

Column One DID U' KNOW?

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THAT the newest, fastest-growing type of bicycle competition is off-road racing on mountain bikes.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-87

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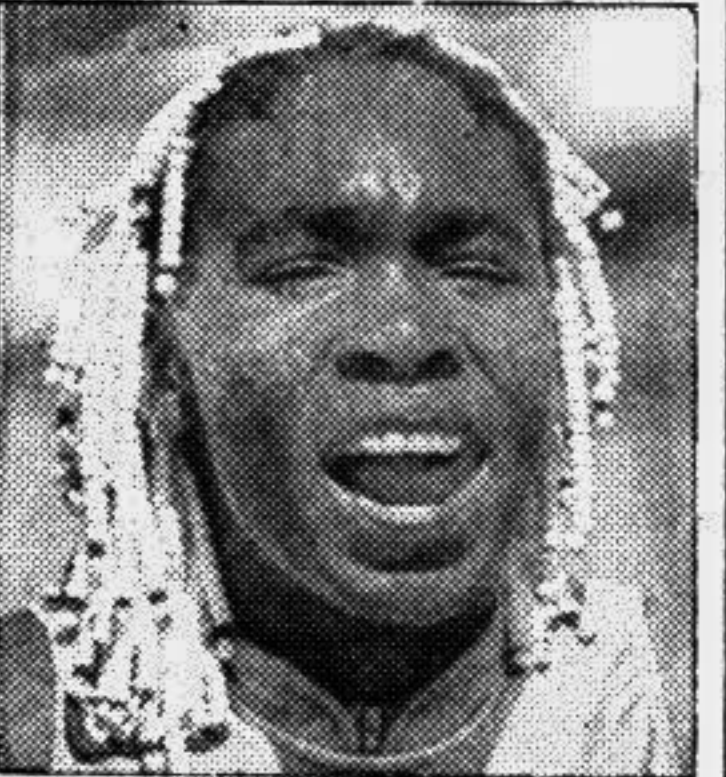
Competition closes at 8 pm on Feb 6, 1998

- 1. Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?
2. Which is the highest ODI individual score?
3. How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?
4. Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?
5. Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Venus Williams (American tennis player) It's a little bit odd. But it has to be accepted.

Houghton becomes Sino soccer coach

BEIJING, Feb 5: Chinese football chiefs today confirmed the appointment of former Nottingham Forest assistant manager Bobby Houghton as their new national coach, reports AFP.

FIDE rating

Zia topples Niaz Murshed

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman has emerged the highest ranked chess player of the country



ZIAUR RAHMAN

toppling Grand Master Niaz Murshed in the latest rating published by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Following are the FIDE ratings of Bangladesh players published in January: 2485 - IM Ziaur Rahman; 2475 - GM Niaz Murshed; 2350 - Rezaul Haque; 2315 - Enamul Hossain Rajib; 2295 -

IM chess

Sports Reporter

Fifty-two players won their first round matches of the fourth United Insurance International Masters chess tournament qualifying round which began at NSC chess room yesterday.

A total of 114 players are taking part in the nine-round Swiss league qualifiers out of which top ten will earn a berth in the final round to be participated by local and foreign International Masters and other rated players.

Meanwhile, four leading players of the country - IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Rezaul Haque, national champion Enamul Hossain Rajib and national junior champion Abdullah-al-Rakib had left the capital for Calcutta yesterday to participate in the Goodrich international chess tournament which begins today.

A good number of Grand Masters and International Masters from different countries are taking part in the tournament.

IM Zillur Rahman Champak; 2285 - Abdullah-Al-Rakib; 2255 - Khandakar Kayes Hasan; 2240 - Kajal Mahmood; 2210 - Syed Tahmidur Rahman; 2205 - Rezaul Haque; 2200 - Maruf



Tottenham Hotspurs' England international Les Ferdinand comes under a desperate challenge from a Barnsley defender during their FA Cup fourth round encounter at Oakwell on Wednesday. Barnsley won 3-1.

Nagano to reach new heights

NAGANO, Feb 5 (Reuters): A new Olympic credo will be born when the Nagano Winter Games open on Saturday - richer, heavier, wackier.

Millionaire ice hockey players, bulky, beer-swilling curlers and zany snowboarders clad in weird and wonderful attire are all making their debuts in the last Winter Games of the millennium.

The noble idea of citius, altius, fortius (faster, higher, stronger) may not quite have had its day but the Nagano Games has the glitzy, gaudy air of a sporting world throwing off tradition and embracing brash modernism for all it is worth.

The advent of NHL professionals, among the most highly paid athletes on the planet, transforms the Olympic ice hockey tournament from a semi-professional sideshow into, potentially, the focal point of the Game.

The biggest name of them all, Wayne Gretzky, becomes an Olympian at the age of 37 in a Canadian team which includes Eric Lindros, who recently signed a deal netting him a cool 7.5 million dollars this year before endorsements.

The NBA incursion into the last two Summer Games produced a US Dream Team which demolished all opponents in its path with effortless, exhibition-style ease but left the bas-

ketball tournament lacking the vital ingredient of real competition.

But the NHL players will be distributed among half a dozen teams, opening up the exciting possibility of a dream tournament in which it would be rash to call gold in advance, though Canada may just have the edge.

In the new Olympic sport of curling, the Canadians punch their way as heavyweights in every sense and hope their technical finesse with the brooms will sweep the gold medals.

The sport has been described as chess on ice and competitors, not generally noted for devotion to training or even abstinence from alcohol, often come in king and queen sizes.

Mike Harris, favourite for individual gold, weights in at 95-kg and will be among the heavier athletes on view in Nagano.

Snowboarding, with its gaudy attire and rebel attitude, is probably the wackiest sport to have gained admission to the Olympics yet.

Not so long ago, world champion Martin Freimademetz of Austria was carrying signs urging people to bomb the headquarters of the International Ski Federation (FIS) in a dispute over who controlled the sport.

He and his colleagues lost that battle but FIS, as if offering shelter to the young homeless, invited the rebel wing to come into the fold and take part in the Olympics.

MSC, BU lead ten for late kick-off

Sports Reporter

Ten clubs, including Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union Club, have requested Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), organisers of the Premier Division and First Division football leagues, to defer the start of the super and relegation leagues, scheduled for a February 10 start at the Mirpur Stadium, by one week.

In a joint letter to the DMFLC late last night, the clubs argued that most of their booters were on Eid holidays and it would not be possible for them to field their respective teams if the leagues start on schedule.

Mohammedans and Brothers apart, Farashganj Sporting Club, Agrani Bank, Victoria Sporting Club, Mirpur Chalanika, Badda Jagarani, Dhanmudi Club, Bangladesh Boys Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club submitted the joint appeal.

The DMFLC is expected to deliberate on the matter within the next two days.

No coloured uniform

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), organisers of the Bijooy Dibash invitational cricket tournament, has reversed the idea of holding Saturday's final between Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club with white ball and coloured dress due to unavoidable circumstances.

According to CCDM secretary Jalal Yunus yesterday, the idea of fielding the two old rivals with coloured clothes in tomorrow's final was cancelled because the suppliers have failed to assure them that the dresses would be prepared in time.

Costa Rica off to a flier

OAKLAND, California, Feb 5: Paulo Wanchope scored four goals to lead Costa Rica to a 7-2 victory over Cuba in the first round of the CONCACAF Gold Cup on Wednesday night, reports AP.

Wilmer Lopez added two goals and Austin Berry also scored for Costa Rica. Luis Marten-Pellicier and Eduardo Cebranco scored for Cuba.

Cuba earlier lost 3-0 to the United States. The winner of the Costa Rica-United States game on Saturday will advance to the second round.

Juergen's fate hangs in the balance

LONDON, Feb 5: Germany's Juergen Klinsmann has a broke jaw and could miss this summer's World Cup and the rest of the English Premier league season with Tottenham, reports AP.

Klinsmann was released Thursday from a Barnsley hospital, where he spent the night under observation following a collision in Wednesday's FA Cup fourth-round replay with Barnsley defender Arjan de Zeeuw.

Tottenham, struggling to avoid relegation in the Premier League, lost the game 3-1, which is sure to put more pressure on Swiss coach Christian Gross.

Tottenham officials said Klinsmann would see a specialist Thursday in London. A spokesman at the Barnsley hospital described Klinsmann's condition as satisfactory as he was being discharged.



Eduard Cebranco of Cuba and Wilber Wright (white jersey) of Costa Rica scramble for the ball during their CONCACAF Gold Cup fixture at California on Feb 4. Costa Rica thrashed the Cubans 7-2.

Tyson in a fresh tango

NEW YORK, Feb 5: Mike Tyson, apparently in a rage after dislocating his shoulder, has earned since leaving prison nearly three years ago, is trying to dump Don King as his promoter, the chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission said Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Tyson also allegedly confronted King last Saturday in Los Angeles and slapped and kicked him, the New York Post reported.

Tyson is looking for dollars that are not accounted for, a source involved in Tyson's fights in Las Vegas told Wednesday.

Quoting sources close to Tyson, the Post said estimates of the money the 31-year-old fighter has remaining ranged from 150,000 to 4 million dollars and that he owes 7 million dollars in back taxes.

I heard that Tyson has signed with (music industry businessman) Jeff Wald, Dr Elias Ghanem, chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission told Reuters on Wednesday.

A secretary in Wald's office said he was unavailable for comment. Wald was involved in promoting last April's heavyweight fight between George Foreman and Lou Savarese.

If Tyson has signed with Wald, it would appear that a big court battle could be in the offing over the rights to manage the career of the disgraced former heavyweight champion, once it resumes. Tyson's license to fight in Nevada was revoked last year after he bit off the tip of Evander Holyfield's right ear in their fight last June 28.

Tyson earned about 112 million dollars for six fights following his release from prison more than 2 and a half years ago after serving three years for the rape of a teen-age beauty contestant in Indianapolis.

Tyson lost his heavyweight title to Holyfield in November 1996, and was disqualified in the rematch last June.

Ghanem said that Sig Rogich, hired by King in an attempt to clean up Tyson's image after the ear-biting incident, told him that Tyson had signed with Wald but that King had an "Airtight" contract with the former heavyweight champion.

Div I badminton from Feb 15

Sports Reporter

The National Bank First Division badminton league will begin at the NSC woodenfloor gymnasium from February 15 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF).

Ten teams - Mohammedan Sporting Club, Biman, Surjo Tarun Club, Sheikch, Dil Kushi Sporting Club, Sputnik International, Dhaka Badminton Club and Renaissance Sports Club, will take part in the league.

All the ten teams have been asked to complete entry formalities by February 2.

A spokeswoman for Rogich said she could only confirm that Rogich read press report to Ghanem.

Another twist in Tyson's soap-opera life may come today when the fighter is expected to announce he will appear - likely as a judge - in the theatrical world of professional



MIKE TYSON

wrestling in an event in March, another entry in the Tyson sweepstakes may be former basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who has discussed becoming a boxing promoter in Nevada and may be interested in promoting Tyson's fights, the Las Vegas sources said.

Tyson is eligible in July to apply to get his license back at which time the Nevada Commission "can do anything we want," about it said Ghanem.

He also said that unless Don King - Tyson's promoter for the last 10 years - pressed charges against Tyson for allegedly assaulting him, the commission would disregard reports of the incident last Saturday in Los Angeles.

King and Tyson's co-managers, John Honrnie and Rory Holloway reacted to reports that they also had been dismissed by Tyson.

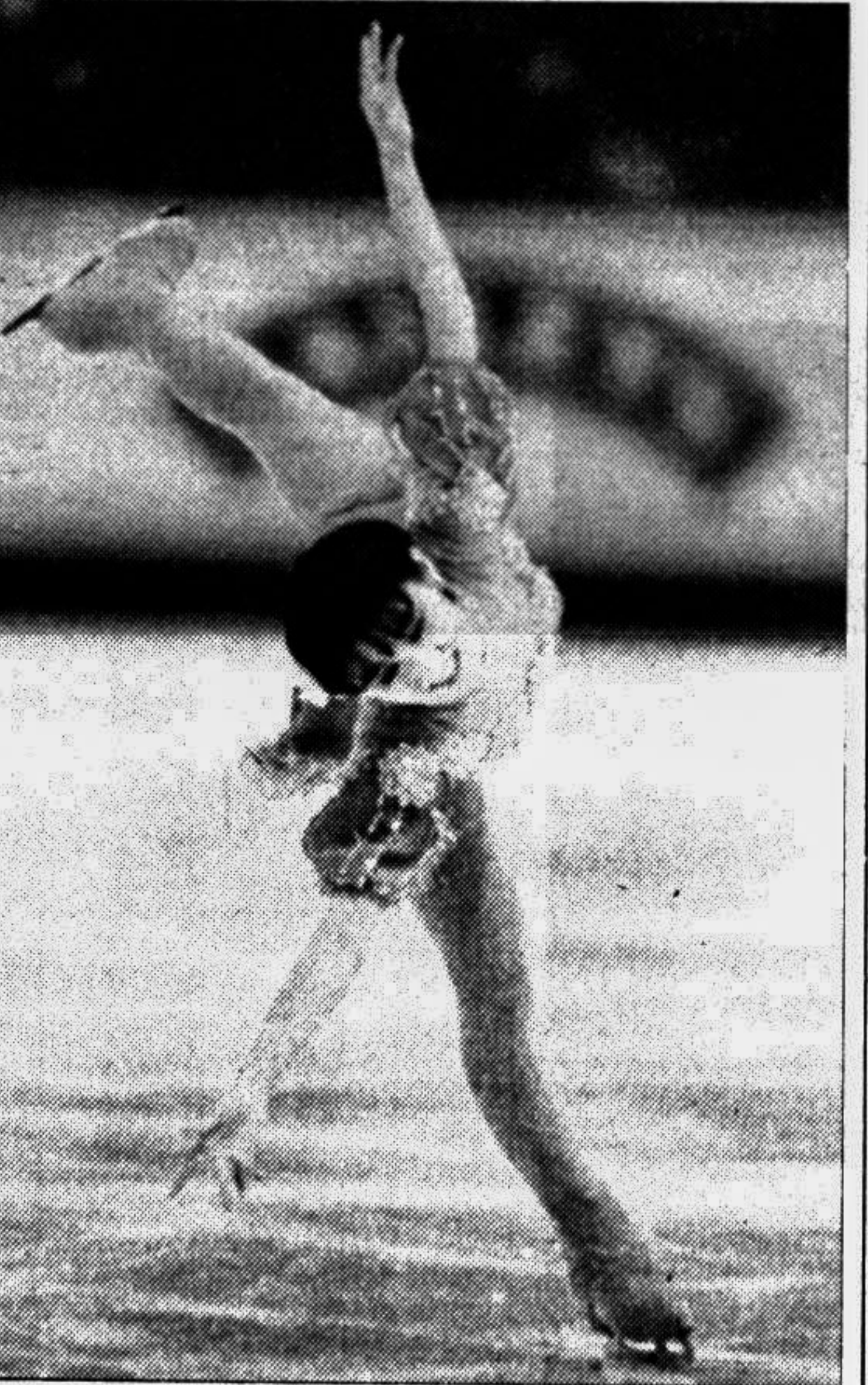
"I love Mike and he knows it," King said in a statement. "But there are often outside forces and individuals that will try to capitalise on Mike's frustration that comes from his layoff as a result of the suspension."

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- 1. Tender Notice No : 235/Mkg of 1997-98.
2. Name of work : Tender for earth work at 3rd KM (p) and 4th km (p) of No 1 am-Shimulia Road under Nayerhat Road Sub-Division of Manikganj Road Division during the year 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 3,96,840/=
4. Earnest money : Tk 7,937/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakkhya Sanchaypatra and Bonus Sanchaypatra etc.
5. Time allowed : 25 (twenty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'E' Class General Category of RHD Contractors.
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj/ Dhaka Divn, Dhaka/Narsingdi/ Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Planning Divn. Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj/ Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
8. Name of offices to receive tender bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Divn. and SDE (RHD) Manikganj/ Nayerhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
9. Last date of selling of tender bids : On 15-02-98 during offices hours.
10. Last date of receiving of tender bids : At 12-30 PM on 16-02-98.
11. Date and time of the opening of the tender bids : At 1:00 PM on 18-02-98 in the office of the E. E. (RHD) Manikganj Road Divn.
12. Date and time of : At 1:00 PM on 19-02-98.
13. Chargeable head : Feeder.
14. Authority of : S. E. (RHD) DRC, Dhaka.

A K M Rezaul Haque Executive Engineer (RHD) Manikganj Road Division Manikganj

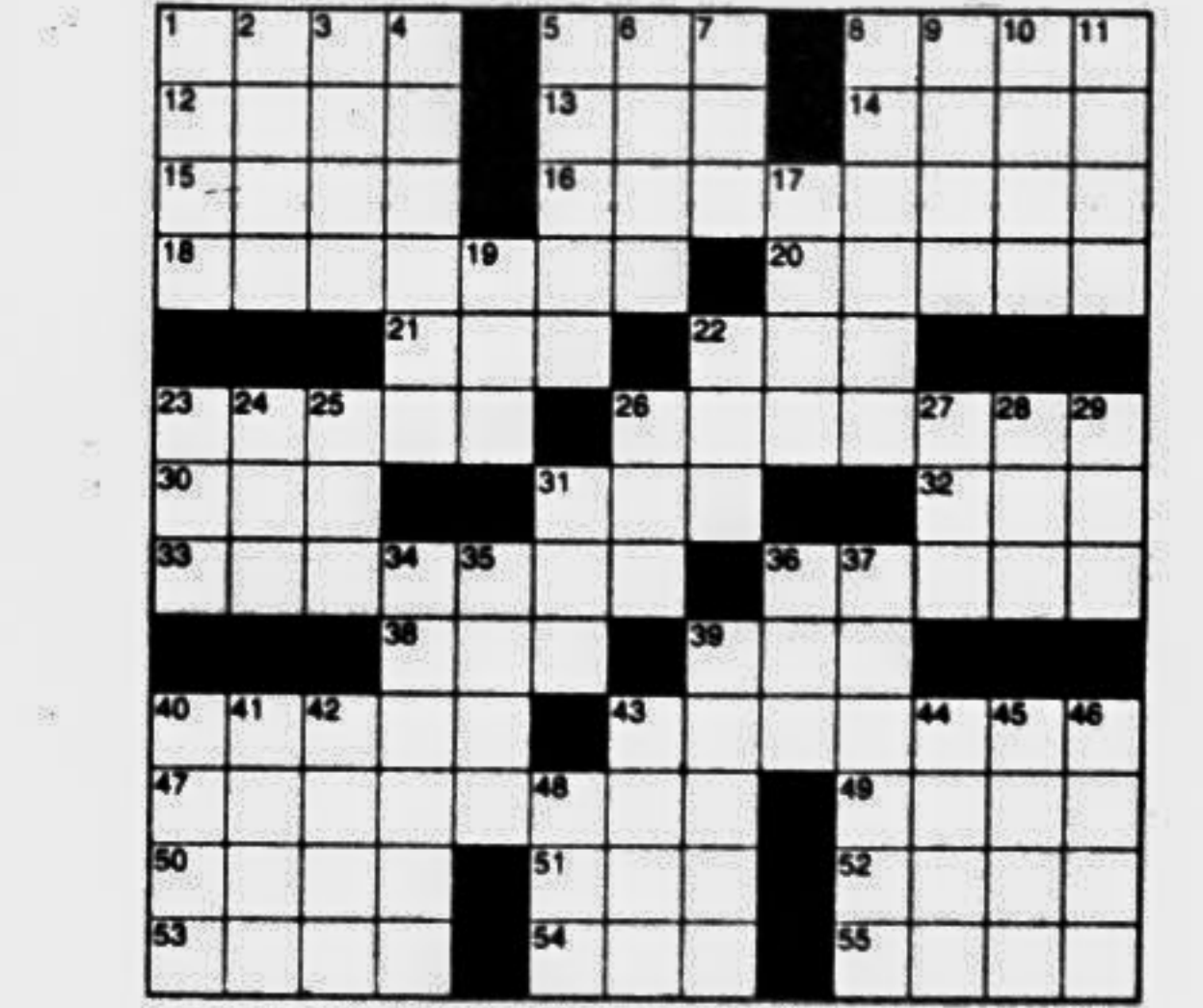
Advertisement for Bangladesh Agriculture Bank (বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক) with details of branches and services.



An AP file photo shows Japanese Midori Ito performing in the World Figure Skating Championships in Edmonton on March 1996. Ito will be one of the main attractions at the opening ceremony of the Nagano Winter Olympic Games.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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2 Intradition
3 Lover
4 Actor
5 One of the help
6 Pedestal
7 Kyoto sash
8 Sea eagle
9 Brunch, in slang
10 Model
11 Fort wall
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14 Undeniably
15 Petrol
16 Give a leg up
17 Pattern of excellence
18 Got a Secret
19 Serenade the moon
20 A Chorus line song
21 Sunshade
22 Emulate
23 Krieti Yamaguchi
24 Oedipus
25 Story of a lifetime
26 The final frontier



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