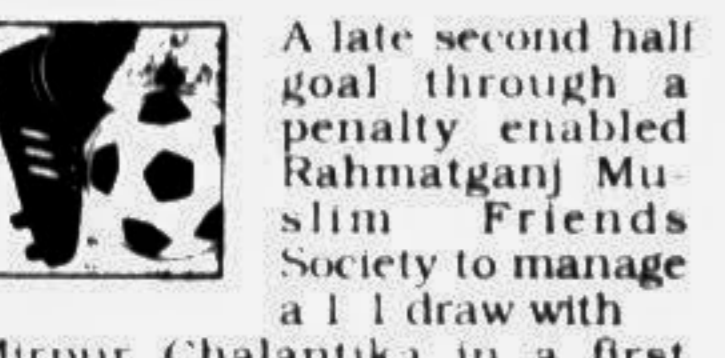
SAPPORO, Japan, Aug 31: Kenya's Eric Wainaina, the 1996 Olympic bronze medalist, won his second Hokkaido Marathon on Sunday, surging ahead at the halfway point, reports AP.

Chhiro Ogura won the women's race, in which Japanese took the top 10 places. Wainaina finished more than two minutes ahead of Japan's Tsutomu Sasa in the men's race. He covered the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) through streets of the northern Japanese city of Sapporo in 2 hours, 13 minutes, 45 seconds.

Wainaina also won the Hokkaido Marathon in 1994. Sasa finished in 2:16:02, and another Kenyan, Joseph Mogambi Otwor, was third in 2:16:33. Tadese Gebre of Ethiopia was fourth in 2:18:07 and Vladimir Kotov of Belarus fifth in 2:18:29.

Chalantika hold R'ganj

Sports Reporter



A late second half goal through a penalty enabled Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society to manage a 1-1 draw with Mirpur Chalantika in a first round Group C match of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagar Cup football tournament played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

MSC meeting Sports Reporter

A meeting of the executive committee of Mohammedan Sporting Club, chaired by its president Mosaddeq Ali, was held at the club premises yesterday.

The meeting discussed possibility of turning the club into a private limited company. Besides, to develop the standard of their football and cricket teams, it was decided to arrange two separate camps for under-16s.

Anderlecht go down

BRUSSELS, Aug 31: Belgium's European hopefuls who qualified comfortably on Tuesday for this year's UEFA Cup, found life back home harder to handle on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Mighty Anderlecht, falling again to find the form which has won them 24 league titles, went down 2-0 to Genk, confirming the former Division Two side's return to form.

Anderlecht, clearly missing Belgium skipper Enzo Scifo, who headed home the winner against Ukraine's Poltava on Tuesday but missed Saturday through suspension, have won only one of their four outings.

Genk's three points, thanks to goals from Branko Strupar and Davy Owen, lifted them back to the top of the table on a maximum 12 points.

Only Club Brugge, who beat Slovenia's HIT Gorica 3-0 on Tuesday and who play league strugglers Beveren on Sunday, are still in with a chance of equalling Genk's clean league sheet.

Excelsior Mouscron, perhaps too relaxed after qualifying for their first European competition in midweek with a win over Cyprus's Limassol, or spooked by Friday's news they will have to play France's Metz in the first round, made a series of defensive errors that let Lokoren get the better of them 2-1.

GROUP C TABLE Table with columns: Team, M, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Rows: Rahmatganj, Agran Bank, Chalantika, Wari Club.

TODAY'S MATCHES Badda Jagarani vs Victoria SC (4 pm) Arambagh KS vs Police AC (6 pm)

Premier kabbadi

BDR Junior and Police Red won their respective matches of the Mainuddin Smriti Premier Division kabbadi league held at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium, reports UNB.

BDR Junior beat Ansars VDP (B) 35-27. The winners led the first session 17-8. In the other match, Police Red defeated Ansars VDP (A) 21-12 after dominating the first half 12-2.

In today's match, BDR Junior meet Police Green.

Jansher's eighth HK crown

HONG KONG, Aug 31: Jansher Khan of Pakistan swept to his eighth Hong Kong title here today when he defeated Canada's Jonathon Power 14-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-2 in the final, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old Jansher, top seed and world number one, used his wide array of shots and superior court-cunning to out duell the battling Power in an ill-tempered final lasting 64 minutes.

A plethora of "let" and "stroke" calls upset both players, who on many occasions confronted the referee and marker.

Power felt Jansher was deliberately seeking stroke decisions, which come when a player prevents his opponent from making a shot by obstructing his space, while Jansher thought the officials failed to dish out enough.

Officiating apart, Jansher was clearly the better player as he picked up yet another major title in a remarkable career.

It was in Hong Kong 10 years ago that Jansher first came to the limelight following his stunning victory over this great compatriot Jahangir Khan in the semifinals.

Voodoo vexes Egyptians

CAIRO, Aug 31: Already blamed for a series of deaths, among his tomb's visitors, "the curse of Tutankhamun" is casting its shadow over the Under-17 World Cup set to start next week, reports AP.

Mohammed Abdel-Aziz Taab, the artist who drew the tournament's mascot — a cartoon of the boy Pharaoh King Tut, has launched a "fast-unto-death" claiming the drawing was stolen from him after he was beaten and tortured.

"I will either die or get my rights," said Taab, who turned 28 Tuesday, a day before he began his hunger strike.

Tutankhamun was the 14th century BC Pharaoh whose tomb full of gold relics was discovered in 1922. A series of deaths among the tomb's visitors after the discovery lent credence to the myth of the curse.

Archeologists say Tutankhamun ascended the throne at the age nine but died nine years later, probably assassinated by his regent.

Today, Tutankhamun is treated as national symbol of Egypt, and the mascot controversy has dominated newspaper reports. It is reportedly even being discussed in President Hosni Mubarak's office.

FIFA and the Egyptian Football Association have refused to consider Taab's claims. "We don't have any relations with Taab, and we are not responsible" for his problems, Hisham Azmy, an Egyptian member of FIFA's youth competitions committee, told The Associated Press.

The mascot for the Sept. 4-21 tournament was approved by FIFA, which received it from the Egyptian federation. The federation says it bought the drawing from an advertising company and is not a party to the dispute.

Booters draw warm-up match

Bangladesh national football team was held to a 2-2 draw in the warm-up match against Myanmar in Yangon yesterday before a capacity crowd, reports UNB.

Striker Alfaz put Bangladesh ahead with a gentle push from a goalmouth melee mid-way through the first half. Myanmar levelled the scores one minute before the breather.

Diminutive Bangladesh midfielder Arman restored the lead in the 81st minute, but the hosts hit back a minute before final whistle.

Playing in overcast conditions Bangladesh had to battle hard for the first 20 minutes. However, the spirited Bangladesh booters fully dominated the remaining period, especially the second session and outplayed their opponents in every department.

Two years back, Bangladesh won their only international soccer trophy in Myanmar beating the home team 2-1 in the final of the quadrangular invitational meet. Sri Lanka and Singapore were the other participants.

World cycling results

PERTH, Aug 31: Florian Rousseau used his stunning power to outstrip Olympic champion and master tactician Jens Fließer 2-0 in the glamour sprint event of the World Cycling Championships Sunday, reports AP.

Rousseau's second gold medal, after the Olympic sprint team race, lifted France to six golds at the Championship, well ahead of Italy on two and four nations on one.

Silvio Martinello won the men's point race for the Italians. Judith Arndt of Germany beat Natalia Karimova for her first major individual pursuit gold medal.

Rousseau won the 1000-metre time trial at the Atlanta Olympics then quit the event to concentrate fully on cycling's version of a dogfight, a combination of power and tactics.

The 23-year-old from Orleans won the sprint title a year ago but Fließer was still banking in his second Olympic gold medal after winning in Barcelona and the victory rang hollow.

Even his 1000-metre Olympic crown was tarnished by the failure of world champion Shane Kelly to start his race in Atlanta after his foot slipped from a pedal.

Rousseau had also been accused of being too tactically naive but he conquered any problems with explosive speed in the final after crushing Australia's Darryn Hill, the eventual bronze medalist, in the semifinal.

"The sprint is more fun. It is never the same as the time before. I love the tactics and the strategy," Rousseau said.

Lewis lashes fellows

LONDON, Aug 31: Carl Lewis delivered a stinging parting shot to fellow athletes on Wednesday, attacking them for taking part in big-money head-to-head races, reports Reuter.

The nine-time Olympic champion, who raced for the last time in Europe this week and retires in September, said races should enhance the sport and not the stars.

"Every sporting event should promote the sport, not individuals whose egos need fulfilling," said Lewis, launching a new mountain bicycle he will be promoting during his retirement.

He said some recent show-downs between top athletes had done little to enhance athletics. Last June, a much-hyped head-to-head between Canadian Donovan Bailey and American Michael Johnson floundered when Johnson pulled up lame halfway through their 150 metres sprint.

"That's what happens when you concentrate on individuals," Lewis said. Bailey picked up 1.5 million dollars for his 15 seconds work while Johnson was paid a 500,000 dollars appearance fees despite not finishing.



Natalia Karimova (C) of Russia displays her gold medal along with silver medalist Teodora Ruano Sanchol (L) and bronze medalist Mexican Belem Guerrero during the presentation ceremony at the 1997 World Track Cycling Championships in Perth on Saturday.

Hollioake Boycott's choice

LONDON, Aug 31 (AFP): Former England opener Geoff Boycott on Saturday outlined why newcomer Adam Hollioake should lead England into this winter's Sharjah Cup.

Michael Atherton announced on Friday he would be staying on as skipper for the Test matches only on the winter tour of the West Indies, meaning England's search for a full-time successor has been put on hold for the time being.

But he will miss the one-day tournament in Sharjah in December — and Boycott believes Hollioake should be handed the chance to lead his country in the United Arab Emirates.

"I've said all along Hollioake has the qualities of a leader — he's more outgoing and has more of the characteristics of a leader — but I'm not sure if he's good enough," Boycott said.

"But I think Hollioake will get the opportunity in Sharjah in the winter." Atherton admitted that he does not expect to lead England in the one-day series against the West Indies and Boycott said that could signal the end of Atherton's one-day international career.

"At the beginning of the summer I said he should stand down for the one-day internationals and his mentor or brother David Lloyd got his knickers in a twist. It seems I was proved right four months later."

"If he is not captain, there is very little chance he is going to play as a player." And Boycott gave a guarded welcome to Atherton's decision to stay on as England captain — but warned he had to improve on his record in charge.

England have won only 12 of the 46 Tests under Atherton's leadership and have tasted victory in just three of the 11 series in which he has been in charge. "We have only had a 1-0 three-Test series against India, a 1-0 three-Test series against New Zealand and a recent 2-0 win in New Zealand," the former Yorkshire and England batsman said on BBC television.

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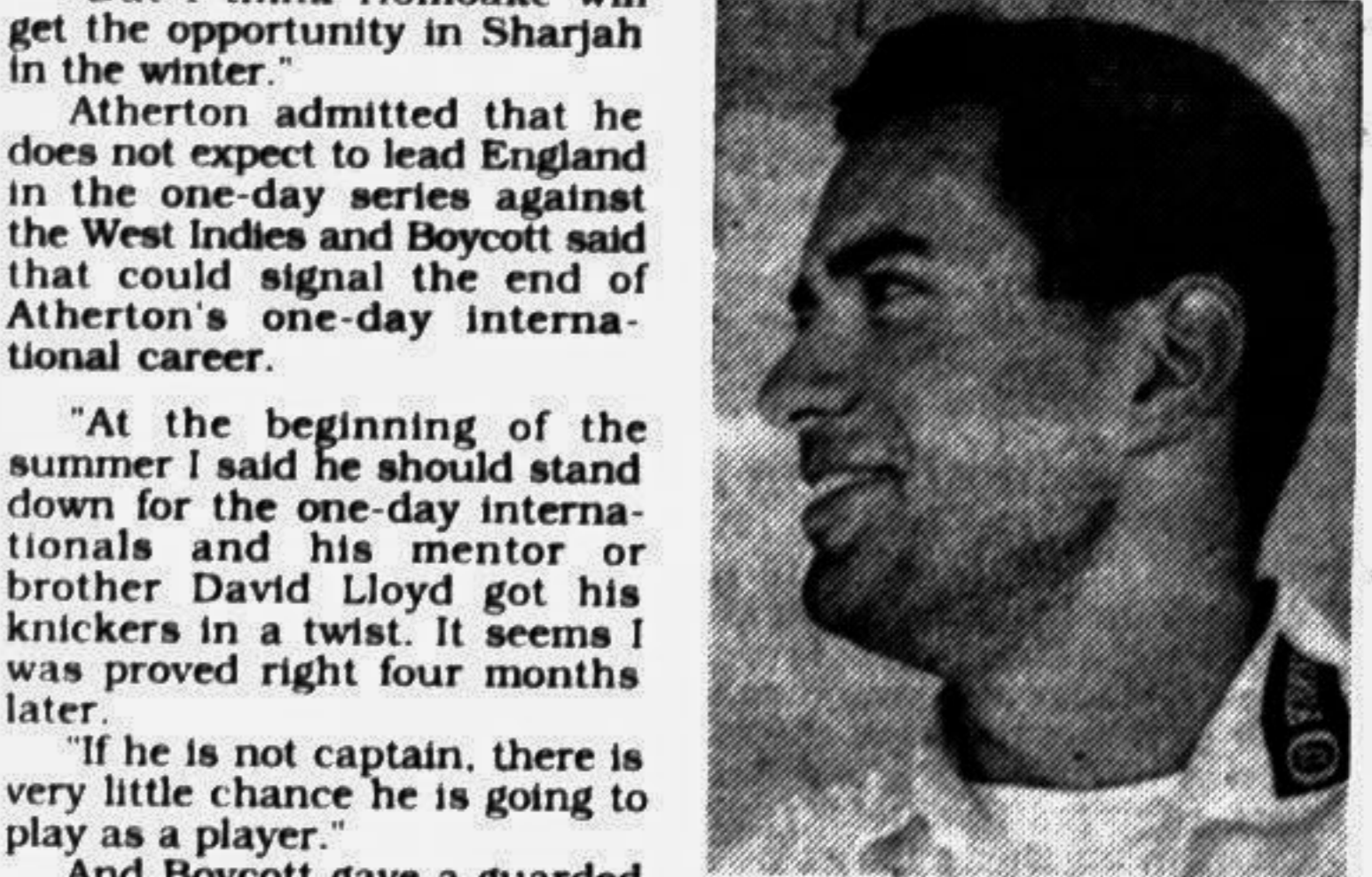
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A HOLLIOAKE "It doesn't make great reading and we couldn't even beat Zimbabwe," he added.

Kallis calls the shots

LONDON, Aug 31: South African Jacques Kallis lashed an unbeaten 172 and took three for 39 on Saturday to rekindle Middlesex's bid to win the English county championship, reports Reuter.

Kallis helped Middlesex to a 169-run victory over Worcestershire on the last day at Kidderminster which put them fifth in the table — 19 points behind joint leaders Kent and Glamorgan.

All-rounder Kallis struck 30 fours and a six in his 223-ball innings and shared an unbroken second-wicket stand of 317 with captain and England batsman Mark Ramprakash, who stroked 125 net out.

Worcestershire, set 319 to win in 87 overs, were rocked by pace pair Jamie Hewitt (3-48) and Angus Fraser (2-1) before Kallis removed top scorer Philip Weston (74) and polished off the tail, the home side crumbling to 149 all out.

Captain Steve Marsh struck a timely, unbeaten 43 against Hampshire at Portsmouth to ensure Kent take maximum batting bonus points to go level at the top with Glamorgan.

Kent, 181 for one overnight in the rain-hit game, needed 168 more off 43 overs on the final day to secure full batting points.

Trevor Ward put them on course with a thunderous 66 containing two sixes and 10 fours, but after his dismissal it was touch and go whether Kent would reach their target.

When occasional leg-spinner Giles Whittall came on, Marsh pulled him for a huge six but was then dropped in the deep by Robin Smith.

Marsh hit the next two deliveries for four, then scored a single to clinch the fourth bonus point with 25 balls of the drawn match to spare, Kent ending on 350 for eight in reply to Hampshire's 406.

Both Glamorgan, whose rain-ruined game away to Leicestershire was drawn, and Kent have 197 points from 14 matches.

Nottinghamshire at Bristol. Notts' match-winner was Nathan Aspley, who was playing his last game for the county before linking up with the New Zealand squad.

Aspley had a spell of four for 12 in 18 balls with his medium pace as Gloucestershire slumped from 204 for four to 239 all out.

Karpov's taxing time BEIJING, Aug 31: After spending a relaxing day in the summer place Anatoly Karpov, the 1996 FIDE world champion, held off a tough challenge from some 16 Chinese youngsters and scored a 5-win-2-loss-9-draw record in a simultaneous chess exhibition match here on Saturday night, reports Xinhua.

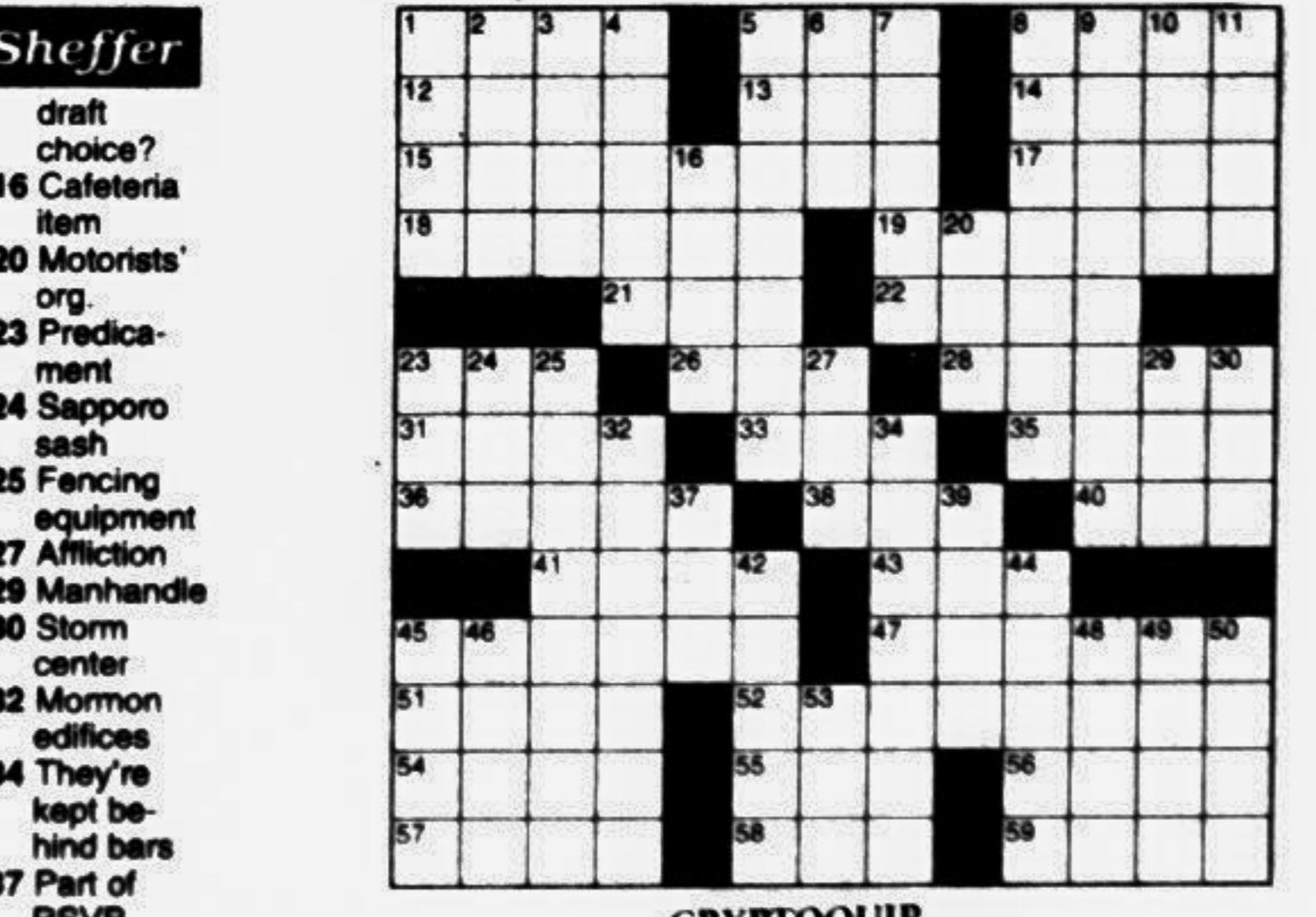
The scheduled four-hour one-against-16 game extended to six hours and 20 minutes as Karpov, seemed a bit of tired from the day's sightseeing, needed more time to think over some complicated situations with his young opponents' mass advantage.

The 16 Chinese junior players, aged from 10 to 21, surrounded Karpov in a U-size table while Xie Jianjun and Zhang Pengxiang, whose rating were 2365 and 2360, 400 points lower than Karpov, stole the two victories from the tired Russian Grand Master who stood through in the six-hour marathon match.

Karpov asked for detailed information about the other six young players he will meet on Monday in the last of his three simultaneous matches on his eight-day China tour.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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