DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the newest, fastestgrowing type of bicycle competition is off-road racing on mountain bikes. The sport started in the early 1980s when cyclists in Marin County.

California, biked down mountain trails. Today, offroad races are usually held on backwoods trails and roads and on dirt paths. Racing formats include cross-country, down-hill, downhill slalom, and hillclimbs. National and world championships are held annually. Cross-country mountain bike racing was chosen to debut as an Olympic sport at the Summer Games in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996.

And, all those years, Sanjeev Larma was coming down the dirt paths of Chittagong Hill Tracts on his bike it never became a sport! Trust these Americans to make a sport of anything "they" fancy.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-87

✓ Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm

1	which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?		
	Cairns	Astle	Crowe
2	Which is the highest ODI individual score?		

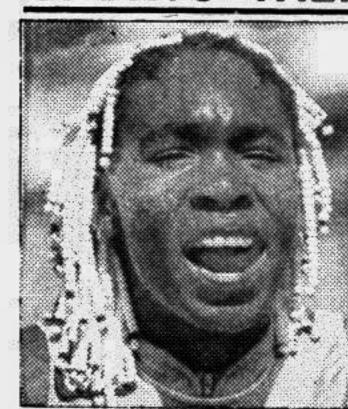
How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit Who scored the only halfcentury for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?

Akram Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa? Al-Shariar

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Venus Williams

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

About playing her sister Serena, whom she beat in the second round of the Australian Open.

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

FIDE rating

Zia topples Niaz Murshed

Sports Reporter



According to the rating, which includes 55 Bangladeshi chess players, Zia raised his points tally to 2485 by adding five more to his collection while Niaz, the first Grand Master of the sub-continent, went down 15 points from his earlier rating of 2490.

Besides. International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar and national champion Enamul Hossain Rajib were placed third and fourth among the Bangladeshis with 2350 and 2315 points.

Ten points were deducted from Reefat's collection while Rajib's rating increased by five

Following are the FIDE ratings of Bangladeshi players published in January:

2485 — IM Ziaur Rahman; 2475 — GM Niaz Murshed; 2350 - Regiat-bin-Sattar; 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 Reefat-bin-Sattar, 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.



ZIAUR RAHMAN

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

Hanif, Saifuddin Lovelu, Ziaul Kader Tuhin and Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon; 2155 -Aminul Islam: 2150 - Abul Kashem Bhuiyan and Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu; 2145 — Abu Sufian Shakil; 2135 — Masudul Haque; 2130 — Khurshid Alam and Monir Hossain; 2125 — Showkat Hossain Pallab and Omar Khaled; 2120 - Adnan Faisal. Saidul Islam and Shafiqui Islam; 2115 - Ataur Rahman: 2110 — Arifuzzaman Sikdar: 2105 - Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Ashiquzzaman Fahim and Krishnapada Biswas; 2100

— Nazmul Haque and Tanima Parveen; 2095 - Zahid Chowdhury, Enayet Hossain, Rafiqul Islam, Mohammad Javed and Ashrafur Rahman; 2090 — Monirul Karim; 2080 — IWM Rani Hamid and Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa; 2075 - Tofazzal Hossain and Arun Chandra Sarkar; 2065 - Mizanur Rahman Labu, 2045 — Amir Hossain; 2035 — Arman Monir and 2030 - Afroza Khanum

Ahmed: 2195 - Kalimullah

Khan, Muniruzzaman Khan

and Jamilur Rahman; 2185 -

Tyebur Rahman; 2180 — Ali Amjad Mintu; 2165 — Nahid Miazid; 2160 — Hasibul Hasan



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.

Tottenham Hotspurs' England international Les

-AP/UNB photo

Nagano to reach new heights

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

Saturday wackier

Millionaire ice hockey playbulky, 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-soporific 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, exhibi-

tion-style ease but left the bas-

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক

শাখা স্থানান্তর বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সমানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের সুবিধার্থে বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংকের কুমিল্লা জেলার বরুড়া শাখাটি গত

২৮-০১-৯৮ইং তারিখ হতে পূর্বের অবস্থান থেকে নতুন ভবনে স্থানান্তর করা হয়েছে এবং

ঐদিন থেকেই শাখাটি নতুন ঠিকানায় ব্যাথকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে।

পূর্বতন ভবনের অবস্থান

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক

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ketball tournament lacking the vital ingredient of real competi-

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

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

as chess on ice and competitors.

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 Freinademetz of Austria was carrying signs urging people to bomb the headquarters of the International Ski Federation (FIS) in a dispute over who controlled the

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.

Women's ice hockey, the only other debut sport, will be as far from the glare of the spotlight on the men's competition as Plouto is from the sun. Taking part, for once, is what counts.

Alpine skiing sees one great hero bow out and an heir apparent ready to take centre stage.

Italian playboy Alberto Tomba, three times gold medalist, waves farewell in his fourth Winter Games and Austrian ex-bricklayer Hermann Maier, nine World Cup race wins under his belt already this season, seems to have what it takes to become the sport's next dominant figure.

In speed skating, the introduction of hinged slap skates should set world records tumbling in Nagano, as they have all season, with Canada's Catriona le May Doan expected to emerge as sprint queen.

Canadian fans also plan to see Elvis crowned as king. But figure skater Elvis Stojko, three times world champion, has a jinx to overcome. Canadian reigning world champions have failed to take Olympic gold at the last three Winter Games.

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 relega-tion leagues, scheduled for a February 10 start at the Mirpur Stadium, by one week.

In a joint letter to the DM-FLC 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 Chalan-tika, Badda Jagarani , Dhanmondi 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. In another development, the DMFLC, in a meeting last night, turned down a plea of ten clubs to postpone relegation leagues in the Premier and First Division this year.

No coloured uniform

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), organisers of the Bijoy 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

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 Martein-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.

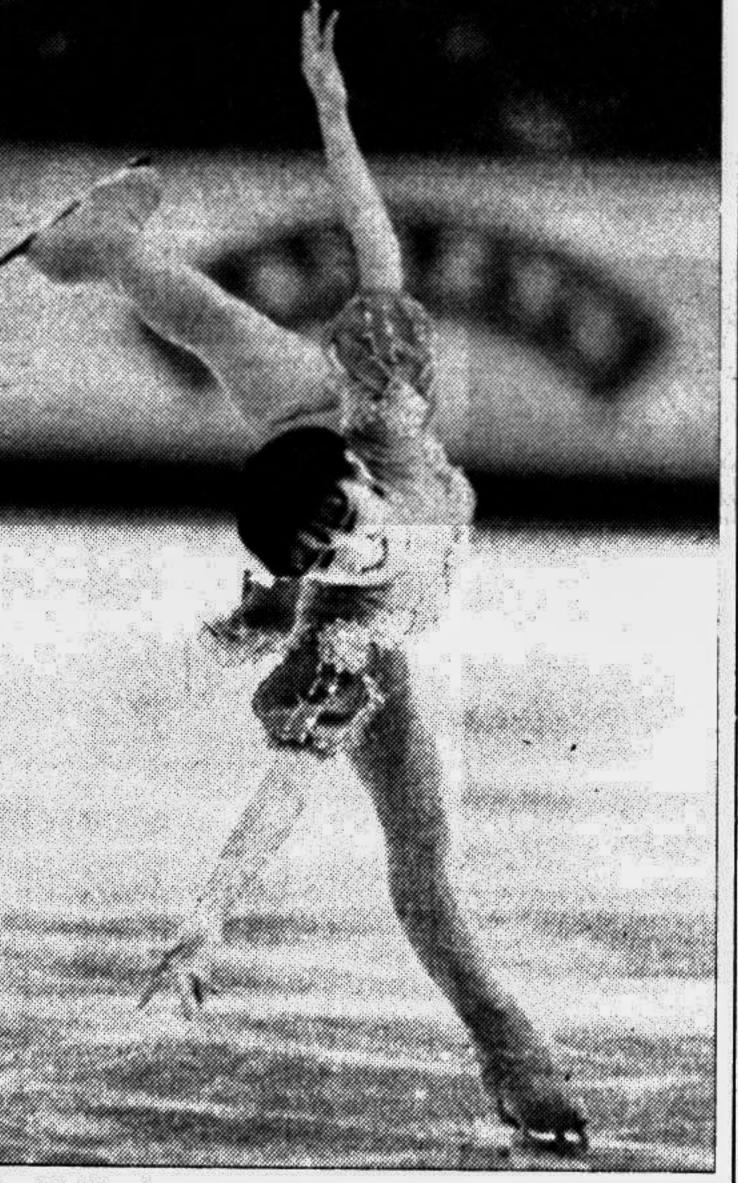
Juergen's fate hangs in the balance

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

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.



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.

-AP/UNB photo Tyson in a fresh tango

Eduard Cebranco of Cuba and Wilber Wright (white jersy) of Costa Rica scramble for the

ball during their CONCACAF Gold Cup fixture at California on Feb 4. Costa Rica



after discovering he doesn't have much of the 100

million collars he 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.

thrashed the Cubans 7-2.

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

that are not accounted for," a source involved in Tyson's fights in Las Vegas told Wednes-

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.

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

Foreman and Lou Savarese.

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. Tysons' 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.

lion dollars for six fights following his release from prison more than 2 and a half years 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.

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

Div I badminton from Feb 15

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, Sheltech, Dil Kusha 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.

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parently in a rage that Rogich read press report to Ghanem.

Another twist in Tysons'

"Tyson is looking for dollars

Quoting sources close to

"I heard that Tyson has

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

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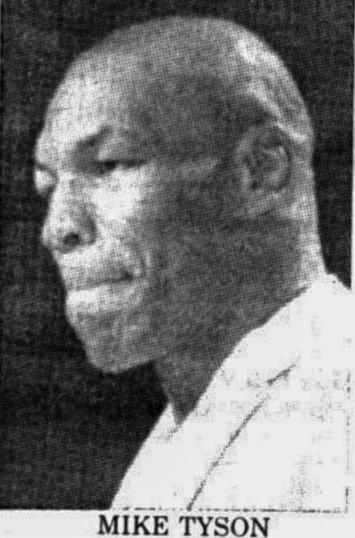
Tyson earned about 112 milago after serving three years for

Ghanem said that Sig

Sports Reporter

A spokeswoman for Rogich wrestling in an event in March. Mike Tyson, ap- said she could only confirm another entry in the Tyson sweepstakes may be former

> 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



basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who has discussed becoming a boxing promoter in Nevada and may be interested in promoting Tysons' 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 - Tysons' 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 Honrne 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 suspen-

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

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esterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP QXRQ-HXAVIV LQCIHMEIW

WIHMWEXAR JQMJ RXPI XJ DCPIV JC QXL MOD. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ARE HIGHWAY POT-HOLE-REPAIR CREWS ALWAYS BEING TRAINED BY **ROADS SCHOLARS?**

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals W

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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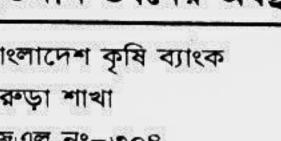
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