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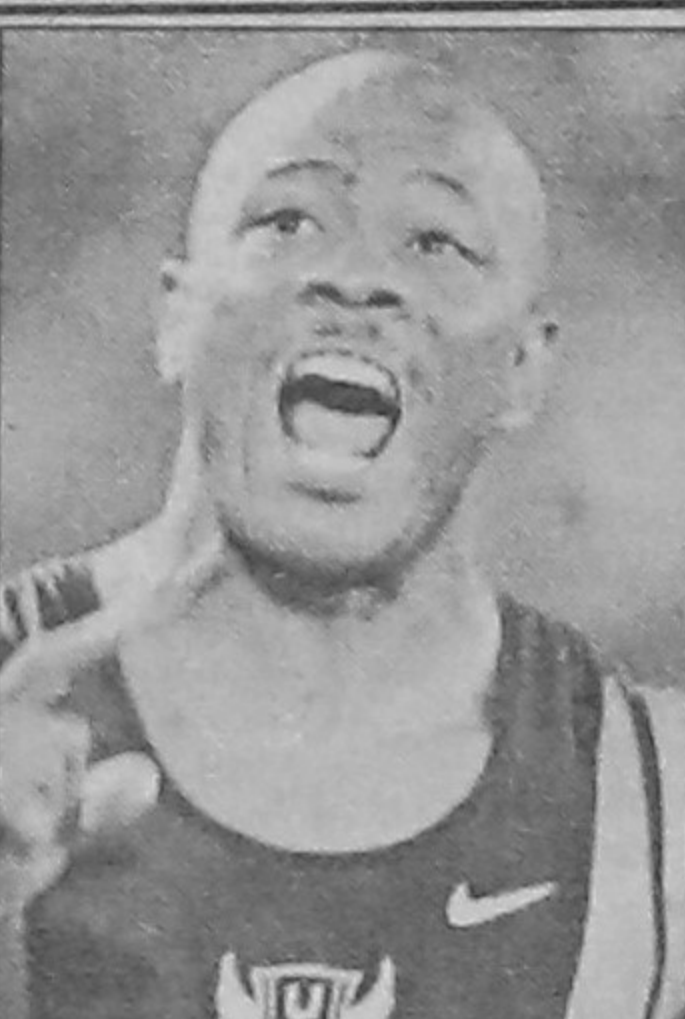
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## SPORTS TALK



**Maurice Greene**

(American star sprinter)

"I give him all the respect he deserves."

On Michael Johnson

## Cricketers off to Kenya

Sports Reporter

A 17-member Bangladesh cricket team, led by all-rounder Naimur Rahman, left for Nairobi last night to take part in the Second ICC Knockout tournament to be held from October 3 to 15.

The team, which includes 14 cricketers and three officials, is expected to reach the port city of Mombassa via Dubai and Nairobi this evening.

During their week-long stay in Mombassa, Bangladesh will play two practice matches against hosts Kenya and Sri Lanka on September 28 and October 1. The team is expected to reach Kenyan capital on October 1.

Bangladesh will take on England in their opening match of the 10-nation cricket carnival at the Nairobi Gymkhana ground on October 3.

Bangladesh will later proceed to South Africa to play a four-day match against a provincial side and three limited-over matches against South Africa A.

## El Guerrouj's motivation

SYDNEY, Sept 24: Hicham El Guerrouj begins his campaign for the gold medal in the 1500m Monday claiming that an almost military approach will help him erase the nightmare of the Atlanta Games where a fall scuppered his bid for the title, reports AFP.

El Guerrouj goes into the metric mile in the knowledge that he is one of the hottest favourites in the Sydney track and field programme as he bids to land the one major title to elude him.

"I respect my opponents but I deserve this medal," said El Guerrouj, who lines up in the heats on Monday. "I am like a soldier ready for battle."

El Guerrouj will hope he can count on the support of his team-mates who will help pace him during the race to put him in prime position for the closing 400m where he generally makes the telling breakthrough — that policy worked superbly at the 1999 World Championships at Seville, Spain.

But should he be the only Moroccan in the final he is well aware of the pitfalls of running alone where just one stray heel or elbow can end the race for a competitor.

In Atlanta he tumbled out and then had to watch Algeria's Noureddine Morceli romp away with the gold.

"Destiny was against me at Atlanta but I hope this time it will be on my side," said the current holder of three world records in the 1500m, mile and 2000m.

El Guerrouj has prepared for his campaign far from the pollution of Rabat in the mountains of Ifrane accompanied by his coach Abdelkader Kada.



Mohammedan captain Alfaz Ahmed (L) creating an opportunity against Arambagh during their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## Nakib nullifies Arambagh

Sports Reporter



Nakib struck twice, once in each half, to give holders Mohammedan Sporting Club a 2-0 victory over Arambagh Kira Saugha in a National Bank Premier Football League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The delightful double of the lanky former national striker also took him to the top of the leading scorers' list with nine goals, one more than Abahani's Ghanatan forward Kennedy, and his side at the top of the League table with maximum 21 points from seven games.

Nakib broke the deadlock three minutes away from the short whistle when he headed home a superb cross from his long-time partner Rakib.

Mohammedan lived dangerously with a slender lead against their spirited Motihheel neighbours, before Nakib sealed the fate of the match, scoring his second goal three minutes from the final whistle.

The goal originated from an error by Arambagh central defender Choton, whose back header allowed Mohammedan captain Alfaz to get into enough space to run down the left flank.

The dapper striker released a nice low cross to an onrushing

ing Nakib, who made no mistake to stab the ball home from close.

But apart from a few flashes of brilliance Alfaz, arguably the most explosive striker of the country, had rather disappointing match. With Alfaz performing below his best, Mohammedan without their two regular players — veteran custodian Ponir and hard-working midfielder Jahangir — never looked like a cohesive force and tended to tumble time and again.

Both Ponir and Jahangir have been slapped with a two-match ban for their off-the-ball incident during Mohammedan's previous match against Badda Jagorani.

The black and whites survived a real scare just a couple of minutes after Nakib's opening goal when Arambagh's new Nigerian forward Amuku came up with a sudden thunderous right-footer from about 30 yards, but only to be denied by the right-hand post of reserve custodian Hakim.

Mohammedans were let off the hook again shortly after the break when their left-back Ruhul Amin, returning to action after serving a mandatory one-match ban for picking up three yellow cards, made a goaline save off a Khokon grounder

from goalmouth melee.

After surviving those close calls Mohammedan held their nerve against the visibly weary boys of Wazed Gazi.

Although the second half was a striking contrast of the up and down first 45 minutes, Mohammedan still created a few chances to consolidate their lead.

Rakib's header off a Shoaib right-side cross in the 65th minute came off the cross bar. The former national midfielder playmaker also missed a sitter in the 83rd minute when he headed a low Motihur cross wide from a handshaking distance.

With this defeat, their fourth, Arambagh remained glued to their previous collection of six points from seven games.

**Yellow cards:** Taju, Khokon (Arambagh) and Rakib (Mohammedan).

### TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Hakim, Rezaul, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jewel, Rana, Titu, Motihur, Munna, Shah Alam (Shoaib), Pappu, Rakib, Alfaz and Nakib.

**ARAMBAGH KS:** Himu, Go-binda (Barat), Biplob, Choton, Kamruzzaman, Kamal, Nayan (Bakhtiar) (Roxey), Taju, Apu, Khokon and Amuku.

Referee: R Alam

## Abahani get past Ajax

Sports Reporter

Abahani recorded their tenth victory in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 5-3 win over Ajax Sporting Club in their return leg match played at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first period 2-1.

Forward Giasuddin Rubel struck twice while Rajib, Moksad and Alamgir Alam scored one goal each to keep the Dhamondi club's runners-up hopes alive. Pakistanis Aleem Raja, Akmal Naveed and veteran Zahid Biswas reduced the margin for Ajax.

Abahani remain second in the nine-team league table having raised their tally to 32 points from 13 matches.

**Holders Mohammedan are leading the table with maximum 39 points from 13 matches. A win against Motihur Youngs Club today will guarantee the Motihheel club their fourth title in a row.**

On the other hand, it was Ajax's tenth defeat in 14 matches which kept them in sixth position with their previous collection of ten points.

Ajax went ahead with a 14th minute strike by former Pakistani Olympian Aleem Raja.

However, Abahani hit back twice through Rubel to enjoy a 2-1 lead at half time.

In the second session, Rajib, Moksad and Alamgir added one each to increase the margin for Abahani while Naveed and Zahid found the net for Ajax.

Abahani will meet Usha in their next match tomorrow. Usha are following Abahani with 31 points from 13 matches.

## Rahmatganj climb into fourth

Sports Reporter

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society moved into fourth place in the National Bank Premier Division Football League table with a solitary goal win over Brothers Union Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Skipper Salfur Rahman Moni scored the all-important goal 18 minutes into the first half with an angular shot from the right.

It was the old-timers third win in a row. Earlier they went down against title contenders Mohammedan, Abahani and Muktiyoddha Sangsad respectively.

The victory raised Rahmatganj's tally to nine points and placed them in fourth position ahead of Farashganj and Arambagh.

On the other hand, it was the fourth defeat for Brothers which kept them in seventh spot with only four points.

### TODAY'S MATCH

Abahani v Muktiyoddha Sangsad (5.30 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

## Wari emerge Div I hockey champs

Sports Reporter

Wari Club clinched the Green Delta First Division Hockey League title after they outplayed Railway 4-0 in the championship play-off at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Arif, Jewel, Sohag and Rahat scored one goal each for the winners.

Both Wari and Railway, who have already confirmed their promotion to the Premier League next season, finished the two-tier league with equal 26 points from 12 matches which forced the league committee to arrange the play-off.

## BKSP's talent hunt camps begin today

A month long basic training camps in different disciplines for boys between 12 to 16 years of age, under talent hunt programme of BKSP, will begin at different district headquarters today, reports BSS.

The discipline includes athletics, cricket and hockey.

The training camp in athletics will be held at Panchagar, Sirajganj, Meherpur, Narail, Moulvibazar and Cox's Bazar.

The camps in cricket will take place at Dinajpur, Joy-purhat, Magura, Satkhira, Sylhet, Madaripur and Rangamati while the hockey will take place at Rajshahi, Khulna, Mymensingh, Manikganj and Comilla.

At least 25 young players in each discipline will be selected from these camps for a six-month residential training at BKSP.

Similar camps in football and swimming were held in different districts. Selected 25 footballers and as many swimmers have been called for the residential camps at BKSP beginning in December this year.

### RU soccer

From RU Correspondent  
RAJSHAH, Sept 24: The Department of Political Science inched the title of inter-department football competition.

The winners blanked the Department of Law 2-0 in the final at the RU Stadium on September 21.

The winning team led the first half 1-0.

## Manoj to face lie-detector



NEW DELHI, Sept 24 (AFP): Former Indian all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar has agreed to a lie-detector test

on his claims that national icon Kapil Dev had offered him a bribe to underplay in a match in 1994, officials said Sunday.

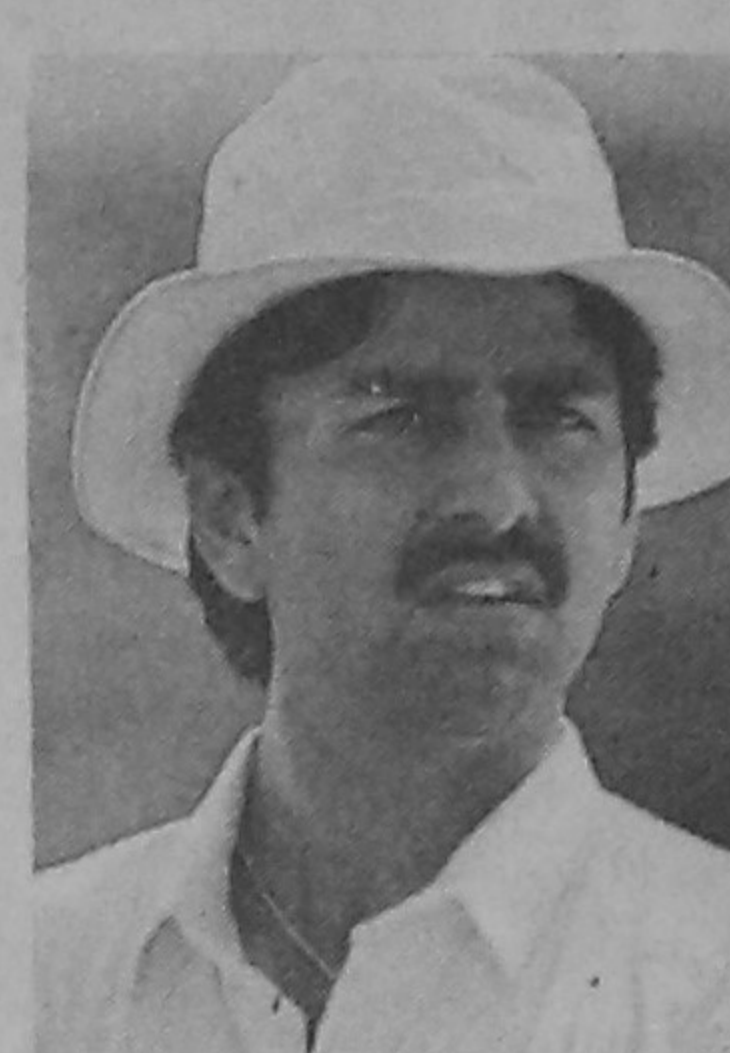
Prabhakar's lawyer, Nidesh Gupta, confirmed that Prabhakar agreed to a request made by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to undergo such a test.

Yes, we have replied to CBI's request for a lie-detector test and also put forward some suggestions before he agrees to undertake such a test," Gupta said.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) quoting Prabhakar said the former Test cricket all-rounder was prepared only if other players named by him as witnesses also face the federal test.

"I have no problem in undergoing a lie-detector test, but it would only be fair if others involved in the CBI cricket inquiry are also called for the same test," PTI quoted Prabhakar as saying.

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MANOJ PRABHAKAR

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The federal police agency is probing allegations of corruption levelled against former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, who recently quit as national coach, Ajay Jadeja and Nikhil Chopra.

Prabhakar earlier this year left the domestic cricketing world gasping when he charged Kapil Dev with offering him a quarter of a million rupees (\$5,500 dollars) to underplay in a game against arch-rivals Pakistan in 1994.

He also claimed that several other players were witnesses to the purported offer, an allegation which Kapil Dev vehemently denied.

Those named as witnesses also rejected Prabhakar's claims.

In June, Prabhakar at a news conference unveiled his private conversations with a host of players and officials which he said he had recorded with a spy camera.

The stunning event prompted the CBI to launch a full-scale inquiry, which was followed in July by nation wide tax raids on the homes and banks of the players and officials taped by Prabhakar's camera.

The CBI is scheduled to submit its report on match fixing to the Indian government later this month.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Abahani and Ajax at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. —Star photo

## ROK remains confident

SYDNEY, Sept 24: South Korea's Olympians remained confident Sunday of fulfilling their Games target of finishing among the top 10 nations in the world, despite falling in some of their traditional strengths, reports AFP.

"We have had no major disappointments," said Rocky Yoon, deputy secretary general of South Korea's Olympic committee, as the Olympics entered their final week.

"We have just begun hunting gold and other medals," he said as South Korea's gold count stood at four — three from archery and one from fencing — along with five silvers and seven bronzes to be 12th on the leader board.

"Our main target will be nine or 10 golds that will put us within the world's top 10," South Korea has finished in the top 10 ever since the 1984 Los Angeles Games, with an all-time best performance of fourth on their home turf in the 1988 Seoul Games.

Although South Korea failed to win any gold in their traditionally favourite sports of badminton and judo, Yoon conceded that Indonesia proved stronger than expected in badminton and Japan dominated judo.

But Kim Young-Ho's triumph in the men's individual foil, the first fencing gold medal for Asian men, was totally unexpected.

"That is epoch-making and we are very happy about this result," Yoon said. "We used to have medals in judo, wrestling, archery and others but now we have extended our sphere of winning gold medals to fencing."

He expected South Korea to win some gold medals in wrestling and the Korean-born fighting sport of taekwondo, along with medals of any colour in gymnastics.

Taekwondo, a demonstration sport at the Seoul and Barcelona Games, is making its Olympic debut as a full medal sport in Sydney.

South Korea have dominated past world-class taekwondo meets.

Each country can only send a maximum two men and two women for the four men's and four women's divisions to balance medal distribution, Yoon said.

"We expect two or three gold medals in taekwondo," Yoon said. "Or perhaps four if our athletes play well."

## Coaches will need licence

LONDON, Sept 24: Prospective coaches will soon have to obtain a special coaching licence before being allowed to take over at England's top clubs, reports AFP.

New plans drawn up by the Football Association will ensure the Premiership and Football League come into line with most European countries and bar managers without a so-called 'pro licence' from taking over.

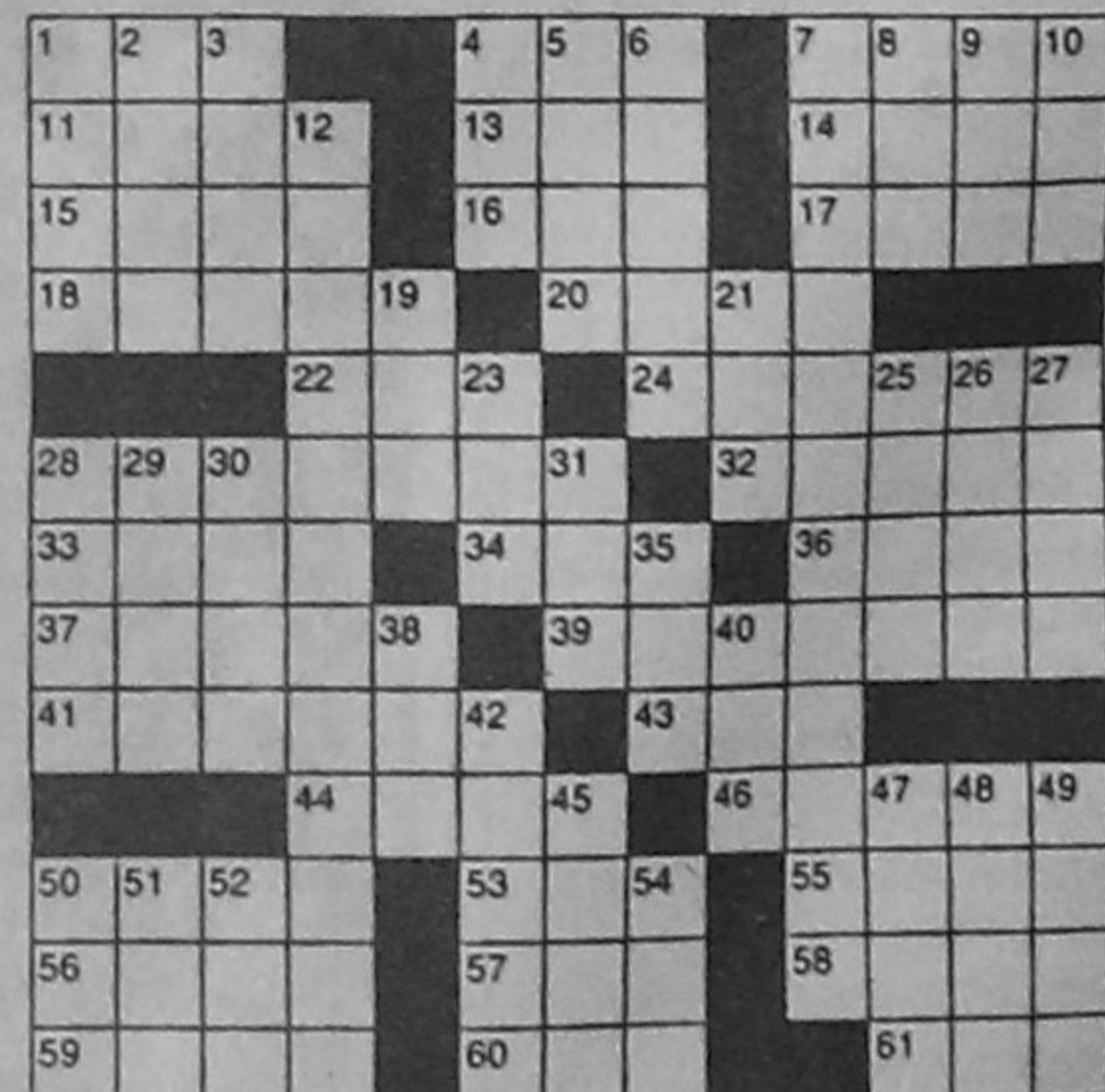
Currently some of Britain's top bosses would be barred from jobs in Italy, Spain or Germany.

Nottingham Forest boss David Platt famously spent his abortive spell at Sampdoria in the stands because he was not qualified to sit on the bench.

FA technical director Howard Wilkinson said: "This has been agreed by the FA Premier League, the Football League and the League Managers' Association. It is essential and the benefits in time will be obvious."

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptogram: PERHAPS ARCHERY  
COMPETITIONS MIGHT BE WON BY ARROW  
MARGINS.  
Today's Cryptogram Clue: I equals O

The Cryptogram 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.



Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Professor Sayedur Rahman Khan (3rd from L) handing over the champions' trophy of the inter-department football competition to the players of Political Science Department at the university playground on September 21. —Star photo