

Malik plays himself back into form

CANTERBURY, England, May 5: Pakistan batsman Salim Malik bashed painful memories of his disappointing World Cup form on Monday by hitting his second impressive half-century in 24 hours, reports Reuter.

Malik played a high quality innings of 95 in a one-day match against Kent to follow his fluent 84 when Pakistan beat the Duchess of Norfolk's XI in the opening four fixture at Arundel on Sunday.

Captaining Pakistan while Javed Miandad rested, Malik led his side to a 40-run victory, the touring team making 281 for six in their quota of 55 overs and dismissing Kent for 241 with seven overs left.

Malik, who reached his 50 in 75 balls, faced 111 deliveries together in a graceful innings and put on 129 in 24 overs for the fifth wicket with Asif Mujtaba, who hit and unbeaten 69.

They capitalised on the flying start provided by opener Aamir Sohail (37) and Inzamam Ul-Haq (40).

Inzamam, in his first taste of English conditions, con-

firmed the big impression he made during the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

Pakistan, the World Cup winners, reduced Kent to 60 for four before they were shaken, but not stirred, by a cousin of James Bond creator Ian Fleming.

Matthew Fleming, a 27-year-old Etonian, hit a whirlwind 74 from 44 deliveries. He hammered four sixes and eight fours and was particularly severe on leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, a key figure in Pakistan's World Cup triumph.

Fleming's assault ended when he aimed to hit his fifth six, this time off left-arm spinner Asif Mujtaba, missed and was stumped by Rashid Latif, who also held three catches.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day cricket match between Kent and Pakistan on Monday:

PAKISTAN	
Aamir Sohail c Marsh b Penn	37
Rameez Raja c Ealham b McCague	17
Inzamam Ul-Haq c Cowdrey b Fleming	40
Salim Malik c Davis b Ealham	95
Zahid Fazal c Fleming b Davis	0

Asif Mujtaba not out	69	Aaqib Javed	9	4	15	2
Wasim Akram c Longley b Ealham	5	Naveed Anjum	1	4	10	1
Naveed Anjum not out	7	Zahid Fazal	1	2	6	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-3, nb-3)	11	Mushtaq Ahmed	11	0	73	1
Total: (For six wickets - 55 overs)	281	Asif Mujtaba	11	0	61	3
		Aamir Sohail	4	0	37	1
		Result - Pakistan won by 40 runs.				

DU cricket Sports Reporter

Department of Marketing recorded an exciting four-run victory over Department of Public Administration in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall Ground yesterday.

Batting first, Marketing Department made 168 for the loss of four wickets in the stipulated 30 overs, thanks to Mamun who remained unbeaten on 84.

Amin chipped in with 34 while Alamgir scored an unbeaten 14.

Masud and skipper Faruk Ahmed took a wicket apiece.

In reply, Public Administration under-shot by four runs managing 164 in their allotted overs with two wickets to spare.

Masud and Azam made 48 and 44 respectively for Public Administration.

Bakti with four for 32 was the pick of Marketing bowlers while Altaf with two for 43 lent him able support.

Captaincy for Christie

LONDON, May 5: Olympic silver medalist Linford Christie will captain Britain's men's athletics team at this year's Barcelona Games the British Athletic Federation (BAF) said on Monday.

Christie, 32, has captained the men's team since 1989 and is once again expected to head the European challenge to American supremacy in the 100 metres.

He was awarded a silver medal behind American Carl Lewis in Seoul four years ago after the disqualification of Canadian winner Ben Johnson for doping.

Christie became caught up in controversy himself when traces of Pseudo-Ephedrine were found in a urine sample. The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Medical Commission accepted his explanation that he had unwittingly taken the substance in a health tonic.

Hurdler Sally Gunnell, who has won two Commonwealth titles and took a 400 metres silver at last year's World Championships, was named women's team captain.

BKSP Board meets

The eighth meeting of the board of governors of the Bangladesh Krira Shikkah Protisthan (BKSP) was held in the city yesterday with State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka in the chair, reports BSS.

The State Minister is also the president of the BKSP board of governors.

The meeting reviewed the activities of the sports institution and decided to form a committee to formulate complete guidelines, including a special course, for the coaches. Other members of the board were present.

Tyson placed in segregation cell

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5: Boxer Mike Tyson was placed in a special cell and faces a disciplinary hearing after threatening a member of the staff at the prison where he is serving a rape sentence, authorities said Tuesday, reports AP.

Tyson was placed in a segregation cell at the Indiana Youth Center west of Indianapolis and will remain there at least until the hearing later this week, a terse statement from the Indiana Department of Correction said.

Tyson was removed from the general prison population after the incident occurred

about 10 pm Monday, said the statement. It was signed by corrections department spokesman Kevin Moore and read by a prison guard.

"This action was taken as a result of an alleged threat against a staff member," said the statement. "Tyson has been segregated in a single cell pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing to be held later in the week."

The statement provided no other details about the incident. Moore did not immediately return a telephone call to his Indianapolis home this morning. The DDC's administrative offices and other state offices were closed Tuesday for Indiana's presidential primary election.

The incident was revealed by a prisoner, James Bell Yager, who called The Associated Press and said Tyson had threatened to "whup" a guard he had a dispute with and eight other guards. He said the dispute began when the guard told Tyson to keep moving when Tyson stopped to shake hands with another prisoner.

Yager, who has criticised prison officials for what he alleges is preferential treatment of Tyson, did not indicate whether he personally witnessed the incident.

While confirming a threat had been made, the prison officials refused to say whether it

was indeed a guard or guards who had been threatened. In the past, they have said that Yager's statements about Tyson have not always been accurate.

Yager is serving a 42-year sentence for bank embezzlement and forgery. He filed a civil rights complaint with the US Justice Department last week saying prison officials have threatened him with "unspecified reprisals" if he talked to reporters without prior approval.

Tyson, a former heavyweight champion, was sentenced to six years in prison for the rape of a Miss Black America contestant in his hotel room last July. His case is under appeal.

ROK beat Australia

SEOUL, May 5: South Korea scored two goals in the final six minutes to defeat Australia 2-1 Tuesday in an exhibition match between Olympic teams, reports AP.

On Sunday, the South Koreans won the first of two warmup matches by the same score.

The matches were a tuneup for South Korea, which already has qualified for the Summer Olympics in Barcelona. Australia need to beat the Netherlands in qualifying matches that begin May 17 to earn an Olympic berth.

Gildemeister exits from Rome

ROME, May 5: Peruvian Laura Gildemeister became the first seed to exit from the women's Italian Open tennis championship when she lost in straight sets to Italy's Linda Ferrando on Monday, reports Reuter.

Gildemeister, seeded 11th, never got her game together and made a series of simple errors as she crashed 6-1, 6-2 to a player ranked 50 places below her in the world.

"It went very well today but I expected a harder game," the 26-year-old Ferrando said.

"I probably forced her into errors but she played a very

impatient game," she added.

There was more cheer for the small home crowd at the lovely Foro Italico arena than for former champion Raffaella Reggi-Concato cruised past Argentine Florencia Labat 6-2, 6-2.

Reggi-Concato won the title in 1985 when it was staged in the town of Taranto and she was known by her maiden name of Reggi.

The Italian, ranked 59th, in the world after problems with injuries in recent years, now meets Canadian-born Frenchwoman Mary Pierce, the number eight seed, in the second round.

The top eight players here, including Yugoslav world number one Monica Seles and defending champion Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, all have byes into the second round.

Reggi-Concato was pleased with her performance but felt there was plenty of room for improvement in her game.

"I'm quite pleased, but I think I can do better. It is important to me to do well in Rome," she said.

Organisers here have attempted to speed up the clay surface this year and the Italian felt they had succeeded.

The centre court seemed faster than in previous years. I was very happy with the conditions," she added.

The defeat for Gildemeister was the only surprise in the early first round matches, all the other seeds coming through without too much alarm.

The 14th seeded Natalia Zvereva, from the Commonwealth of Independent States, was taken

to three sets by American Ann Grossman.

But the powerful 21-year-old from Minsk eventually came to terms with a stiff breeze on Centre Court and took the final set comfortably for a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 victory.

Dutchwoman Brenda Schultz, seeded 13th, had the fright of her life against Italian Qualifier Gloria Pizzichini on one of the outside courts.

The towering Schultz had to defend a match point against the dogged, diminutive Pizzichini before taking the match on a tie break in the third set.

The 17-year-old Pizzichini who countered Schultz's powerful serve superbly from the back of the court, was heart broken after coming so close to a major upset.

The Italian, ranked almost 150 places below Schultz, hammered the ball high into the dusk sky in frustration after losing and left the court in tears.

"It was my dream to play at the Foro Italico and it was a beautiful experience," she said once she had regained her composure.

Zulekha lifts Econo singles title

Zulekha of Bangladesh Ansars emerged as champions in the women's singles of the Econo Open table tennis competition.

Zulekha beat her fellow team-mate Shamima 21-12, 21-4, 21-16 in the final at the National Coaching Centre gymnasium yesterday.

In the boys' under-14 singles, Kasem became champion beating Alok 22-20, 21-14 and 21-17.

Rochi, Munna and Badal-Binnu moved into the men's doubles final.

Rochi teamed up with Munna beat Kisu and Akhlaq 21-16 and 21-15.

In the other semifinal, Badal coupled with Binnu outplayed Sadi and Akhi 21-19, 21-23 and 21-17 in the other semifinal.

Sadi, Ripon, Sohel, Munna, Rochi, Mostafa, Akhlaq and Happy became their respective groups champions in the men's singles.

They will now take part in the men's singles final round to be played on a league basis.

Organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Players' Association, fifty men, seventy boys and eighteen women - are taking part in the competition.



Ruby makes a forehand return against eventual women's singles champion Zulekha in the Econo Open table tennis tournament at the NSC gym yesterday. —Star photo

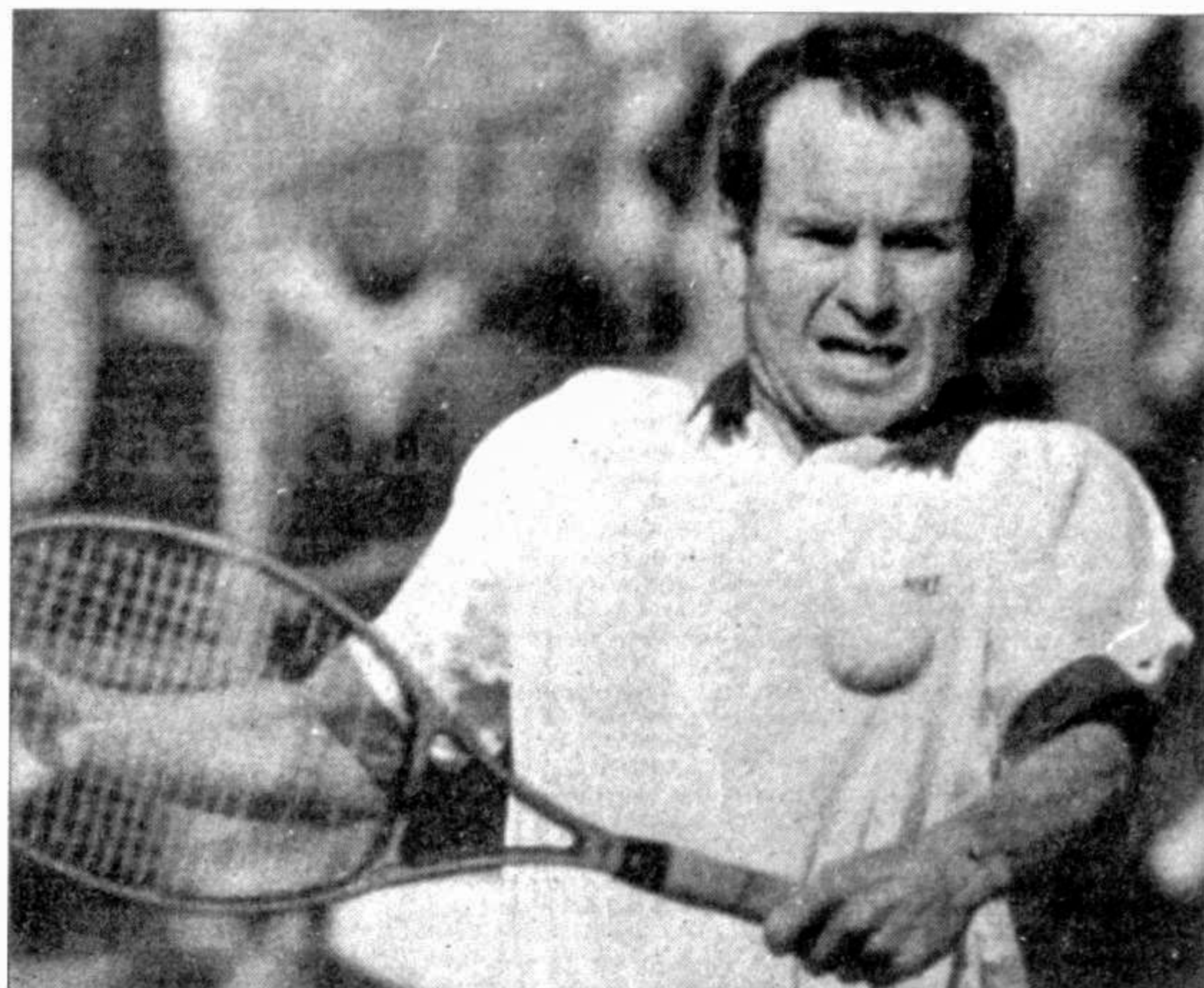
Ticket selling record

BUENOS AIRES, May 5: The Argentine soccer derby between First Division leaders Boca Juniors and River Plate netted an Argentine record 1.65 million dollars in ticket sales, reports Reuter.

River Plate said Sunday's match at their monumental stadium, venue for the 1978 World Cup final, drew a capacity crowd of 75,000. The previous record of 722,000 dollar was set at a match between the same two sides in September 1990.

The match ended 2-2 after Diego Latorre, who put Boca in front in the fourth minute, equalised 15 minutes from the end.

River scored through Sergio Bertl in the 36th minute and former Internazionale and Monaco striker Ramon Diaz with a 58th-minute penalty.



US tennis star John McEnroe returns a shot to Argentinian Alberto Mancini during their match at the German Open tennis tournament in Hamburg on May 4. McEnroe won in two sets 6-1, 6-2. —AFP photo

Hendry snookers White again

SHEFFIELD, England, May 5: Scotland's Stephen Hendry staged a remarkable recovery to win the World Snooker Championship for the second time on Sunday, reports Reuter.

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(dollar 267,000).

White won 90,000 pounds (dollar 160,000) but had the consolation of having picked up 114,000 pounds (dollar 203,000) for making a maximum 147 break earlier in the tournament.

"I've never played better," said Hendry afterwards. "It was the kind of match where if you made one mistake you were punished for it."

White, putting on a brave face, said: "Stephen played fantastic snooker. I felt good all the way through the final and I still feel good now."

Hendry produced a thrilling fightback worthy of his world number one status.

It all started to go wrong for White in the 23rd frame. Up 28-0 early on, the world number three flashed at a long red and let Hendry in for a 35 clearance to the pink. The Scot also came from behind in each of the next four frames.

Hendry was on a high, while White could only sit and wonder what had gone wrong. Back-to-back centuries of 134 and 112 —taking his haul in the final to four—completed the recovery.

"It was just incredible really," said Hendry. "The first two frames of the night could have gone either way. Fortunately for me, I won them and from then on I played some of the best snooker of my life."



STEPHEN HENDRY... second time winner



Hendry, who began the second day of the final trailing England's Jimmy White 6-10 and fell even further behind to be 8-14 down, reeled off the next 10 frames to take

Charlotte tennis results

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, May 5: Seventh-seeded Bryan Shelton lost his concentration on a first round loss to Spaniard Marco Aurelio Gorriz at the US men's clay court championships, reports Reuter.

"I guess he just wanted it a little more today than I did," Shelton said after falling 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-2 to Gorriz.

Shelton admitted he could not stay focused after the middle of the second set, but said the affliction that derails his serve-and-volley game usually

only lasts a game or two.

This time it lasted much longer for the American.

"I felt I made a lot of unforced errors in the second and third sets," said Shelton, who continually sprayed groundstrokes to all corners of the court and brought his volleys short of their mark.

Gorriz was quick to take advantage and moved ahead to face the winner of the match between Jimmy Arias and Jeff Tarango.

"After getting by the serve, I felt the advantage was for me," said Gorriz.

Shelton was the only seed to lose on the opening day.

Third-seeded American Derrick Rostagno beat France's Jean-Philippe Fleurian 6-4, 7-5.

Zia smriti soccer

The Zia smriti football tournament began at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister on Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan inaugurated the eleven-team competition.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals P

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.