



Police AC goalkeeper tries to foil a Mohammedan attempt in yesterday's Green Delta league match at the Hockey Stadium. Mohammedans won 5-0. — Star photo

Chapal inspires Mohammedans



Mohammedan Sporting Club, who had to struggle somewhat for their last two wins, yesterday almost playfully toyed with and trounced Police Athletic Club 5-0 in the one-sided mismatch of the Green Delta First Division Hockey league at the Hockey Stadium. The winners led the first half 2-0. Barkatullah Chapal, the gifted Mohammedan striker who had scored the first league hat-trick, once again stole the show. He was well assisted by Roby, Rubel, Kismat and Zahid who combined well to present a wonderful brand of hockey yesterday. The policemen had no answers to their mighty opponents who from first whistle took control of the proceedings. Chapal put the title-aspirants in the lead in the tenth minute with a spectacular field goal (1-0). Roby doubled the margin in the 19th minute by converting a penalty corner (2-0). Rubel netted the third one for Mohammedans in the 45th minute of play by placing the ball past Police custodian Moksudul Islam (3-0). Chapal, the day's hero, with his excellent stick-work, slammed home the fourth goal in the 56th minute to place Mohammedans in a position beyond the policemen's reach (4-0). Kismat completed the tally for the winners in the 67th minute by effortlessly converting a penalty corner (5-0). Mohammedans forced eight penalty corners and three corners while Police managed just a solitary corner. Shamsul Huq and Jahangir Alam of Police received the yellow cards while Roby of Mohammedans was cautioned with the green card. MOHAMMEDAN SC: Montu, Roby, Nixon, Mitul, Jamal, Nannu, Kismat, Zahid, Chapal, Shabbir, Rubel (liias). POLICE AC: Maksud, Nasir, Shaheed, Munna, Natmuddin, Bimal, Swapan (Kibria), Shamsu, Qazi Nasir (Ruhul Amin), Md Ali, Jahangir.

BIMA BEAT RLY
In the other match of the day, Sadharan Bima Krita Sangha edged past Bangladesh Railway 1-0. Chunnun scored the all-important goal in the 60th minute of play. Bima earned two corners and as many as seven penalty corners as against Railway's solitary corner. The green cards were shown to Aziz, Harun, Ziauddin of Railway and Bappi of Bima. Fazlu of Bima was cautioned with the yellow card in the 54th minute of play.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Abahani KC vs Dhaka Ansars (1:45 pm)
Martinez Youngs Club vs Usha KC (3:15 pm)

Milnars cricket

Victoria Sporting Club outplayed Ajax Sports Club by 78 runs in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground. Electing to bat, Victoria made 212 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in their allocated 45 overs. Raqbul Hassan, former national team skipper, went ablaze with the bat scoring 79 runs off 101 balls. He hitting eight fours. Mukul scored a fine 66 with the help of eight fours.

Shawkat of Ajax claimed two wickets for 33 while Zia took two for 35 runs. Chasing a huge target, Ajax were all out for 134 runs in 40 overs. Motti top scored with 26 while Azim, made 20 with the help of three fours. Niaz, destroyed Ajax batting capturing five wickets for 28 runs. Robin backed him up claiming three wickets for 24 runs.

TODAY'S MATCH

Railway vs Sadharan Bima (Mirpur Pallabi)

East End win

East End Club gave a good start to their Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league campaign when they outplayed Eastern SC by seven wickets yesterday at the Dhanmudi Cricket Stadium. Electing to bat, Eastern Club were booked for a slender 119 in 29.4 of the stipulated 35 overs. In their turn, East End made 123 in 17.3 overs for the loss of just three wickets. In the other match of the day, Rainbow Athletic Club recorded a narrow 12 run victory over Lalbagh USC at the Dhanmudi Club ground. Batting first, Rainbow scored 172 runs for eight wickets in their 35 overs. In reply, Lalbagh made 160 all out in 31.1 overs, leaving their opponents victors by a dozen runs.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Orient SC vs Kakrail Boys Club (DCS)
Wari KC vs Shantinagar 'A' (DCG)

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Jan 19: Sea Customs Club beat BCIC by a solitary goal in the CJKP Elite First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS. Rising Star and Shatadal shared points in a goalless draw in the other match of the day. Amin scored the all-important goal with a spectacular header for Customs in the 55th minute off a lob from Saliuddin from the left flank. Customs, BCIC, Rising and Shatadal have collected 21.9, 14 and 14 points respectively from 15 matches each.

McEnroe's win over Sanchez leaves crowd drained



JOHN McENROE

MELBOURNE, Jan 19: The fans came Sunday to cheer John McEnroe and see if the old man still had some magic left after a dramatic victory over Boris Becker. They got an emotional roller-coaster ride that had them on the edge of their seats and wanting to join McEnroe in his postmatch collapse, reports AP. The 15,000-seat center-court stadium wasn't quite filled to the rafters when McEnroe took the underdressed stage with 13th-seeded Emilio Sanchez shortly after 1:30 p.m. The atmosphere was a little tamer than for the match against Becker two chilly nights earlier, crackling with the tension of a final. What could top beating the defending champion in a flawless exhibition reminiscent of McEnroe's glory days? But as the match wore on an Sanchez battled back from two sets down to even the score, it was obvious there was indeed a spell being cast. Before the deciding set, McEnroe had appeared drained in heat that reached 124 F (51 C) on the Rebound Ace surface. Running hard for every point, lunging for Sanchez's sizzling passing shots and backpedaling to pick off lobs appeared to have taken their toll. He wiped his brow and towed off regularly. Between points, he shuffled back to the baseline, often keeping Sanchez waiting to serve. And at the changeovers, he milked every second out of the one-minute breaks. Even his grunts on every shot had begun to sound tired. Sanchez, at 26 six years younger, still looked relatively fresh, bouncing from foot to foot while awaiting McEnroe's wickedly spinning serves. But then the crowd became a force, trying to lend McEnroe some of its pent-up energy. "C'mon Mac, you can do it!" came the shouts. "Let's go John, finish him off!"

an ace that closed out an easy service game. The crowd, thinking McEnroe was en route to victory, cheered even louder for Sanchez's gustiness and their own luck to be part of the drama. After McEnroe moved ahead 5-4 on a backpedaling overhead, many stood and applauded. tight and uncomfortable, netted a backhand and did nothing with a volley, falling behind 0-30, then 15-40 on another weak backhand into the net. Sanchez fought back to deuce on a crosscourt backhand pass, then sank to his knees in relief. But two McEnroe volley winners later, it was finally over. The crowd exploded, rising in unison to cheer. McEnroe raised his hands in victory as both men walked slowly to the net. They embraced and walked off court with arms around each other as the already deafening din intensified a notch. The match clock read 4:41. McEnroe collapsed by his chair, flat on his back, for nearly a half-minute before wearily rising and packing his gear. The two players walked off court together as the fans cheered their loudest yet. McEnroe, made the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time since he made the US Open semis in 1990, where he also beat Sanchez in a five-set match. He now is 24-13 in five-set matches, while 13th-seeded Sanchez dipped to 9-15. Only once in his career has Sanchez come back from two sets down to win a match — but he came desperately close to doing it again. McEnroe, who is without a Grand Slam title since 1984, followed up his third round victory over defending champion Boris Becker with another cool, calculating performance — this time under a blazing sun.

But the best was still yet to come. Sanchez charged the net twice on his serve only to hit a forehand volley out, then fall to put away two volleys and allow McEnroe to line up an easy passing shot. When McEnroe moved to the net to pick off a drive for a winner, he pumped his fists. He had three match points. McEnroe hit a service return long. Then after a long rally at 15-40, he deftly dropped a volley near the net. The crowd began to cheer, thinking the match was over, but Sanchez managed to pick it up inches off the ground and roll a forehand down the line and just inside the corner. Sanchez then slammed an ace that McEnroe disputed, pointing with his racket to the spot where he believed it landed. No overrule. Just deuce and three wasted chances. Two Sanchez points later, it was 5-5. Up 30-15, McEnroe could only watch as Sanchez ripped a backhand passing shot for a winner, blocked back a solid first serve that McEnroe hit wide, then used a net cord to set up a crosscourt forehand pass. Break for Sanchez, who then served for the match at 6-5. He went up 40-15, only to suddenly fall apart with a double-fault and a bad mis-hit. He earned his third match point on an easy volley. But three errors later, including another mis-hit, it was 6-6. "Unbelievable," several in the crowd muttered. "It didn't think it could get any better, but it just did," one man told a friend. McEnroe seemed to heed a shout of "You're a champion, John," holding serve at 15 by taking advantage of Sanchez's suddenly suspect ground strokes. McEnroe led 7-6. Sanchez, looking decidedly

Indonesian double

TOKYO, Jan 19: Ardy B Wiranata won the men's singles title and Susi Susanti took the women's Sunday as Indonesia dominated the Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championships, reports AP. Wiranata beat China's Zhao Jianhua 10-15, 15-11, 15-4 in the men's final for his second consecutive Japan Open title at the No 2 Yoyogi National Gym. The 22-year-old Wiranata earned dhs 7,150 and Zhao received dhs 4,400. Susanti raced to an 11-2, 11-0 triumph over China's Ye Zhaoying for the women's title. The 20-year-old Susanti took home dhs 5,500. Wiranata, the All-England champion, overcame a first game deficit to defeat Zhao, the current world champion. It was Wiranata's second straight victory over the Chinese left-hander and his third overall, against six defeats.

Ben bombs, but remains happy

OTTAWA, Jan 19: Ben Johnson finished dead last in his 50-metre sprint on Saturday at the Ottawa International indoor games, but the former world record holder called it a promising outing nonetheless, reports Reuter. "Everything is there now," said Johnson, moments after finishing fourth in a time of 5.88 seconds. "The knees are 100 per cent now, so I'm very happy." But his trademark explosive start bombed on Saturday, as he appeared to falter coming out of the blocks.

Indians inch closer to title

NEW DELHI, Jan 19: Favourites India pounded Japan 6-1 to inch towards the Indra Gandhi men's hockey title here Saturday while underdogs China jolted New Zealand with a 2-2 draw, reports AFP. South Korea drubbed Poland 3-1 in an inconsequential match. India, preparing for the Barcelona Olympics, took a 4-0 lead before the break in a fiery display and then completed the victory which pushed their tally to ten points from five matches, one more than the

Kiwis. The hosts only need a draw against New Zealand here today to lift the Gold Cup. Defender Jagdev Singh scored off three penalty corners while captain Pargat Singh, forwards Dhanraj Pillay and debutant Ravi Nayakar struck once each. Japan organised their play better in the second session forcing four penalty corners, and a stroke which resulted in captain Masahiro Mizukami scoring their lone goal in the 44th minute. The Kiwis were troubled by the springy Chinese who took the lead twice but failed to

press home the advantage. Ren Baode put China ahead with an angular drive that caught the Kiwis off-guard and then Zhang Jun restored the lead in the second half slipping in a penalty corner rebound after forward Umesh Parag put New Zealand on par soon after resumption with a sliding push to connect a penalty corner rebound. The Kiwis avoided defeat with a fine effort by Greg Russ, who dribbled past a host of Chinese defenders to slam home the ball relayed to him by Craig Russ of another penalty corner. The Koreans, runners-up last year, seem set for the third spot. Captain Park Shin Heum scored field goals in each half and a penalty corner rebound by forward Kim Young Kyu was enough to see the Koreans through against whipping boys Poland, whose only goal was a Sławomir Łukasewski effort that held the Koreans 1-1 until halftime.

No Samaranch-Yeltsin talks

MOSCOW, Jan 19: A planned meeting between IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and Russian leader Boris Yeltsin on the formation of a unified Olympic team representing the former Soviet republics was postponed on Saturday, reports Reuter. At issue are the questions of title, anthem, flag and related matters for the newly-formed Commonwealth of Independent States. The former sporting superpower of 15 republics has fragmented into three Baltic states, an 11-member Commonwealth of Independent States and Georgia, which is absorbed in a domestic power struggle. The five former Soviet republics with top winter sports athletes — Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan — want to present a joint team in Abertville next month. Commonwealth Olympic officials say they hope to compete under the five-ringed Olympic flag with the abbreviation Eun, for equipe unite (united team).

At the Outer Stadium, T&T Club shared points with Badmah Smity Sangha after the tie ended in a 1-1 draw. At the Mohakhali T&T ground, Dipali Juba Sangha beat Anvesha Sama Kalyan Sangha by two goals (Wahid) to one (Khalil), and Beraid XI edged past Kurmtola Winners, 1 (Nahid) 0. Mirpur XI beat Monaweshar Juba Sangha 1-0 and Nabody Sangha edged past WISC 1-0 at the Mirpur Outer Stadium. At the Bashabo ground, Ek Jhak Paira outplayed Manda Sangha by two goals (Ershad, Mahfiz) to one (Kabir). At the Khilgaon ground, Khilgaon Juba Sangha shared points with Painadi Juba Sangha after the tie ended in a 2-2 draw. Meanwhile, no matches of the Pioneer league will be held due to unavoidable reasons, said a DMFA release yesterday. All fixtures for today will now be held tomorrow.

Algerian soccer coach resigns

DAKAR, Jan 19: Algerian coach Abdel Hamid Kermali resigned following Algeria's elimination from the African Nations Cup soccer finals on Friday, newspapers in Seagal reported on Saturday, reports Reuter. Kermali, dubbed the "Shetkh" for his previous success with the team, had guided Algeria to their first African title two years ago on home soil. But Algeria were unable to repeat their success in Senegal this year, beaten 3-0 by Ivory Coast in their opening game and held 1-1 by Congo in their second.

the French service of a Dutch radio network and attracting several unusual invitations. One came during a performance of Senegalese African ballet when scantily-dressed dancer attempted to drag him onto the dance area by a hotel swimming pool. With many hotel guests, team officials and players watching, Milla was dragged, struggling, by several of the girls to the "stage" where he was asked to dance. It was only when the public announcer referred to Milla's famous wriggling African dances, around corner flags, after scoring goals, that he relented and performed. "Imaging you have just scored a goal Roger that would be so beautiful," said the announcer before Milla satisfied his and the noisy crowd's demands.

Milla is the main draw

DAKAR, Jan 19: Roger Milla, the former Cameroon striker who delighted soccer fans at the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, has been one of the most popular off-field personalities at the current African Nations Cup finals, reports Reuter. Milla, instantly recognised wherever he goes, has been working as a commentator for

the cause of the problems, she thought two weeks of rest would help. But the leg started cramping again in the third set Sunday as Huber fought back from down 4-1 to win the last five games. "I must have some kind of problem," she said. "It's always in the back of my mind. I feel pressure that I cannot stay out there as long as I want." Novotna, a finalist here last year, said the cramps became increasingly severe and contributed to the three double faults she served while leading 4-2 in the last set. "The serve is the most difficult part when I cramp," she said. "I push off my left leg." "I just played a very poor game at 5-4," she said. "I didn't take the chances." Then again, it's not always the best strategy to take chances against the 17-year-old Huber, who is among the

Seles struggles to down Meshki

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 19: Defending champion Monica Seles defeated Lelija Meshki and her own errors Sunday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, reports AP. Seles took almost two hours to over come Meshki 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 as the 13th-seeded Georgian played one of the best matches of her career but committed too many mistakes at crucial times. Anke Huber of Germany, the 12th seed, upset No. 6 Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in another fourth-round match and will play Seles in the quarters. Seles, the top seed and winner of three Grand Slam titles last year, was outplayed in the second set as Meshki was consistent and kept the ball deep, frequently coming to the net. The 18-year-old Florida-based Yugoslav didn't find her form until the third set. Then she raced to a 3-0 lead and then reeling off four straight

games after Meshki tried to stage a revival. Seles was clearly dissatisfied with her form, occasionally berating herself for mistakes. Seles improved her career record against Meshki to 3-0. The Georgian has a record of victories over top players, including Martina Navratilova and Jennifer Capriati at Hilton Head, SC last year. "I changed my tactics today," Meshki said. "I played more at the net and I think this surprised her." "You have to move her around and come to the net if you want to beat her." Meshki struggled with her second serve in gusty conditions and her forehand frequently was wayward. Seles took full advantage. "There are going to be days when you don't play so well," Seles said. "At the beginning I wasn't going for my shots, I wasn't attacking and I wasn't pumped up. I have learned from a few mistakes I hopefully won't make in my next match."

Seles will meet Huber in the quarterfinals for the second straight year, she beat her in straight sets in 1991. She's a nice player," Seles said. "She attacks the ball strong, she never gives up. She's a fighter and I'm expecting a tough match." Huber, who at 17 is even younger than Seles, had to call on all of her fighting qualities against Novotna, last year's beaten finalist. Novotna served for the match at 5-4 in the second set and led 4-1 in the third. The Czechoslovak player served three double faults when serving at 4-2 in the third set and Huber pounced to reel off the final five games. Huber beat Novotna for the second straight week. Unseeded Amy Frazier of the United States advanced to the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in her career. Frazier, who benefitted from Staff Graf's withdrawal from her quarter of the draw, beat unseeded Belgian Dominique Monami 6-3, 6-4.

Injured thigh worries Novotna

MELBOURNE, Jan 19: It wasn't bad enough for Jana Novotna to lose Sunday at the Australian Open, she also suffered a recurrence of a mysterious thigh injury that has her wondering about the future, reports AP. "I would lie if I said I was not disappointed," the No. 6 seed said after faltering badly in losing her fourth-round match to No. 12 Anke Huber 5-7, 7-6(7-5), 6-4. "I'm just much more concerned about my health and my leg problem. I'm really worried." Novotna said she first injured her left thigh about six months ago at the German Open. It struck again when she played Steffi Graf at the Virginia Slims Championships in November. When doctors couldn't find

hardest hitters from the baseline in women's tennis. The last time, I came to the net, and that didn't work very well. She has a very good crosscourt pass," Novotna said of her loss a week earlier to

JANA NOVOTNA
Huber at the new South Wales Open, a warm-up for this Grand Slam event. "If a tactic doesn't work, you have to try another."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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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.