(The Professor does)

O, how big was the fish you say you caught was? Does IGFA know about it? The International Game Fish Association, based in Florida, keeps meticulous records of the largest fish of every species caught in the world. Records are awarded in men's and women's divisions to anglers who catch fish on all the different strengths of fishing lines. Although the IGFA is the record keeper of game fish caught the world over, many other organisations of anglers are dedicated to one method of fishing or one species of fish. Most countries with game fish populations have angling clubs. The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, Trout Unlimited, Stripers Unlimited, the Atlantic Salmon Association, and the Federation of Flyfishermen are just a few of them.

So, if you have any problem convincing IGFA about the size of your catch just start your own angling club; say, the Bhuter Goli West Pukur Paar Cheef Club.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-88 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on Feb 20, 1998

How many countries took part in the World Youth Cricket Cup? What is the position of Korda

in ATP rankings at the moment? How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played?

Who is the current 100m world champion? Greene Cason

Which team finished first in

the Premier Division soccer

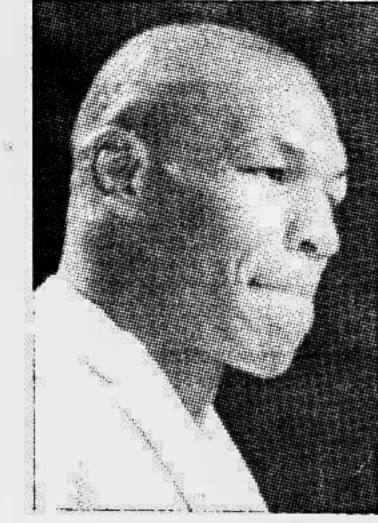
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Mike Tyson (US boxing superstar) "As long as I live I will regret what happened that night." About his biting of Evander Holyfield's ear.

CONCACAF Gold Cup

Hosts reach semis

OAKLAND, California, Feb 8: Preki Radosavljevic's 24yard blast in the 78th minute on Saturday held off elimination for the United States, who reached the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals with a 2-1 victory over Costa Rica at the Oakland Alameda Coliseum, reports Reuters.

Eddie Pope also tallied for the Americans, who needed a victory in the Group Three showdown to advance to the semifinals against the Group One runners-up on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Mexico also gained a finalfour spot, beating Honduras 2-0 on a pair of Cuauhtemoc Blanco goals in the second game of a doubleheader played before a rain-soaked gathering of 36,240

fans. The Gold Cup is the nations championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean. Also competing was

Trinidad and Tobago. Radosavljevic, who came off the bench in the 69th minute to provide the Americans more offence, took a switching pass from Jeff Agoos and eluded two defenders on the right wing, turning inside for the leftfooted shot, a trademark move for Major League Soccer's 1997 Most Valuable Player.

Premier league resumes today

AKC-Biman opener



The Janakantha Premier Division cricket league resumes today with holders Abahani Krira Chakra taking on Bangladesh Biman at the Dhaka Stadium.

With the beginning of match after more than a month-long lay-off the league gets into its most exciting part involving the heavyweights of 12 teams. Abahani, who lost one

match in their previous seven engagements before the league was suspended to accommodate the tir-nation Independence Cup tournament last month.

will however miss the services of their two foreign recruits in today's match against Biman, who are set to field their Pakistani duo of Monsoor Akhter and Iqbal Imam.

When Biman, who fell behind the race of the aspiring quintet with five wins from seven matches, need badly to ensure their berth in the sixteam Super league, Abahani will try to forget their recent defeat at the hand of Mohammedans in Bijoy Dibash

unbeaten team in the fray, are leading the table with seven wins on a tort and have already confirmed their berth in the Super league with four matches to go. One other hand, Surja Tarun, who have already com-pleted their ten first round matches, are the second team to ensure their place in the next

Meanwhile, three Sri Lankan umpires, who are already in the city, will officiate the remaining matches of the

Mohammedans, the	only Premie	r league		roeso same esce Transcriptor					
STANDINGS									
Teams	M	W	L	Pts					
Mohammedan SC	7	7	0 .	14					
Surjo Tarun Club	10	7	3	14					
Abahani KC	7	6	1	12					
Kalabagan KC	7	6	1	12					
Brothers Union	8	6	2	12					
Wari Club	11	6 5	5 2 6 8	12					
Bangladesh Biman	7	5	2	10					
Agrani Bank Club	11	5	6	10					
Ajax SC	11	5 3 2	8	6					
Victoria SC	11	2	9	4					
Lalmatia Club	11	2	9	4					
Azad SC	11	1	10	2					

Double trouble for Haroon

Border baffle Pakistan



score the 74 runs they needed to comanager Haroon Rashid was more concerned by a spate of injuries, reports Reuters. Four of the touring team

finished the match off the field with various problems. Haroon was hopeful all would be fit for Friday's first

Test against South Africa but he said it would be few days before they had a clear idea of the extent of the injuries. Skipper Rashid Latif has a

ricked neck and batted in only the first innings, retiring hurt after facing three balls. Waqar Younis bowled just

seven overs in the match because of a side strain, Saeed Anwar has shin and ankle problems and Shoaib Akhtar left the field after two balls of what turned out to be the final over with a recurrence of a knee injury.

ket team here at the expense of

out of form Matthew Elliott, as

the squad prepares for its tour

reports AFP.

India later this month,

Slater, who turns 28 when

the team lands in Mumbai on

February 21, was dumped from

the Test side after the one-Test

have played in India in 12

ished for being unrepentant

over a rash shot that landed

him a second ball, second in-

nings duck as Australia lost by

spite averaging 47.41 in 34

Tests and scoring seven cen-

His banishment came de-

The effervescent Slater was

tormented by his demise last

season as he sought answers to

Cameroon

crawl

OUGADOUGOU, Feb 8

Cameroon survived a bout of

late pressure to overcome hosts

and rank outsiders Burkina

Faso 1-0 in the inaugural game

of the African Nations' Cup on

scored for Cameroon in the first

half but Burkina, who initially

appeared overawed and ner-

vous, fought back after the

break and did more than

enough to deserve at least a

Trousier, who will take charge

of World Cup qualifiers South

Africa after the tournament,

said he was encouraged by his

team's performance but rued his

For Cameroon the tourna-

ment is an invaluable prepara-

tion for the summer, when they

will make their third successive

World Cup finals appearance.

Despite their win, Cameroon of-

ten looked disjointed with

players getting frustrated with

as the game went on and laid

siege to the Cameroon goal for

much of the second half. But

their final pass often let them

turned down but their best spell

came in a dramatic finale when

they saw two close-range efforts

cleared desperately off the goal-

another Group A match today.

which also sees the Group C

games between holders South

Africa and Angola and between

Ivory Coast and Namibia in the

country's second city of Bobo

Algeria and Guinea meet in

line by the Cameroon defence.

They had a penalty appeal

Burkina grew in confidence

each other.

down.

Dioulasso.

players' shyness in front of

Burkina coach Philippe

point in the Group A match.

Striker Alphonse Tchami

Saturday, reports Reuters.

seven wickets in Delhi.

It is the only Test Australia

Slater was seen as being pun-

Tour of India in October 1996.

SYDNEY, Feb 8:

Former Test ope-

ning batsman Mi-

chael Slater is po-

ised for a recall to

the Australian cri-

asking our board for any replacements," Haroon said. "We are going on our medical advice and with a few days rest we are hopeful all of them will be available for selection.'

An undefeated 41 from 36 balls by home skipper Pieter Strydom allowed Border to reach 113 for five and complete their first victory over a touring side at the 24th attempt.

Resuming on 39 for two they lost two wickets in the first 10 overs to be wobbling at 56 for four, Strydom was dropped on 17 at fine leg by Ali Naqvi - one of three substitutes on the field at that time - which would have made it 77 for five.

"That was the crucial moment," said Haroon. "If we had taken that catch we would have been through to the tail and anything could have happened. "But we are not too despondent, because of the injuries we

were always a batsman short and only had three bowlers. You will see a different attitude and application when it comes to the Test matches." Pakistan meet South Africa "At this stage we will not be in the first of three Tests at the

his sacking but has come back

this southern summer a more

South Wales' Sheffield Shield

loss to Tasmania here this

week, displaying temperament

this season and is a strong

chance of replacing Monday the

man who took his national spot

season after sweeping all before

him on the successful Ashes

MICHAEL SLATER

The 26-year-old scored just

51 runs at 10.20 against South

Africa and has only one score

above 50 in 20 first class in-

nings since starting the season

Steve Bernard and Andrew

Hilditch met Saturday and to-

day to finalise the 14-men

squad for the three first-class

Australia have not won a

Test series in India since Bill

Lawry's side triumphed in 1969-

and three Test matches.

Selectors Trevor Hohns,

tour to England last year.

with 187.

Elliott has had a wretched

Victorian left hander Elliott.

and shot selection of old.

He made 47 and 89 in New

relaxed batsman.

Boucher c (sub) Inzamam b Akhtar12 Strydom not out Ngece not out

Wanderers in Johannesburg on

SCOREBOARD

of the four-day match between

Border and Pakistan on Sun-

232 (Moin Khan 56, Y Youhana

(W Wiblin 82, M Boucher 80;

Azhar Mahmood 4-66)

124 (D Taliard 6-49)

Wiblin c Moin b Ahktar

White c Mahmood b Saglain

(overnight 39-2)

Botha b Mahmood

Pope b Saglain

Extras: (b-5, lb-1)

Total: (Five wickets)

Scoreboard of the third day

PAKISTAN: First innings

BORDER: First innings 244

PAKISTAN: Second innings

BORDER: Second innings

Friday.

Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-33; 3-41; 4-56: 5-100 Bowling Mahmood 32 Ahktar 11.2 49 Saglain 26 Result: Border won by five

Slater set for comeback 70 and the tour is the last leg of captain Mark Taylor's grand

> His first series was a heartbreaking 1-0 loss in Pakistan in 1994 when Ian Healy missed a stumping off Shane Warne with the home side nine wickets He now has 803 runs at 57.36 down in the first Test at

> > Subsequently Taylor has won nine consecutive Test series and to lift the Border-Gavaskar Trophy would rank him as Australia's greatest ever captain.

> > But in keeping with Australia's new selection policy. changes will be made for the triangular one-day series with Zimbabwe and Taylor will fly home early.

> > Australia's concern is finding four fit fast bowlers in form. Injured Ashes spearheads Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie are rated little chance of touring while seamer Paul Reiffel missed the drawn third Test against South Africa in Adelaide last week with a broken finger.

Reiffel is expected to go as

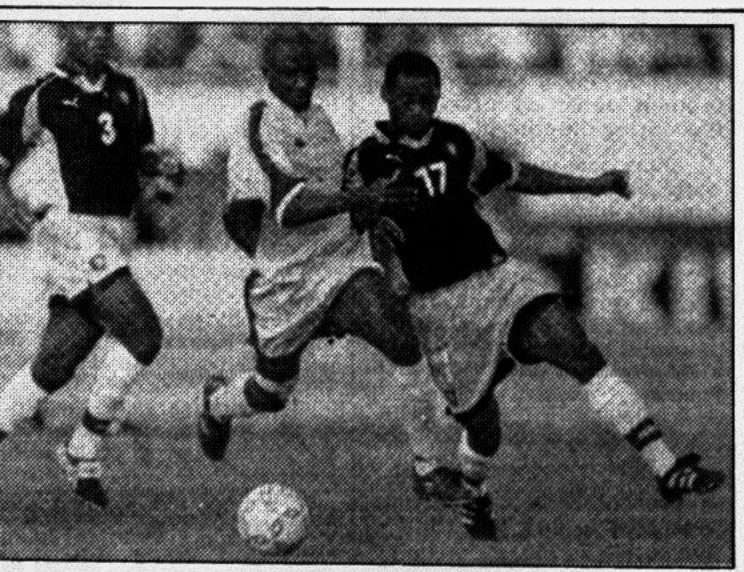
senior bowler with the likelihood of being accompanied by a trio of Queenslanders Adam Dale, Michael Kasprowicz and Andrew Bichel. It will be an inexperienced Australian lineup relying

heavily on champion leg spinner Shane Warne, who pulled out of the four match limited over tour of New Zealand to rest his overused bowling shoulder.

Warne, who has 303 Test wickets to his name, is likely to be backed up in India by New South Wales wrist-spinner Stuart MacGill, who took five wickets in his Test debut in Adelaide.

PROBABLE SQUAD

Mark Taylor (capt). Michael Slater, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh (vice-capt), Ricky Ponting, Michael Bevan, lan Healy, Shane Warne, Stuar MacGill, Paul Reiffel, Adam Dale, Andrew Bichel, Michael Kasprowicz.



Seydou Traore (C) of Burkina Faso tries to force his way past a Cameroon defender during their opening match of the African Nations' Cup at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on Feb 7. Cameroon won 1-0. - AP/UNB photo

Bima beat City

Narayan inspires Orient

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES SADHARAN BIMA: 154 all out in 49.4 overs (Rajinder

Singh 29, Ismail 29; Sajjad 3/28, Taposh 2/26, Majed CITY CLUB: 143 all out in 47.5 overs (Sajjad 29, Julfikar 21 not out; Hadi 3/21, Nakib

2/16, Moin 2/23) Result: Sadharan Bima won by 11 runs

DHANMONDI CLUB: 149 all out in 48.1 overs (Towhid 42, Lipu 21 not out; Islam 2/16, Babu 2/21, Amir Ishaq 2/33, Dalim 2/34)

ORIENT SC: 150 for 4 wickets in 34.3 overs (Narayan Chandra 67 not out Rezaul 28, Aslam 2/34) Result: Orient SC won by 6

wickets

Narayan Chandra scored a brilliant unbeaten half-century to inspire Orient Sporting Club to a comprehensive six-wicket win over Dhanmondi Club in a First Division Super league match at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday.

The middle-order bat hammered a dazzling 67 as Orient. chasing exactly 150 to win in the stipulated 50 overs, rattled up the required runs for the loss of four wickets and with more than 15 overs to spare.

Coming into bat at number three, Narayan hold the innings together with a disciplined 80ball knock, which included thirteen hits across the rope. He was ably supported by Rezaul. who made a gritty 28 after Orient lost their first three wickets for 67 runs on the board.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning. Dhanmondi were bundled out for 149 in the face of some controlled bowling from the Orient bowlers. Islam and Babu, who opened the attack with the new ball, chipped in with two wickets apiece. While their Pakistani spin duo of Amir Ishaq and Dalim evenly shared four wickets among them.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day. Sadharan Bima prevailed over the City Club by 11 runs in yet another low-scoring affair at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Batting first, Sadharan Bima could muster only 154 before being all out in 49.4 overs with Indian Rajinder Singh and Ismail contributing 29 runs apiece.

In reply. City Club were shot out for 143 in 47.5 overs. Only Sajjad, who had earlier captured three wicket for 28 runs. did one better with the willow, scoring highest 29 runs for the vanquished.

For Sadharan Biman veteran Abdul Hadi Ratan with three for 21 runs proved most effective.

WC ban on Brit ministers?

LONDON, Feb 8: British Prime Minister Tony Blair will tell government ministers to stay away from this year's soccer World Cup finals to avoid accusations of freeloading at taxpayers' expense, newspapers said, reports Reuters. The Sunday Times and Mail

on Sunday said Blair feared that the presence of ministers at the finals could infuriate ordinary fans who have found it virtually impossible to buy tickets.

"The Prime Minister has written to all his 111 ministers warning them there will be a near blanket ban on attending the soccer tournament," the Mail reported, saying all visits would have to be coordinated through Blair's office.

Blair's Labour Party won a landslide election last May after promising to clean up politics but since then there have been complaints about ministers entertaining lavishly and taking their mistresses on foreign trips.

"Ministers are no different from anybody else when it comes to wanting to attend those matches. But it is right to show restraint when there are so few (tickets) to go round," said sports minister Tony Banks.

The Sunday Times said a small number of ministers would be allowed to represent England and Scotland at their matches.

French World Cup organisers have come under heavy fire for severely limiting ticket allocations to foreign fans. Sixty per cent of the seats have been sold to people living in France.

Godina gets going

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb 8: John Godina launched his 1998 season with an indoor personal best and the longest shot put in the world this year at the 38th Los Angeles invitational athletics meeting Saturday, reports AFP.

champion said the distance of 21.28m, although pleasing, was even more important for what it portended for the rest of his season. "I'm beaming because I know

The two-time outdoor world

how good it can get," Godina said. "I'm not thrilled with the distance itself, but I'm happy with the potential. I don't usually base happiness on potential, but when you throw a personal record in your first meet of the year, and you know you've got three feet more in you."



Scene from yesterday's fourth round engagements of the qualifying phase in the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC. Veteran Kambar Ali along with Nooraddin and Mehdi Hasan were leading the board with full point. - Star photo

Gilchrist crushes Kiwis

Waugh was out in the 26th over.

off, from left arm spinner

Daniel Vettori, his 65 taking 78

balls and including eight fours.

the-match, said it was a good

good start ... I tried to be positive

wicket to play on.

He gave a catch to deep mid

Gilchrist, named player of-

"I tried to get the team off to a



CHRISTC.HJ.RCH. New Zealand, Feb 8: Aus. alia, aided by an exhilarating century from opener Adam Gil-

christ, scored a resounding seven-wicket win over New Zealand in the first of four oneday internationals here today. reports AFP. Chasing New Zealand's mod-

est 212 for seven. Gilchrist thrashed 118 off just 117 balls - his second one-day hundred in the space of three matches as Australia reached 215 for three, with 11.4 overs to spare. It was the West Australian wicketkeeper's 146-run first

wicket stand with experienced Mark Waugh which sealed the match after New Zealand suffered a mid-innings slump earlier in the day. From a useful 104 for one. the Kiwis tumbled to 136 for six and only breezy, spirited bat-

ting from Dion Nash and Chris

Harris towards the end of the

innings gave the home side something worthwhile to de-However, Gilchrist and Waugh soon made it clear New Zealand's target was wholly in-

adequate.

They took 47 from the first seven overs from Simon Doull and Shayne O'Connor and from then on, against ill-directed bowling, it developed into a run-fest.

Gilchrist blazed five sixes. the fifth, to long-off from slowmedium Craig McMillan, taking him to his century. Waugh was equally efficient

as New Zealand's bowlers were unable to find a demanding line and length before a 19,000 crowd on a warm, sticky night. Gilchrist was first to his half-century, in 47 balls, and Waugh followed shortly after

from a comparatively pedestrian 56 balls. By the 20th over, Australia were 119 and at the halfway

point had reached 145 before

from the start, maintaining the high run rate. He said his recent form might get him a regular place as opener. "Hopefully over a sustained

GILCHRIST ... p-o-m period of time I can maintain

my form I will be able to stay up the order. Certainly it is a lot easier to face a nice hard, fresh ball than the old ball when you go in at seven or eight." Skipper Steve Waugh bowled

10 overs in the game, the first time he has done his full quota in three and a half years. He "It was a pretty good wicket,

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming conceded the obvious, saying "Obviously we were comprehensively beaten ...

Cairns said the wicket suited him. a little slow and low, typical of Vettori New Zealand wickets, but it 6.2 McMillan played pretty well." Result: Australia won by seven wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Adam Gilchrist. Second match in Wellington on February 10

Independence Cup on Star Sports



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Solution time: 26 mins.

based Star Sports television channel will telecast all the six recorded matches of the three-nation Independence Cup

The Hong Kong-

cricket tournament held in

Dhaka last month. The tournament, held at the Dhaka Stadium between January 10 to 18, was shown live by five television channels including BTV. India, Pakistan and Bangladesh took part in the meet. India won the title.

Star Sports will broadcast three group matches and three finals between India and Pakistan from February 17-22, a BCB official told UNB yester-

Highlights of each match have also been arranged.

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cricket From Our Correspondent

played very well, they

bowled very straight, they re-

SCOREBOARD

one-day cricket international

between Australia and New

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McMillan run out

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AUSTRALIA

S Waugh

M Waugh

Dale

overs)

Howell b Robertson

Parore c Bevan b Robertson

Fleming c and b Robertson

Cairns c Dale b S Waugh

Extras: (lb-7, w-3, nb-1)

Total: (for 7 wkts in 50 overs)

Gilchrist c Cairns b McMillan

Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-1, w-1)

Total: (for three wkts in 38.3

Fall of wkts: 1-146; 2-173; 3-

Did not bat: S Waugh, M Be-

van, S Law, P Wilson, G Robert-

M Waugh c Nash b Vettori

Moody b McMillan

Ponting not out

son, A Dale

Bowling:

O'Connor

Doull

Lehmann not out

Fall of wkts: 1-40; 2-104; 3-

Did not bat: D Vettori, S O'-

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109; 4-109; 5-119; 6-136; 7-202.

Harris c Law b Moody

RAJSHAHI, Feb 8: Dishari Sangha defeated Islami Sangha by 57 runs in the third round of the 10th Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Government College playground today. Winning the toss, Dishari

runs for eight wickets in 22 overs. Pintu, Russel, Rakish and

batted first and collected 125

Dollar scored 21,18, 17 and 13 runs. In reply, Islami Sangha

scored 68 runs losing all wickets in 19.2 overs. In the second match of the day at the same venue, Khela Nieye Kotha won over Youth

Cricket School by 16 runs. Khela Nieye Kotha winning the toss batted first and made 162 runs for seven wickets in 20

In reply, Youth Cricket School made 146 for all in 19

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer versatility 20 "While you 37 Imperfec-CRYPTOQUIP

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THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SPONGES CAN BE PRETTY ABSORBING? Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals M
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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