ROOSt sports COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-85 TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS Competition closes at 8 pm on Dec 26, 1997

In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98? How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to

Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia? Who were Bangladesh's

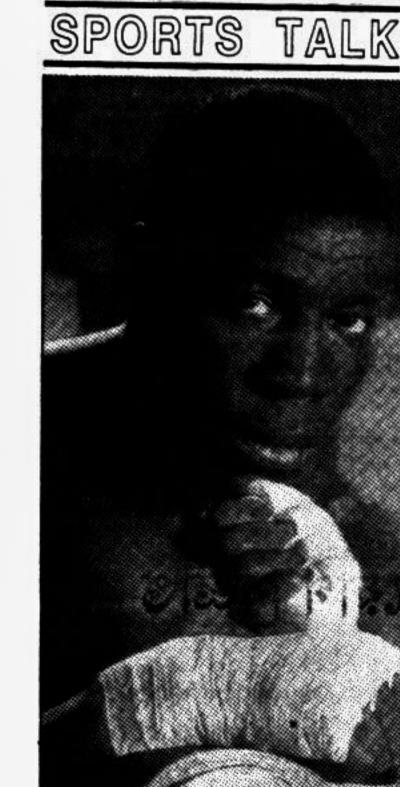
opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final? How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league?

NAME

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**EN-VITS** 



### Frank Bruno

(Britain's former world heavyweight champion) "I'm applying for the licences because I want to give something back to boxing." On his plan to become a boxing promoter and trainer.

JU cricket

### History in final

Department of History moved into the final of the Jahangirnagar University interdepartment cricket tournament after overcoming Department of Physics by six wickets in the semifinals played at the University ground yesterday, says a press release. Batting first, Physics were

undone by some hostile bowling from Brothers Union pace duo Salahuddin and Shuvro and crawled to 109 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs.

Salahuddin took three for 13 while Shuvro bagged two for

In reply, History coasted to their victory target of 110 in 29.1 overs losing six wickets in the process. Mukul scored the highest 23 while Shuvro contributed 21 for the winners.

### Zia smriti cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 23: Islami Smriti Sangha handed Rana Smriti Sangha a crushing 81run defeat in the Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tournament matches played at the Rajshahi Government College ground here today.

Rana topscored with 58 as Islami Smriti Sangha batted first and scored 136 for six in the stipulated 22 overs. In reply, Rana Smriti Sangha were bundled out for only 55 in 19.1 overs.

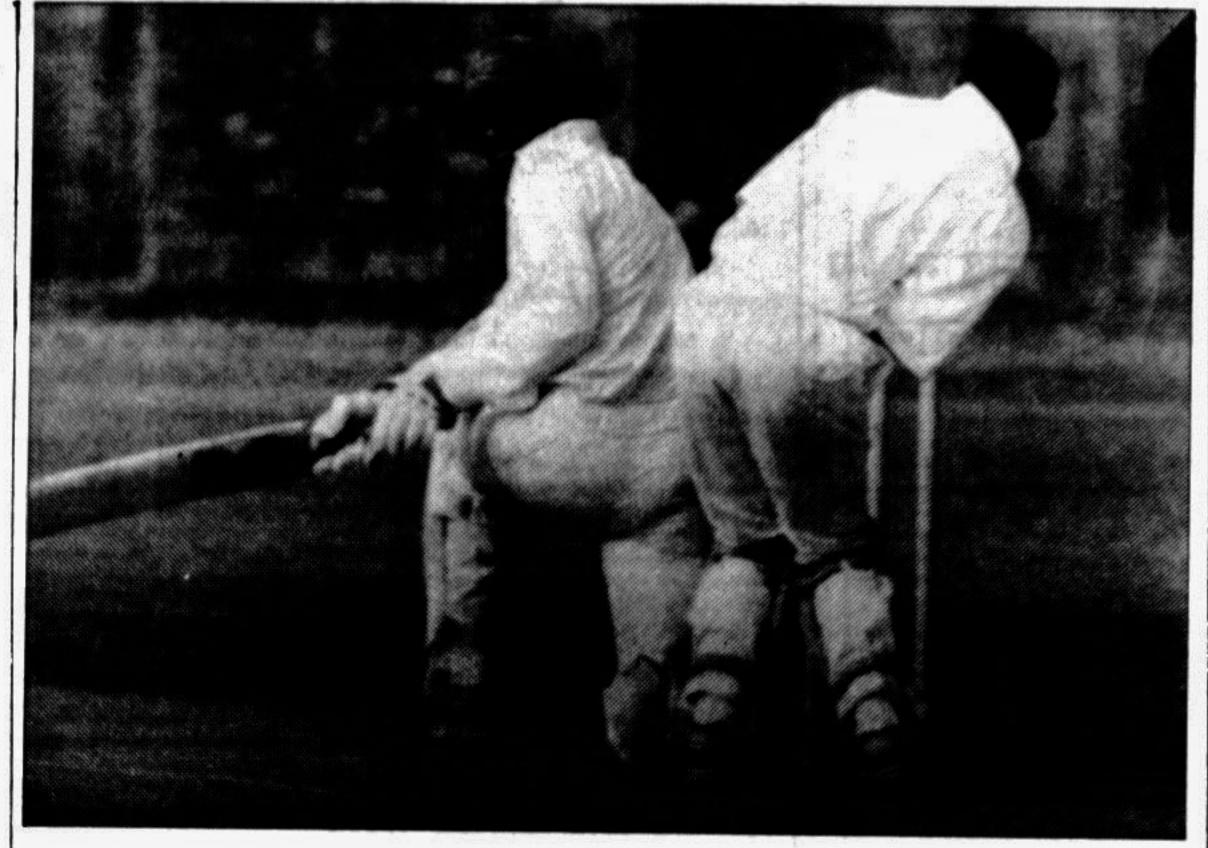
another match Sipahipara Junior Cricketers defeated Jagrata Sangha by 62

Batting first, Sipahipara reached 122 for seven in the allotted 22 overs and shot out their counterparts for a meagre 60 in 19.3 overs.

### Nat'l age-group tennis

Sports Reporter

Mike Atherton will still lead England in their forthcoming Sixteen first round matches tour of West Indies, Hollioake of different groups were decided looks a certainty to captain a as the Elite Paint national agedifferent squad for the one-day group tennis circuit began at the internationals at the end of it. Ramna Tennis Complex yestertain Mark Taylor in favour of



Wari's Pakistani all-rounder Tarique Mehmud sweeps during his majestic 116 against Lalmatia Club in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league yesterday.— AP/UNB photo

# Tarique keeps Wari on track

**Sports Reporter** 

ever clicked in the nick of time

BRIEF SCORES

LALMATIA CLUB: 221 for five wickets in 50 overs (Abid Hanif 90 not out. Tillekeratne 34, Nayan 24; Tarique Mehmud 3/37) WARI CLUB: 223 for six wickets in 46.2 overs (Tarique Mehmud 116, Aamir Wasim 33, Anup 21; Raisul Islam 2/36, Biplob Result: Wari won by four wickets

A virtuoso all-round performance by Tarique Mehmud throttled Wari Club to a resounding four-wicket win over Lalmatia Club in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The tall Pakistani allrounder, who had earlier captured three wickets in his spinning web to restrict Lalmatia to an attainable total of 221 in the stipulated 50 overs, went on to score a brilliant 116 to help Wari to their sixth win in ten matches.

Incidentally it was the sixth ton in the league with Tarique becoming the fourth Pakistani to reach the magical three-figure mark after a rare twin-ton by the local duo of Shariar Hossain and Rafigul on Monday. One of the two long-standing recruits of Wari, Tarique how-

tralia's current

spot as kings of Test cricket

during an otherwise successful

On the field, Australia con-

tinued to dominate, winning all

four of their Test series during

the year. But a players' strike,

averted in November, is still a

ing nations, Pakistan and

South Africa look to be their

only serious challengers at the

West Indies continued their fall

from grace, beaten 3-0 in Pak-

istan and with only 1-0 series

India, despite a wealth of

wins over India and Sri Lanka

batting and spin bowling talent,

failed to win a single Test in

four series over the past 12

months, losing three matches

also failed to notch a win in any

of their nine Tests but did pro-

vide the year's batting high-

the first batsman in Test his-

tory to score two unbeaten cen-

turies — 138 not out and 103 not

out — in a drawn Test against

ter known for his prowess in

the one-day arena, scored 340

in the first Test against India.

the fourth highest individual

score ever, as Sri Lanka

amassed a world record 952 for

six. The outstanding batsmen at

last year's World Cup, followed

up with 199 in the second Test

to beat Wally Hammond's pre-

vious record aggregate for a two-

De Silva has hit seven Test

centuries and in all has com-

one-day revival. After beating

Australia in all three matches

before going down 3-2 in the

Test series, their year ended on

a high with a gutsy display to

win the Champions' Trophy in

cessive wins in that tourna-

ment over West Indies (twice).

India and Pakistan has been

put down to new one-day cap-

tain Adam Hollioake forging a

happy team spirit within his

captain for the tournament was

a further signal of the way

cricket is developing. While

Australia omitted Test cap-

Hollioake's appointment as

Much of the credit for suc-

piled 15 hundreds in 64 Tests.

During the past 12 months.

England showed signs of a

Test series.

Sharjah.

squad.

And Sanath Jayasuriya, bet-

Pakistan in Colombo in April.

World Cup holders Sri Lanka

Aravinda de Silva became

and drawing the other 10.

to show on the positive side.

The once all-conquering

Of the other eight Test play-

possibility early in 1998.

highest level of the game.

LONDON, Dec 23

(Reuters): Domes-

tic storm clouds

threatened to un-

dermine Aus-

with his side desperately in need of a win to keep their hopes alive for a place in the six-team Super league. The victory now left the traditional giant-slayers at par with Surjo Tarun Club, who played one match less. But a probable sixth slot for

the Super league are likely to be decided when the two mediocre outfits lock horns at the same venue tomorrow. Tarique, who outclassed yet another outstanding performance from his compatriot

Abid Hanif in a virtual battle of

Pakistani players, almost sin-

gle-handedly lifted Wari to

their desired goal. Coming in to bat at his customary position of number three, the elder brother of Pakistan Test discard Ataur Rahman, found a wily partner in

Steve Waugh for the one-day tri-

sporting terms and conserva-

cept that one-day matches are

greater crowd-pullers than the

ultimate challenge and Aus-

tralia's dominance there is

undisputed with wins over the

past year against West Indies.

South Africa, England and New

depth, they should have little

trouble in continuing to domi-

nate unless domestic strife rips

Such is their strength in

In an echo of the Kerry

Packer Years in the 1970s when

the television tycoon signed up

the world's leading players and

in the process tore the heart out

of the Australian team, money

is again the source of discon-

December over a pay claim was

averted but intransigence by

both the Australian Cricket

Board (ACB) and the Australian

The ACA dropped immediate

Cricketers Association (ACA)

strike plans but also rejected

new proposals by the ACB and

the dispute lurks as a potential

timebomb for 1998 which cul-

minates in the home series

tested over the coming weeks as

they host South Africa but an-

other series at the start of next

year could prove equally en-

thralling. A West Indies side

riven with fractious disputes

among the players host England

some 20 years with a fearsome.

four-pronged fast bowling at-

tack, West Indies have slipped

ber as Pakistan completed a 3-0

drubbing, winning each of the

first two Tests by an innings

and the third by 10 wickets. It

Swimming camp

A swimming training camp will begin at the Mirpur

Swimming Pool from December

eration arranged the camp un-

der the training scheme of the

Bangladesh Olympic Associa-

tion to form national swim-

ming team for the next year's

Asian Games, and Common-

wealth Games and SAF Games

Bangladesh Swimming Fed-

Their nadir came in Decem-

After dominating cricket for

in a five-match series.

to mediocrity.

30, reports BSS.

of 1999.

Australia's strength will be

against England.

leaves the issue unresolved.

A strike by top players in

But Test matches remain the

five-day variety.

needs.

Zealand.

them apart.

Both Taylor and Atherton

his compatriot Aamir Wasim to recover his side from a precarious 68 for three to a defendable 169 before the latter departed for a patient 33 off 51 balls , but not before featuring in a potential match-winning 101-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Tarique clouted fifteen fours and a sixer in his 145 ball-vigil at the crease before being out in the 46th over, leaving his side six runs short of victory.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, Lalmatia, whose hope for a place in the six-team super league was over with only two wins, once again relied on the batting prowess of their two foreign recruits to score a fight ing total.

Their Sri Lankan opener Tillekeratne chipped in with 38. But it was Pakistani Abid Hanif who accelerated the scoring pace with a breezy unbeaten 92. The dapper right-hander clubbed three sixes and as many fours in his 97-ball undefeated knock.

TODAY'S MATCHES **Janakantha Premier Division** 

Cricket League: Agrani Bank vs Azad SC (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) Victoria SC vs Ajax SC (BKSP) First Division Cricket League: Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhanmondi Club (City Club ground)

was the first whitewash West Indies had suffered in 69 years,

have protested they want to lead England to a similar win. their countries in both forms of the game, but the die appears to be cast in the one-day game has failed to provide replacewhich brings in the crowds and the money the sport desperately Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, the pair who humili-Cricketers are still the poor ated England on their last tour relations in international in 1994 by shooting them out for 46 in their second innings of tive authorities have had to ac-

West Indies began 1997 with

were Ambrose with five for 43 in the first innings. Walsh with five for 74 in the second and 132 from Brian Lara. Therein, per-

mances.

And since the Australian tour, Lara has managed just two Test centuries, a considerable under-achievement for the holder of the world record Test and first-class scores.

just over-35.

Bats, balls and bouncers since Percy Champman led

> Their once seemingly inexhaustible supply of fast bowlers ments for the now ageing the third Test.

a 3-2 series loss in Australia. softened somewhat by a 10wicket win the final match of a series already sewn up by their

The architects of that win haps, lies the tale behind their

Ambrose has become increasingly prone to injury and there are some doubts over his fitness for the start of the England tour. Walsh, as well as being captain, has had to shoulder the burden of much of the bowling in the absence of others to turn in match-winning perfor-

Since then Lara, who has made little secret of his desire to assume the captaincy, has scored a total of 567 runs in 16 Test innings at an average of

Independence Cup

## **BCB** selects primary squad

Sports Reporter The national selectors yesterday picked 20 cricketers primarily to form the national team which will take part in the

three-nation Independence Cup scheduled to begin at the Dhaka Stadium from January 10, a reliable source said last night. The selection has been made

according to their performances in the domestic and international scene this season.

The selected players will play at least two trial matches against the under-20 team before the final selection which will be made by December 30.

Although it could not be confirmed who has been primarily chosen but it was learnt that few veterans like Faruque Ahmed and Khaled Mahmud Sujon, who have proved their worth in the domestic cricket this season, have been recalled to the squad.

### Double delight for Rochi, Rumi

Sports Reporter

Rochi and Rumi of Biman earned double crowns in the UCBL 22nd national table tennis championships which concluded at the NSC gymnasium yesterday.

On the final day of the weeklong meet, ageless Rochi clinched both men's singles and doubles titles while Rumi, who on Monday lifted the girls' doubles along with Ratna, defeated her partner for the singles' tro-

Rochi partnered Mustafa of Ansars to beat Kochi and Saadi 21-10, 21-19, 21-12 in doubles final. Later, he defeated Mustafa 23-21, 21-18, 21-12 in the singles.

On the other hand, Rumi had to concede a set before winning 21-19, 24-22, 17-21, 21-17.

Edison of Biman, who was adjudged player-of-the-meet. bagged the boys' singles trophy with a 21-16, 23-21 and 21-11 victory over Tuhin of Dhaka. Besides, Linu won the wom-

en's singles title as she edged Timpa and Rinu in the robin league round with a better average after all of them had finished with equal four points.

Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rab distributed the prizes as the chief guest while M A Yusuf Khan, managing director of sponsor UCBL, was also present.

### Nat'l schools cricket Sports Reporter

The 16th national schools cricket competition will start in different zones of the country

The district sports associations have been requested to complete necessary formalities with the Bangladesh Cricket Board by Jan 15, says a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) press release issued yesterday.

### Nat'l cricket starts Mar 9

The 18th national youth and the 24th national cricket championships will begin at various zones across the country from March 9, says a Bangladesh Cricket Board press release.

The participating district sports associations have been asked to complete all formalities by January 30.

Women's WC cricket

### New Zealand reach semis

NEW DELHI, Dec 23: New Zealand defeated Ireland by 139 runs to enter the semifinals of the Women's World Cup cricket tournament here today, reports

Ireland chasing the Kiwis' 244 for three in 50 overs, were restricted 105 for nine in their alloted overs.

### BRIEF SCORES

NEW ZEALAND: 244 for three in 50 overs (Hockley 70. Drumm 60, Fruin 33, Withers 32. Extras 35)

IRELAND: 105 for nine in 50 overs (Barbara 14, Nikki 16, Adele 18 n.o., extras 20; Kelly 2/12, Katheryn 2/26) Result: New Zealand won by

139 runs.



sweep as Rebecca Rolls, the Ireland wicketkeeper looks on during a women's World Cup cricket match on Dec 23. - AP/UNB photo

# Akram leaves for London



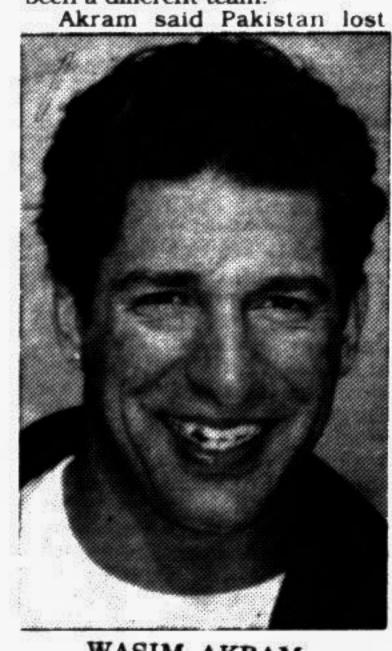
KARACHI, Dec 23 (The Dawn newspaper): Pakistan captain Wasim Akram leaves here for London Tuesday morning for a checkup for his chronic shoulder injury. Akram has an appointment with his specialist

will return by December 28. "I talked to my specialist on telephone and told him about my injury. He said it was not a matter of concern but was of the view that it would be wiser if he takes a look at it," Akram said from his Lahore residence prior to his departure.

on Wednesday morning and

"I don't know if he would advise me some rest which may force me to skip the Dhaka tournament (between Jan 10 and 18)," Akram added. The shoulder injury denied Akram of eight months of competitive cricket. He also underwent surgery of the bowling shoulder in England earlier this July. Commenting on Pakistan team's failure in the Sharjah tournament, Akram said the match against India had taken a toll of his players. "Next day,

we played against England but the players were completely exhausted. Then Inzamamul Haq was also injured. Had there been a rest day, we would have been a different team."



WASIM AKRAM

# Anwar's rising graph



KARACHI, Dec 23 (The Dawn newspaper): On December 15, 1997, during the Sharjah Champions' Trophy match against England, Saeed Anwar crossed the

one-day internationals. He becomes the fourth Pakistani and 17th in the history of ODIs to reach this landmark.

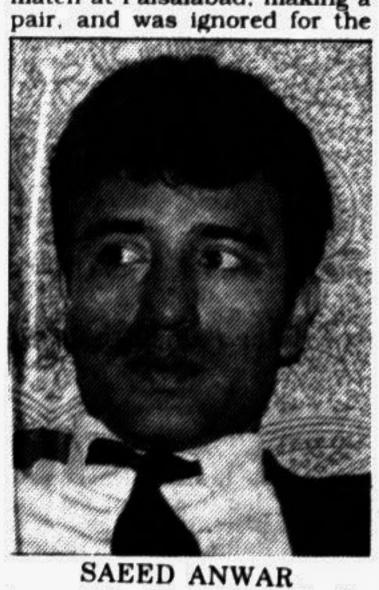
milestone of 4000-plus runs in

A rumbustious left-handed batsman and once a slow leftarm spin bowler. Anwar made his first-class debut in 1986-87 and went through the grind of under-19 matches, later playing with great authority for Karachi, United Bank, and ADBP. Attacking and enterprising, he became one of the most entertaining and successful batsmen for Pakistan in oneday matches and later developed into highly responsible opening batsman in Test cricket.

A brilliant fielder near the wicket or in the outfield, he has the ability to destroy pace or spin with equal ease. He came into the limelight against the touring Australians in 1988 by scoring 127 not out from NWFP Governor's XI at Peshawar in his first appearance against an international team. He had been taken to Australia for the World Series Cup, he made his one-day debut against West Indies at Perth in 1988-89 where he did not make much impression. He was sent back home to play against Sri Lanka under-25 and scored heavily.

Anwar toured Australia again in 1989-90 and batted magnificently in the World Series Cup.

Against Sri Lanka he hammered a century in 99 balls at Adelaide, sharing a record 202 runs opening stand with Rameez Raja. He finished the home season in 1989-90 making 1,082 runs (67.62) including five centuries and three fifties and later became a proud member of the Australasia Cup winning team in Sharjah. He won his first Test cap against the West Indies in the second match at Faisalabad, making a



tour of England in 1992. He bounced back to regain his place for the 1993-94 tour of New Zealand and made his maiden Test century (169) in the second Test at Wellington. adding 197 for the third wicket with Basit Ali. On the Sri Lankan tour in 1994 he made another Test century.

A landmark in his life todate a remarkable world record in one-day international against India in Independence Cup at Madras of scoring 194

both the openers in the first two overs and then again suffered loses of Saeed Anwar and Ijaz

Ahmad on successive balls. We lost our way from that because the English bowlers were a bit typical as they were not either bowling fast nor trying anything extra. They were accurate with odd ball even remaining low. It was difficult to tackle Defending his decision to bat

ahead of Azhar Mahmood, Akram said had he sent Mahmood earlier in the batting and he got out, the critics would have questioned why he (Azhar Mahmood) was promoted ahead of the two batsmen (Manzoor Akhtar and Akhtar Sarfaraz). "They (critics) would have pointed fingers anyway."

Akram stressed that he had

confidence in himself but if he failed to deliver, it's part of the game. "I know I am not in good form but if I try to run away, the bad form will continue coming

As far as Azhar Mahmood is concerned, he is being groomed to take over. "I know the defeat has upset the followers of the game. But we tried our best and that's all the team can do. The bottom line is that England played better than us and won. he concluded.

### Adams, Gelfand in last four

GRONINGEN. Netherlands. Dec 23: Englishman Michael Adams and Belarussian Boris Gelfand emerged from Monday's tiebreakers as semifinalists in the FIDE World Chess Championships, reports AP. Adams will fight an all-En-

glish duel with Nigel Short over two games Tuesday and Wednesday while Gelfand faces Viswanathan Anand of India. the favourite and top-rated Grand Master here. Adams drew the first of his

two 25-minutes-per-player games with black against Loek van Wely. But in the second game the

Dutchman, struggling in a bad

position, exceeded his time allocation and allowed the flag on his clock to fall. Meanwhile Gelfand also settled for a 92-move first-game draw with white against Russian Alexey Dreev but then

fought through a knight-and-

rook endgame to win the second game playing black. After much patient and repetitive maneuvering, the Belarussian won a pawn and forced his pieces into the heart of Dreev's position to win after

61 moves. Despite having a lower Elo rating then Anand (2765). Gelfand (2695) has won more times than he's lost against

Anand: Julian Even the losers in the semifinals of this 5 million dollars tourney to find a challenger for FIDE world champ Anatoly Karpov will have the consolation of pocketing 192,000 dol-

# Spurs welcome back Juergen



LONDON, Dec 23: German striker Juergen Klinsmann was given a hero's welcome when he rejoined struggling English Premiership

outfit Tottenham on Monday, reports AFP. The 33-year-old international was given a rousing reception by Tottenham fans when he arrived at the club's White Hart Lane stadium after being released by Serie A club

Sampdoria. His return is a remarkable turn-around for both the player and Spurs chairman Alan Sugar, who parted on acrimonious terms when the German skipper left in 1995 halfway through his two-year contract to go to Bayern Munich.

Sugar bitterly criticised Klinsmann at the time saying his number 18 Tottenham shirt was not good enough to wash his car with.

But on Monday Sugar and Klinsmann both made light of their past differences.

"I think we had better push everything in the past behind us. He has kept a very watchful eve on the club since he has been away, said Sugar.

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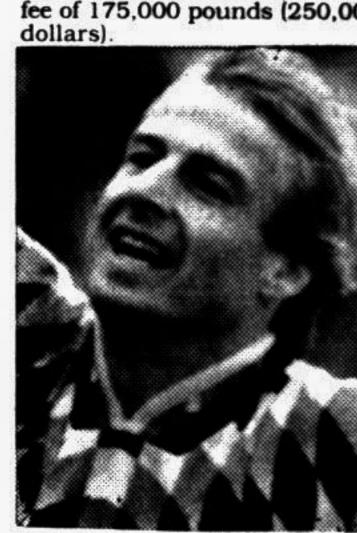
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Klinsmann said he had no hesitation in making an extraordinary return to the north London club with a contract until the end of the season for a fee of 175,000 pounds (250,000 dollars).



JUERGEN KLINSMANN

His spell in Sampdoria had been ruined by an ankle ligament injury and he scored only two goals in his eight appear-

There was also a bust up between Klinsmann and Sampdoria coach Boskov that proved to be the final straw.

All the time he had been in

contact with Spurs through the Sugar family and Tottenham captain Gary Mabbutt. Klinsmann said: "I felt very very comfortable here and this is something you don't forget. You are always attached to your

club and it's normal that you follow them. "There's a certain feeling you have. I have played for clubs in Europe and had a lot of experiences in different countries so I can compare clubs and I never

had the feeling that I had here." The German's return to the club where he was idolised will be a massive boost for the team and the fans who have suffered a dismal start to the season.

Manager Gerry Francis resigned last month after a string of bad results but Spurs suffered devastating defeat - 6-1 at home to Chelsea and 4-0 away to Coventry - under new Swiss boss Christian Gre before a 3-0 win at home to bottom club Barnsley on Saturday lifted some of the pressure.

However, Spurs remain in the relegation zone and will look to Klinsmann to lift them out of trouble.

# CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals H 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

DUE YZHXI OTZZE CTX? X H X B ' N NUI YICN OTB Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CURRENT SCIENCE CONFIRMS THAT THE MOST HEALTHFUL WATER IS WELL WATER.

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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