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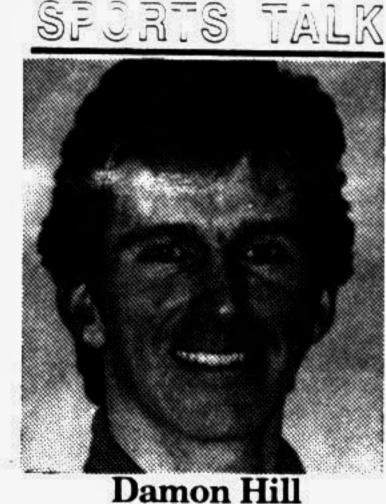
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(Champion British Formula One car driver)

"I was just praying it would make it to the end, praying that it would pick up. My heart sank when it happened because usually these things are terminal. The car lasts about half a lap and then it stops. It is a bitter experience to be so close to victory, but we should be celebrating. We have come second in a car that was written off completely. After the Hungarian Grand

Prix in which he lost his car's gears and accelerator eight kilometres short of the finish.

Div I h'ball

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club recorded a 23-14 victory over Arambagh Krira Sangha in the Cute First Division league at the handball ground adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In the day's lone match. Vic-

toria enjoyed a 12-8 lead in the first half.

Earlier on August 29, this match was postponed for heavy rain after only ten minutes of play with Victoria leading 2-1. West Jatrabari Krira Chakra will take on Satirtha Club in

today's match at 4:30 pm. Mandela greets the Greeks

ABIDJAN, Sept 6: President Nelson Mandela, who personally championed Cape Town's losing bid to host the 2004 Olympics, congratulated Athens on Friday and said he did not think the South African bid had been premature, reports Reuter. "It had been we would not

have bid. Africa has never had the Olympics. Athens has already had it twice," he said, disagreeing with suggestions that Cape Town's bid was premature given South Africa's economic and social problems. Asked if Cape Town will try

for the 2008 Olympics, Mandela said: "That is question that will be considered at the appropriate

Mandela told reporters in Ivory Coast where his plane made a stopover on his way home from Lausanne: "Athens is an excellent choice and we congratulate them."

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) earlier announced its decision in the Swiss city where it has its headquarters. Mandela and his deputy. Thabo Mbeki, had traveled to Lausanne to campaign

for Cape Town. Mandela joked with government ministers and ambassadors who went to greet him at the airport, in stark contrast to

the mood in Cape Town itself following the announcement. Tens of thousands of people had gathered in Cape Town's

main square to watch the announcement on giant television screens.

Members of the crowd jeered and yelled "Viva Cape Town" when the decision was read out by International Olympic Committee chief Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Many South Africans had thought Cape Town, one of five contenders, had the games in the bag after Mandela made a moving speech to IOC members in Lausanne earlier on Friday.

Column One Pfister puts on a brave face

KATHMANDU, Sept 6: It is going to be a 'do or die' battle for Bangladesh when the beleaguered booters take on fellow title contenders India in a crucial Group B encounter of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship at the Dasarath Stadium here tomorrow.

The clash of two regional rivals will get underway at 3.45 (BST) in the afternoon. Bangladesh Betar will provide the running commentary of the match.

When India will be looking for a solid start, Bangladesh, after a disappointing one-all draw against rank-outsiders Maldives on Friday, will have to fight for their existence in their last group league match from where top two teams will move into semifinals.

A big margin defeat will certainly kill off their dream for the coveted cup at the nascent stage of the six-team tourney. While a draw will push the fate of the Bangladeshi footballers to a weird mathematical puzzle where they will have to hold their breath until the final whistle of the match between India and Maldives, scheduled to be held on September 9. On the other hand, a win against the strong Indians will give the rated Bangladeshis, who are yet to win a single regional trophy despite being tipped as the favourites every time in their eight abortive attempts in the past, a new lease of life in the tournament.

"This is certainly a perplexing situation for us. We are now left with the only option to beat India to lift our morales as well as a passage to the semifinals".

Al-Amin from Nepal said the German coach of Bangladesh Otto Pfister at the hotel lobby today.

"We had a light warm-up session in the morning where I had talked to the players individually," added the German, who apparently has not fully recovered from the anguish suffered after the Maldives match.



His boys played so badly on Friday that Pfister, with pain and puzzlement simultaneously glinting in his eyes, vented his frustration at the post-match briefing by acidly saying. "The FIFA has allowed three changes for a match. But if the rules were relaxed I would have changed the whole team today."

But the professional German, reverred by the footballing world for his astounding success with the Ghana youth team, wants to put the debacle behind and hopes that Friday's lesson will give Bangladesh the needed thrust in tomorrow's crucial affair.

"What happened against Maldives is a history now. want to look forward," said Pfister adding that his side has

the ability for a turnaround. "If you consider our performance in the World Cup qualifiers a few months back and our lone warm-up match against Myanmar it won't be a tall order for my boys to beat India,"

claimed the confident coach. Bangladesh had a wonderful World Cup qualifying campaign especially in the return leg where they avenged their defeat against Taiwan and went down fighting against formidable Saudi Arabia (2-1).

But whatever Pfister claims it is also true that Bangladesh's record against India is not inspiring at all. In the regional meet Bangladesh defeated India only once in the fifth SAF Games in Colombo while went down thrice, including twice in the shoot-outs, in the five previous outings. Bangladesh's last meeting against India was in the final of the Madras SAF Games, where the hosts won by a lone goal. But the blondhaired German came up with a different opinion. "India is certainly a tough nut to crack. But if my boys play their normal game, I'm confident of beating them", said Pfister.

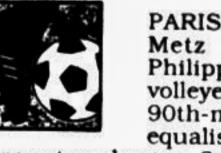
The problem of the Bangladesh booters lies in Pfister's hope - "if they play normal game." Consistency is missing in the performance of Pfister's boys.

The Bangladesh coach, however, is likely to field the same that played in the eleven

SQUAD

Biplob (goalie). Jewel Rana (captain), Masud Rana, Rajani, Hasan-al-Mamun, Sohel-al-Masum, Arman, Zakir, Rakib; Alfaz and Nakib

Galliot ruins Rennes' day and that's the goal in football. playmaker Ali Benarbia.



Metz defender Philippe Galliot volleyed home a 90th-minute equaliser from a

corner to salvage a 2-2 draw at Rennes on Friday that kept his side top of the French First Division, reports Reuter. Two first-half efforts by

striker Stephane Gregoire had put lowly Rennes ahead, while Bruno Rodriguez replied with his fifth goal of the season for the leaders, who dropped their first points in six games. Paris St German climbed to

just one point behind Metz after a first-half penalty by Rai and two goals in the last 11 minutes from Marco Simone - the division's top scorer with six - and Florian Maurice gave them a 3-0 win at Strasbourg. Former Brazil captain Rai,

whose hattrick against Steaua Bucharest last week helped PSG secure a European Cup champtons league place. Italian Simone and France striker Maurice have scored 12 of their team's 16 goals in six league

"We practice quality football," PSG's sporting director Claude le Roy said. "The Parisians attempt to play well

We have a good squad and our objective is to become champions of France.

"The road is long, but Paris have the look of a team that should not be far from the title." Bastia, with Metz the only unbeaten teams in the top flight, crushed Bordeaux 4-1 at home with two first-half goals

from Yugoslav striker Nenad

Jestrovic to retain third place one point behind PSG. Bordeaux, who remain fifth one point behind Marseille, 1-0 winners at home to Lyon on Thursday, were reduced to 10 men at the end of the first half and nine 15 minutes from time.

Captain Michel Pavon was sent off for deliberate handball and he was followed later to an early bath by midfielder Johan Micoud for a second bookable offence. The dismissables took the

total to six in nine games after three red cards in Thursday's two matches. Champions Monaco strug-

gled to secure only their second win at lowly Riviera rivals Cannes, climbing to 10th nine points adrift of Metz.

headed home a late winner from a cross from the left by 3-2 at Montpellier.

Nigerian Victor Ikpeba put Monaco in front one minute after the interval, only for Cannes to score their first home goal of the season through substitute Jean-Michel Capoue

eight minutes later. "We still have a lot of work. Monaco coach Jean Tigana said. "But it was important to go in search of the three points.

It's a timely victory. "In the short term we're still going to suffer, but in the long term it's us who will make others suffer.'

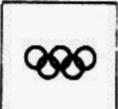
Auxerre, French champions

last year, advanced to sixth with a 5-0 home rout of promoted Chateauroux, who were down to 10 men after half an hour when their Yugoslav forward Nenad Bjekovic was sent off for bringing down goalbound Sabri Lamouchi.

Stephance Guivarch, the division's top scorer playing for Rennes last season, scored Auxerre's first two goals in three minutes at the end of the first half to take his tally to

Former Auxerre winger Striker David Trezeguet Abdelfahid Tasfaout also scored twice as Guingamp won

Athens plans to be modern long overdue projects like



ATHENS, Sept 6. (Reuter): The jubilant people of Athens are planning a big drive to freshen the his-

toric but tired face of their ancient city and cut its notorious pollution and traffic to make it a gracious host to the 2004 Olympic Games.

Athens, dominated by the 2.400-year-old Parthenon Temple to the Goddess Athena, is the capital of Greece, the country where the Olympics were born, but it is plagued by financial deficits, pollution and chaotic traffic conditions.

Athens plans to use the publicity to attract new investments and tourist and push for

roads, a new metro system and a new airport.

A new international 2.5 billion dollars airport and 2.1 billion dollars subway system which were supposed to be operational last year are scheduled to be completed by 2001 with financing guaranteed by the European Investment Bank.

The metro is supposed to cut the number of cars moving in the narrow streets of the capital by 250,000 a day and bring down pollution levels by 35 per

Officials said works like a ring road that will join the airport with the greater Athens area will be accelerated in light of the IOC vote and stock market officials predicted sustained growth especially in the con struction sector.

Athens sits in a basin overlooking the Saronic Gulf and surrounded by mountains, on days with no wind, fumes by about a million car exhausts get trapped. Forming a grey pollution cloud which hangs over the

With 80 per cent of the athletic installations already in place, including an 80,000-seat Olympic stadium, Athens proved it can organise big sports events like the World Athletics Championships last month but at a very high cost.

The 2004 Olympics will cost. according to the bidding dossier, 1.6 billion dollars with an expected profit of 36.6 million dollars.



Part of the prescription for a healthier, better retirement is exercise. That simple? Yes, it is! Physical exercise has been proven to discourage declines in health and fitness. Join the growing number of seniors who are actively demonstrating that exercise helps keep a body

strong and on the go. Did you know that moderate physical activity can help you live longer? That it can actually reduce health hazards? It's true. So is the fact that regular exercise helps control blood pressure, body weight and cholesterol levels, and reduces the risks of hardening of the ar-

teries, heart attack and stroke. A well-balanced fitness programme holds other benefits for you, too. It conditions muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones to help fight osteoporosis, keep your body more limber and stabilise your joints, lowering the risk of everyday injury. Regular physical activity can even help you maintain your

independence. Physical exercise is probably the best all-natural laxative you'll find. It not only improves digestion, but exercise is also good for managing lower back pain, arthritis and diabetes. And recently, there's been more indication that an active lifestyle helps lower the risk for certain types of cancer. But may be the best reason for incorporating regular exercise into your life is that you'll feel better and enjoy life more.

manage stress better, and gives you more endurance to enjoy work and play. A good senior fitness programme is one that includes aerobics, muscular conditioning, along with exercises to stretch your body and promote good posture. Start with a light

Exercise helps you sleep better.

regime and work your way up slowly. The best aerobics for seniors are non-jarring ones, like walking, swimming, cycling and low-impact aerobic dance.

If you haven't been doing muscular conditioning, begin with the calisthenics you prob-

ably remember. As you get used to these exercises, add some gentle resistance, such as light hand weights or low-tension rubber exercise tubing. As your conditioning improves, you could incorporate variable resistance exercise machinery. but be sure you do so under qualified supervision. Heavyresistance routines are not recommended for seniors. The key to safe and effective exercise for seniors is moderation.

Don't ignore the other elements that contribute to good senior health, including eating a well-balanced diet, not smoking and seeing your doctor whenever you need to . Look at your retirement or senior years as an opportunity to do things you never did before. Enjoy yourself



ABC championship

Cagers leave for Riyadh Sept 10

Sports Reporter

A 17-member Bangladesh national basketball team is due to leave for Riyadh on Wednesday to participate in the 19th Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship.

The nine-day tournament begins in the Saudi Arabian capital, on September 11.

In all 15 teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the tournament on round robin league basis with the top two finishers from each group qualifying for the second round.

Bangladesh, who are placed in Group B alongwith South Korea, UAE and India, will play their first match against the Koreans on Thursday. Their other matches are on September 12 and 13 against UAE and India respectively China, Bahrain, Iran and the Philippines make up Group A while Group C comprises hosts Saudi Arabia, Japan and Hong Kong (China).

Chinese Taipei, Indonesia. Kazakhstan and Jordan have been placed in Group D. SQUAD

Ayub Ali (captain), Abdur Rahim (vice-captain), Kamran, Wahid, Iqbal, Nurul Amin. Mizan, Aminul Islam, Ayub Hossain, Nurul Hura, Delwar Hossain and Fazle Rahim.

Officials: K Saiful Islam (manager). Tareq Khan Majlish (asst. manager). Lt Cdr AK Sarkar (coach). Mizanur Rahman (asst. coach) and Imtiaz Khan Babul (referee)

Mahanagari Cup final round from Sept 16

Sports Reporter

The final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament will begin at the Mirpur Stadium from September 16.

The date was finalised by the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) in its meeting Friday night. Eight teams - four semifi-

nalists of the 1995 DMFA Cup and four qualifiers from the first round - will be split into two groups for the final round robin league. Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktijoddha Sangsad

Krira Chakra, two of the four DMFA Cup semifinalists, are placed in Group One alongwith two qualifiers Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Arambagh Krira Sangha while the other group comprises two other qualifiers Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Farashganj Sporting Club alongwith the remaining semifinalists of the 1995 DMFA Cup

- Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union Club. Top two teams from each group will qualify for the semi-

finals. According to the approved fixture, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktijoddha Sangsad will take on Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Arambagh Krira Sangha respectively in their opening Group One matches on September 16.

S Korea defeat Kazakhstan

SEOUL, Sept 6: South Korea overwhelmed Kazakhstan 3-0 thanks to a hattrick Choi Yong-Soo in the opening match of their World Cup Asia Group B qualifying round

Saturday, reports AFP. South Korea led 1-0 at the break. South Korea were on the attack throughout the match held

at the Olympic Stadium in southern Seoul. Samaranch swears no change

LAUSANNE, Sept 6: Juan-Antonio Samaranch, who will lead the Olympic Movement until 2001, has promised no changes for the future, reports

"When something is going well, what you have to do is not to touch it, leave well alone, said the 77-year-old who will now stand down as International Olympic Committee president in Moscow in 2001 when the hosts for the 2008 Games will be decided.

"I think the secret of success is unity and it's my job as coordinatory to maintain the unity between the 198 national Olympic committees and the international federations." Samaranch added.

IOC documents reveal that operating costs for the Lausanne-based organisations for the last four years were 117 million dollars, and although the IOC gave away 120 million dollars to National Olympic Committees to help them send teams to the Games. Only 200 million dollars went to needy athletes.

IOC members," he said. He denied by political deals were struck to help Athens beat Rome for the right to stage the 2004 Olympics.

"The vote is very much personal. There are no groups of people, everyone votes his own way," he said of claims that the 20 African IOC members had swung behind Athens when Cape Town ment out of Friday's



Action from the SAFF Championship match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Kathmandu yesterday. The Lankans won 2-0. - AFP/UNB photo

SL pull Pakistan down

KATHMANDU, Sept 6: The formidable Sri Lankan striking duo of Roshan Perera and Amanulla scored one goal each in the second half to give the islanders a 2-0 win over Pakistan in the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship match at the

Dasarath Stadium here today. Perera, the only Sri Lankan player in the Indian semi-professional league, kicked his side into lead in the 53rd minute with a cool placing shot after being fed by medio Amanulla. The nimble striker, one of the two lethal weapons of the fast counter-attacking Sri Lankans. then paved the way for the second goal in the 86th minute with an imaginative through from the left. And an unmarked Amanulla, the long-standing striking partner of Perera. made no mistake in smiting the ball past an onrushing Pakistan custodian Younis.

The lowly-rated Pakistanis. who stunned hosts Nepal 2-0 in the inaugural match of the tourney, finished their Group A campaign with a win and a deSports Reporter from Nepal

They will now have to wait for the outcome of the match between hosts Nepal and Sri Lanka on September 8 to know their fate in the six-nation



The Pakistanis will certainly keep their fingers crossed for a Sri Lankan victory which will ensure their place in the semifinals at the expense of the hosts, who are left with a daunting task of defeating strong Lankans by at

least 3-0 to pip Pakistan to the

Although Pakistan were at the receiving end against a wave of Lankan attacks throughout the match, they also got their share of chances to neutralise the score after Perera's goal.

But when Majid's swerving cross from the left came off the cross-piece in the 67th minute. it was all over for them.

Earlier, the Pakistanis were deprived of a penalty by the Singaporean referee Ismail in the 35th minute as he ruled the handling of the ball in the forbidden zone by the Sri Lankan captain Sampath as unintentional.

TEAMS

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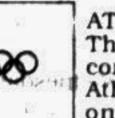
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Games return to its roots



ATHENS, Sept 6: The champagne corks popped as Athens went crazy on Friday on being awarded the

2004 Olympic Games, but the news was met with dejection. disbelief, tears and even some bitterness in the four losing cities, reports Reuter. Greeks put on a show of na-

tional pride, cars racing around

the city with honking horns. streets becoming alive and buildings lit up by order of the mayor as champagne flowed in the two main squares. Prime Minister Costas Simitis told reporters that Athens

would seek to bring some of the ancient spirit of the Games to the present. This is a great opportunity to give a new spirit to these Games, to avoid commercial-

ism and to restore the noble contest," he said. "This is a day of national pride. I am proud to be Greek, said 60-year-old George Apostolidis in a crowd close to the Panathenian Stadium where the Modern Games began in

But in Rome's elegant Piazza

Novana, where thousands watched the announcement televised from Lausanne confident in the knowledge that their bid was the betting favourite, there were groans, tears and angry comments. "I can't believe it has gone to

Athens. They could at least have given it to Cape Town. then it would have some symbolic meaning," said 16-yearold student Andrea Stifini. Rome Olympic bid organis-

ers appeared stunned. International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president Primo Nebiolo, who had campaigned openly for Rome at the World Championships in

Athens last month, was unrepentant in Lausanne when reminded that he had said the Greek capital had not been capable of organising the compe-

"I don't think they are capa-

ble of hosting anything," he said. "I don't think the politics of the past few weeks were important. All that was important was that it was a successful bid for Athens and not Rome." Mario Pescante, president of the Italian Olympic Committee,

Games will be in South Africa." There was deep disappointment in Cape Town. Many South Africans had though they had it in the bag after President Nelson Mandela appealed before the International

was also bitter. "Now we know

one thing," he said. "The 2008

Real decide to protest MADRID, Sept 6: Real

Madrid will appeal to FIFA against the 66,600 dollars fine imposed for signing an illegal agreement with Monaco striker Thierry Henry, Spanish Newspapers reported on Friday, reports Reuter. Soccer's governing body

fined Real because they negoti-

ated with Henry while he was

still under contract with Monaco, and for dealing through an unlicensed agent. Spanish sports daily as quoted Real president Lorenzo Sanz as saying: "Real Madrid have put the Thierry Henry case in the hands of their lawyers. The signing of the French

player conformed to normal

lodge an appeal with FIFA next

week. No-one was available for

comment at the Spanish club

Sanz said Real Madrid would

practices.

on Friday.

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Olympic Committee, said he thought the team's low-key approach might not have paid off. Former tennis star Bjorn Borg said: "I thought our presentation was very good. We had a very solid bid but this is sports

there's only one winner.

Buenos Aires Mayor Francisco Mayorga, whose city had been regarded as the outsider. said: "I am sure we will host the Games, maybe in 2008. This was very, very disappointing because our programme is

President Carlos Menem immediately promised Buenos Aires would be back to bid for

the 2008 Games. Boca not

worried BUENOS AIRES, Sept 6. They may have lost Diego Maradona but Argentine soccer club Boca Juniors thinks its future is brighter than ever, re-

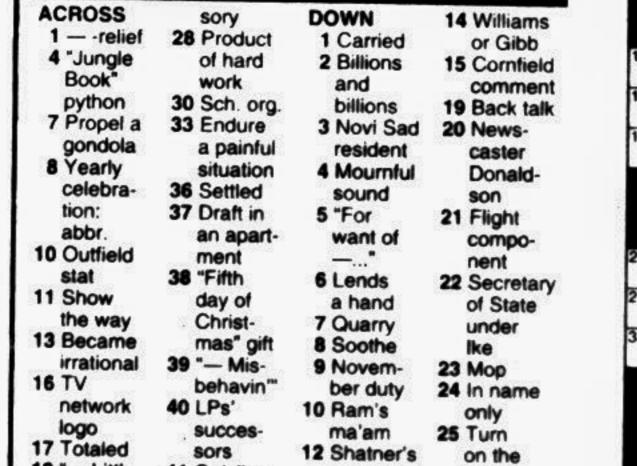
ports Reuter.
The club wants its fans to bet on its upcoming stars through a US 20 million dollars mutual fund launched on Thursday. The fund an instrument tai-

lor-made for the club by the local stock exchange, will allow the public to buy little bits of players and cash in on lucrative transfer fees when they eventually leave the club.

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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 tocating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



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