

### Cricket trial match result

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Team B defeated Team A by two runs in the first trial match, for selection of the national team to take part in the South East Asian cricket championship.  
The five-nation meet is scheduled to be held in Singapore next month.  
Yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium Team B batted first to collect 190 for five with skipper Farouque Ahmed topscoring with 45. Athar Ali remained not out with 43. Jahangir Alam hit 41 and Aminul Islam Dulbul 24.  
Enamul Haq Moni, the left-arm spinner, was the most successful bowler for Team A, picking up two for 22. Mahbubur Rahman Selim with a one for 22, Selim Shahed with one for 37 and skipper Golam Nowsher Prince with one for 37 were the other wicket-takers for Team A.  
Pine batting by Harunur Rashid Liton and Zahid Razzak Masum, the two aggressive Team A openers went in vain as the side undershot by two runs, managing 188 for one wicket in their stipulated 42 overs.  
Selim Shahed with 33 and Shahnavaz Shaheed Shanu with 19 were the not out batsmen for the losers.  
Akram Khan claimed the only wicket to fall at a cost of nine runs.  
Masum made 59 while Liton, who played a swashbuckling knock, retired after reaching 64.

### Swiss bid to stage '98 World Cup in jeopardy

ZURICH, May 16: FIFA's ban on temporary spectator stands at soccer matches after the Bastia Stadium tragedy could end Swiss hopes of staging the 1998 World Cup finals, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said on Friday, reports Reuter.  
"The Swiss bid is in jeopardy as a result of Wednesday's ban until further notice by the emergency committee on temporary structures to seat spectators," Blatter said in an interview.  
"There bid is the only one that envisages the construction of temporary spectator seating to boost stadium capacity."  
Inspectors of world soccer's governing body recently visited Switzerland, Morocco and France, the three countries bidding to stage the 1998 tournament. FIFA's executive committee will choose the host country in Zurich on July 2.  
Fourteen spectators died and hundreds were injured when a temporary stand collapsed at Bastia's Stadium before a French Cup semifinals.

### Courier reaches Italian Open final

ROME, May 16: Top-seeded Jim Courier rebounded after losing the first set and beat Carl-Uwe Steeb 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 Saturday to reach the final of the Italian Open, reports AP.  
Courier, trying to become the first American champion in Rome since 1983, will face the winner of the other semifinal between Carlos Costa of Spain and Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia.  
Courier, the world's top-ranked player, looked flat in the first set as he had trouble keeping his shots in play on center court at the Foro Italico.  
Steeb gained the key service break at 5-5 when chair umpire Richard Ings overruled the linesman and called the German's forehand drive good. Courier failed to convert four break points in the next game and Steeb served out the set.  
But Courier, finding the range with his groundstrokes, won eight out of the next nine games en route to breezing through the final two sets. The match lasted two hours and 23 minutes.

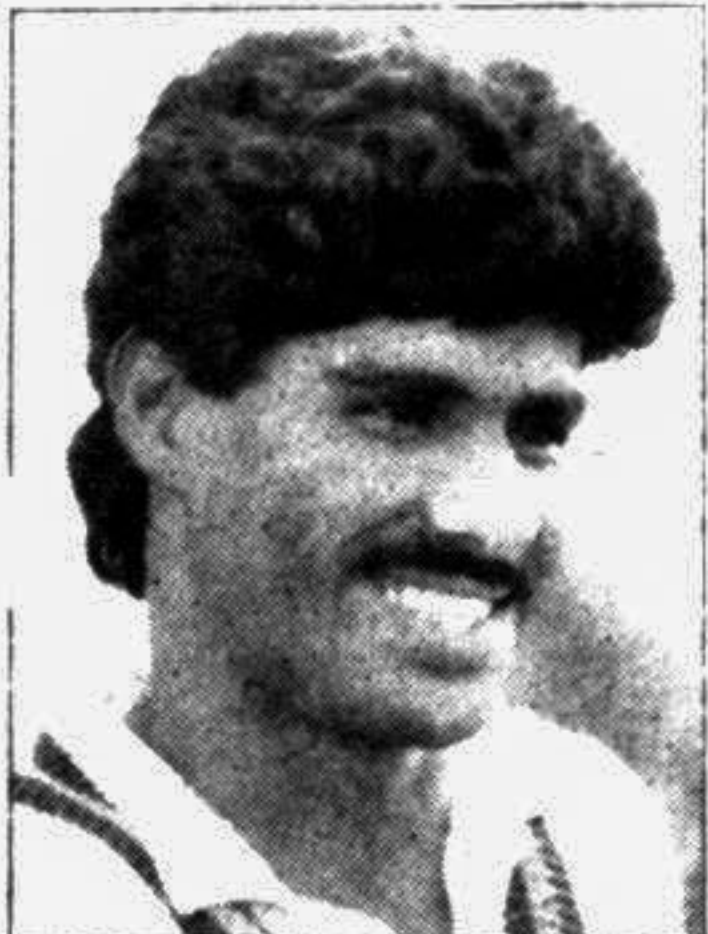
### Irish rugby star sidelined

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, May 16: Winger Richard Wallace suffered a broken jaw during Saturday's match against provincial team Canterbury and will miss the rest of Ireland's rugby union tour of New Zealand, team officials said, reports AP.  
Wallace, a 24-year-old from the Garryown club who has played five Test matches, suffered the injury in the final minutes of Ireland's 38-13 loss.  
Team doctor Donal O'Shaughnessy said Wallace had suffered a hairline fracture.  
Video replays of the match seemed to indicate that Wallace was hit by Canterbury's former All Black Andy Earl.  
O'Shaughnessy said the injury would take at least three weeks to heal.  
A replacement could be flown to join the team for the remaining six tour matches.

## Waqar may play 1st Test



TAUNTON, England, May 16: Pakistan completed a five-wicket win over Somerset here on Friday and then received another boost with the news that pace ace Waqar Younis could well be fit for the first Test against England next month, reports AFP.  
There have been doubts that the 20-year-old speedster would be ready for June 4 because of the stress fracture in his back which caused him to miss Pakistan's World Cup success.  
But, after picking up a 2,000-pound cheque for the tourists' second successive



WAQAR YOUNIS

win, Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad said: "We've heard some very good news about Waqar during the last 24 hours."  
"Although he has yet to begin bowling, he's been training in London for the last four or five days."  
"There's still time for him to be fit for the first Test and a few good net sessions might be

all he all he would need despite his long lay-off."  
Meanwhile, in Karachi, Shahid Rafi, secretary of the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan announced that teenage right-arm pace bowler Ataur Rahman may be called up to reinforce the national side.  
Rafi said: "We are in touch with skipper Javed Miandad and manager Intikhab Alam about the justification of sending reinforcements and a final decision to send Ataur Rahman will be taken in a couple of days."  
Miandad and Alam — who are also the tour selectors — have also requested that off-spinner Akram Raza, who played in the recent World Cup, be readied for possible action in case he is needed.  
Request for the possible replacements came after all-rounder Naveed Anjum was sidelined due to injury and before the news of Waqar's improved fitness emerged in England.  
Rafi, however, made it clear that if Rahman — who only turned 17 in March — is sent, he would not be a replacement for Waqar.  
Six-footer Rahman, who plays for Lahore city and Pakistan Automobile Corporation, was rated 39th in the national bowling average last season with 14 wickets in five matches. Altogether he has played in 17 first class matches.  
His best figures to date were the eight for 87 he picked up against Pakistan universities.  
In 1990, he toured England with Pakistan's under-19 team. He also toured Zimbabwe in 1990-91 — when he failed to play because of injury — and Sri Lanka in 1991-1992 with

the Pakistan B team.  
Miandad is well pleased anyway with his side's form in the build-up to next week's two Texaco Trophy Internationals and he has every right to be after Pakistan took only 45 minutes and 9.1 overs to score the 65 runs they needed to beat Somerset.  
Resuming on 28 for two, the Pakistanis lost night-watchman Tanvir Mehdli and Andre Van Troost's fourth delivery of the morning, but then Miandad arrived to seal victory with some magnificent shots on a pitch he later said was too inconsistent in bounce.  
Both Van Troost, who also picked up Shoab Mohammad's



ATAUR RAHMAN

wicket, and Andy Caddick were guilty of pitching short, probably getting too carried away on a surface offering them steep lift.  
Miandad was out six runs from victory after thrashing 35 from 23 balls with six fours, gloving a spiteful delivery to second slip, but the imperious Saim Malik soon finished things.

## Tendulkar denied maiden ton



LONDON, May 16: Indian Test batsman Sachin Tendulkar got to within eight runs of his maiden century in the English county championship on Friday, but Yorkshire still had to struggle against Gloucestershire, reports AP.  
Despite the teenager's sparkling innings of 92 with a six and 11 fours, only a last wicket stand of 29 between Darren Gough and Jeremy Batty saved Yorkshire from having to follow on at Headingley.  
The visitors piled up 411, with West Indies paceman Courtney Walsh blasting 51, including four sixes, before grabbing four wickets as the Tykes slipped to 264 for nine, 47 behind.  
Australian Dean Jones was even closer to a ton as championship new boys Durham rewrote their record books against Glamorgan at Cardiff.  
He fell six short in a total of 467 for six, Durham's highest score in the competition, and shared in a second-wicket stand of 206 — a county record for any wicket — with former England opener Wayne Larkins.  
Larkins hammered 143 with 24 boundaries, his first for two seasons, before Paul Parker piled on the agony

with an unbeaten 119 to give Durham a healthy lead of 243.  
Essex are in an even more invincible position after Nadeem Shahid's career-best 132 against Kent at Chelmsford.  
Ex-England seamer Richard Ellison bagged three wickets in 16 balls on the way to impressive figures of six for 95,



SACHIN TENDULKAR

but Shahid and England all-rounder Derek Pringle (80) got Essex back on the rails.  
They added 152 for the seventh wicket to lift the champions to a mammoth 526 and an advantage of 360. Kent had knocked off 37 of those runs for the loss of one wicket by the close.  
Like Pringle, Chris Lewis

fired a warning to Pakistan for next week's Texaco Trophy Internationals by scoring his first century for Nottinghamshire.  
The 24-year-old survived a mid-innings grilling from Northamptonshire's West Indies paceman, Curtly Ambrose, to slam an unbeaten 134 out of his side's 342, which gave Notts a first-innings lead of 60.  
It was only the second first-class ton of his short career, but Lewis oozed confidence as he hit a six and 18 fours.  
In contrast, England batsman Graeme Hick failed his Test from Ambrose's compatriot Ian Bishop. The Worcestershire star bagged a duck as his side slid to 145 for 5 against Derbyshire at Derby.  
However, one-time England opener Tim Curtis launched a recovery and was still there at stumps with an unbeaten 137. That gave the visitors a 32-run lead at 283 for seven.

Tim Boon's 139 for Leicestershire against Lancashire was in vain. Though, after he had compiled his second championship century of the season in 222 balls with 16 fours, Leicestershire collapsed to 258 all out, 227 behind.  
The architect of their downfall was spinner Alex Barnett, who claimed a career-best five for 78 as the home side lost their last seven wickets for 62 runs in 25 overs.

## Graf in German Open final



BERLIN, May 16: Steffi Graf rallied to beat sixth-seeded Jennifer Capriati 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 4, Saturday in the semifinals of the \$5,500,000 German Open women's tennis tournament, reports AP.  
The 16-year-old Capriati, controlled the action on the clay court at the start, breaking Graf's serve in the first game and passing her with long, powerful backhand shots. A sluggish and initially distracted Graf just couldn't keep up, losing the first set in 36 minutes.  
But Graf gained confidence in the second set, winning it after 61 minutes as the young American made increasing errors.  
The third set was a cliff-hanger, with errors from both players and no breaks till 5-4 for Graf.  
But then the determined German put on the pressure to take the match with three straight points after a total time of just under two hours.  
Graf, second best in the world, got her first Grand Prix title in Berlin in 1986, when she beat the legendary Martina Navratilova since then she has taken the Berlin title six times and lost only once, in 1990. She is the tournament's top seed and this year's defending champion.  
Graf will face the winner of the semifinal match between fourth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States and second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain in Sunday's final.

2-6 victory over France's Julie Halard.  
Halard did not help her cause by regularly playing the ball to Graf's strong forehand.  
All four top seeds sealed their places in the semifinals.  
Spanish second seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario beat Belgium's Sabine Appelmans 6-0, 6-3 and will meet American fourth seed Mary Joe Fernandez, a 6-1, 7-6 winner over Italian Sandra Cecchini.



Mary Joe Fernandez of US in action to win the quarterfinal in the German Open women's tennis tournament against Italian Sandra Cecchini in Berlin on May 15. Fernandez defeated Cecchini 6-1, 7-6. — AFP photo

### Pakistanis in trouble

**Sports Reporter**  
World Cup champions Pakistan were in trouble against county side Sussex in the first of two one-day matches at Hove yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.  
Sussex, who restricted Pakistan to 230 all out in 54.4 overs, had made 198 for four when reports last came in.  
West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson on 57 not out and M Speight with 51 not out revived Sussex hopes after leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed had claimed two early wickets. Sussex were 198 for four at that stage, needing 33 runs for victory from another twelve overs.  
Earlier, Pakistan failed to capitalise on a good 94-run opening partnership between Aamir Sohail (54) and Rameez Raja who made 53.  
Naveed Anjum made 34 and skipper Javed Miandad 33.

### Christie says sorry to his relay mates

LONDON, May 16: Linford Christie, Britain's Olympic athletics captain, apologised on Friday for criticising the country's 4x400 metres relay squad following its World Championship success, reports Reuter.  
Christie had caused a furore by claiming his teammates had let their Tokyo victory go to their heads and suggesting they had "mucked up" their individual events.  
By contrast, he pointed out he had broken the 100 metres European record, despite finishing only fourth to Carl Lewis.  
"They are not my sort of guys. I don't like their attitude," Christie had said.  
But after meeting team manager Joan Allison on Friday the pair agreed a statement which read: "With hindsight, Linford accepts it was a mistake to make such comments."  
He fully accepts his responsibilities to the team as their captain, hopes the matter will be laid to rest and everyone will pull together to prepare for what we believe will be our best ever Olympics."  
Derek Redmond, one of the relay winners, had retorted that Christie had a "chip on each shoulder." Teammates Kriss Akabusi and Roger Black were said to be "astounded."  
Allison said: "Sometimes, Linford will say something on the spur of the moment which he later regrets but it was the first time he has stepped out of line in terms of criticising any of his team."

### Navy swimming

The annual swimming and water polo championships of the Bangladesh Navy will begin at the Naval Headquarters Complex swimming pool at Banani in the city today, reports BSS.  
About one hundred competitors drawn from different Naval ships and establishments will take part in the four-day meet.  
BNS Haji Mohsin team will meet the BN Frigate Squadron team in the opening match of the water polo championship.

## BJMC punchers rule the ring



Punchers of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) ruled the ring, bagging nine out of the 14 gold medals at stake as the 10th national junior and 2nd intermediate boxing championships concluded

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medal table. Little novice Md Moniruzzaman, weighting less than 25.5 kgs, outpointed Johnny of Sakhira to earn the northerners their first glittering medal while Md Badshah Hossain defeated Md Golam Wajed of No Trumps Club, Bogra on points in the light-weight (under 51 kgs) final.  
Club, Bogra on points. Welter-weight (under 54kgs): Md Atiquzzaman of BJMC beat S M Ahsan Jahangir of Rajshahi. Middle-weight (under 57kgs): Md S Islam of BJMC beat Md Mahbubur Rahman of Bagerhat. Light-heavyweight (under



Ali Hossain of Kushtia (R) lands one smack on the face of BJMC's Faisal Alam on the concluding day of the national junior and intermediate boxing championships at the Muhammad Ali Stadium yesterday. Faisal Alam was declared the winner in a controversial decision. — Star photo

Other than Jessore Education Board, Kushtia weren't too happy when their boy Md Ali Hossain was deemed the loser against BJMC's Md Faisal Alam despite a gallant effort that saw the BJMC puncher taking a lot of beating in the mosquito weight category. In the middle-weight final, too, the crowd didn't seem very pleased when the referee and judges declared BJMC's Md S Islam the winner over Md Mahbubur Rahman of Bagerhat.  
**RESULTS**  
Following are the complete results of the final day's bouts:  
Liliputan-weight (under 22.5kgs): Md Kamrul Islam of BJMC outpointed Md Merajul Islam of Khulna.  
Novice-weight (under 25.5kgs): Md Moniruzzaman of Rajshahi outpointed Md Johnny of Sakhira.  
Paper-weight (under 29kgs): Md Ashrafur Alam of BJMC outpointed Md Nasruddin of Kushtia.  
Midget-weight (under 32kgs): Md Sabur Khan of Kushtia got a walk over against Jessore Education Board.  
Mosquito-weight (under 35kgs): Md Faisal Alam of BJMC outpointed Md Ali Hossain of Kushtia.  
Gnat-weight (under 38.5kgs): Md Fazlur Rahman of BJMC beat Md Abdus Sattar of Kushtia on points.  
Fly-weight (under 44.2kgs): Md Tipu Sultan of BJMC was declared the winner after his Jessore Education Board opponent Md Zillur Rahman was reportedly found medically unfit.  
Bantam-weight (under 45kgs): Md Moteleh Hossain of Khulna beat Md Iftekhar Alam of BJMC on points.  
Feather-weight (under 48kgs): Md Akhterul Alam of BJMC beat Md Hafizur Rahman of Kushtia on points.  
Light-weight (under 51kgs): Md Badshah Hossain beat Md Holam Wajed of No Trumps

yesterday at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium amidst allegations and acrimony.  
A cloud of doubt hung over the apparent superiority of the BJMC punchers, detracting somewhat from their glory as many teams alleged rampant irregularities and partisanship on the part of the judges and referees. One team in particular, the Jessore Education Board who conceded several of their semifinal bouts and the two finals they had reached yesterday, did not hide their contempt at the way the five-day meet was run by the Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation. Officials of the Board team were so upset by what they termed, the shameless bias of the technical committee members in favour of the BJMC boxers that they regretted even having taken the trouble of coming to Dhaka for the meets. Jessore Education Board forfeited four semifinals and two finals in protest at the malpractices.  
The finals of all the fourteen events were decided yesterday. While BJMC, almost predictably, won nine of the bouts, Rajshahi picked up two gold medals and Khulna, Munshiganj and Kushtia one apiece.  
Mirza Luthfar Rahman gave Munshiganj their only win by outpointing Md S Islam of BJMC in the final of the intermediate (under 18 years) light-heavyweight (under 60 kgs) class. Khulna's gold was won by Md Moteleh Hossain who beat Md Iftekhar Alam of BJMC on points in the bantam weight (under 45 kgs) final. Md Sabur Khan earned Kushtia's solitary gold when his opponent in the junior midget-weight final from Jessore conceded a walkover.  
Rajshahi, whose boxers made it to three finals, achieved a fairly good percentage of success by winning two of the contests to give their team a second-placed finish in the

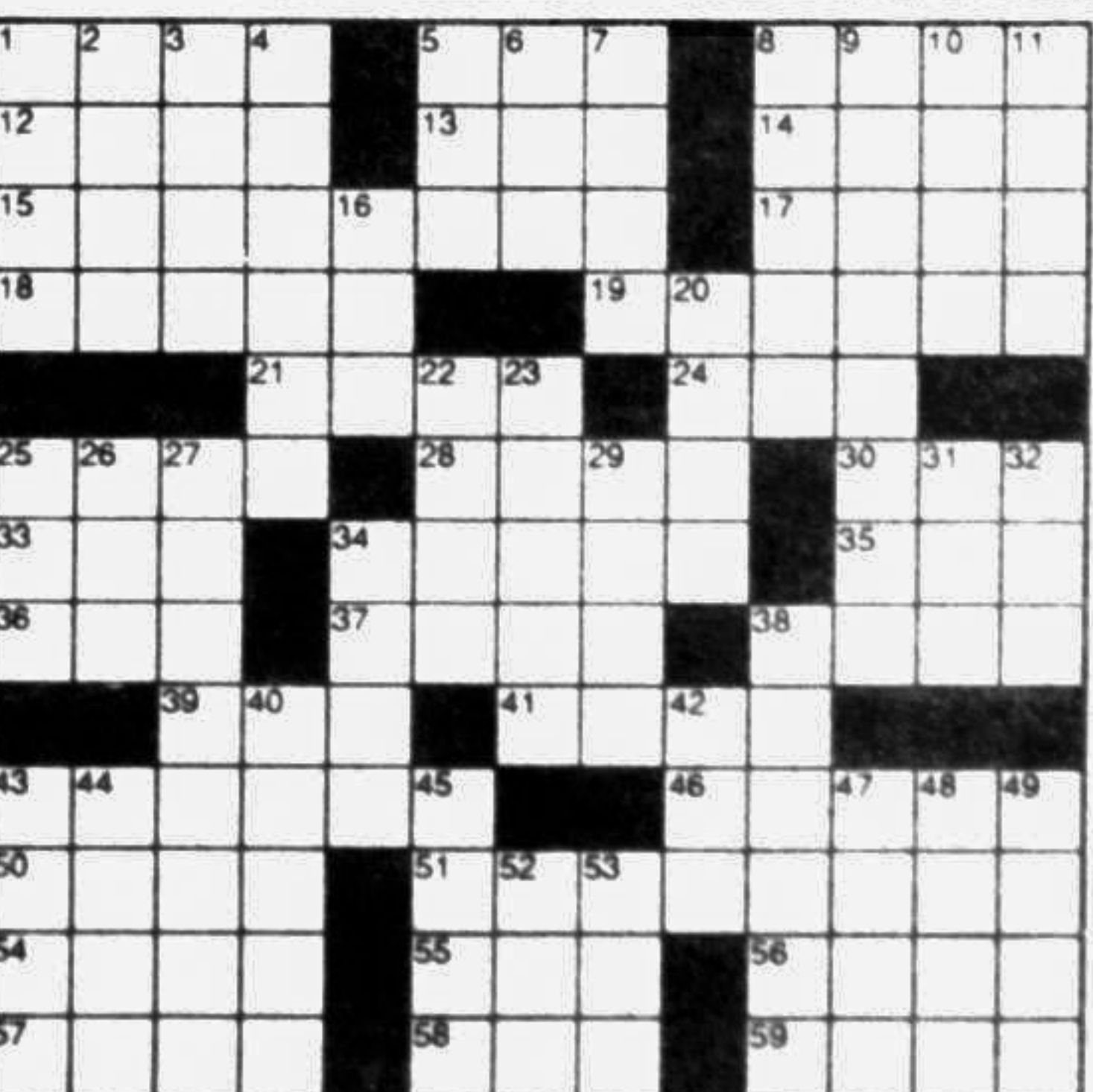
60kgs): Mirza Luthfar Rahman of Munshiganj beat Md Biplobul Haq of BJMC.  
Heavyweight (over 60kgs): Md Wallur Rahman of BJMC declared winner after Md Shah Alam of Sakhira retired in the very first round.  
Nineteen-eight boxers representing 14 teams took part in the meet for under-14 and under-18 year-olds which began in the city May 12.

### Tyson's attorneys can now appeal

INDIANAPOLIS, May 16: A judge's decision to deny boxer Mike Tyson a new trial clears the way for an appeal of the former heavyweight champion's rape conviction. Tyson's attorney said Friday, reports AP.  
"There's no surprise there," said Alan M. Dershowitz of Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford's denial of a new trial. "Now, it frees us up to move without any barrier on the appeal."  
"I'm glad the judge moved quickly because we're trying to move this up on an expedited basis," said Dershowitz, a Harvard University law professor hired to handle the boxer's appeal.  
Gifford, who presided over Tyson's trial, issued her decision Thursday.  
A jury convicted Tyson on Feb. 10 of raping Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant Desiree Washington of Coventry, RI, in an Indianapolis hotel room last July.  
Tyson is serving six years in prison.  
Dershowitz said he hopes to file all papers to the Indiana Court of Appeals long in advance of any deadlines so that the appeal can be speeded up. Normally, it takes four to six months for the appellate court to receive all pleadings in an appeal.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Mauna — mer-gan-ser  
8 Small quarrel  
12 Shoes  
13 White-tailed eagle  
14 Cat or star lead-in  
15 French crusader  
17 Arthurian heroine  
18 Night noise  
19 Lists of candidates  
21 Jewish month  
24 Jeanne d'—  
25 Size of paper  
28 Exploit  
30 French Dadaist  
33 Numero —  
34 Rajah's bride  
35 Luau garland  
36 Son of Jacob
- DOWN**  
2 Prep school on the Thames  
3 Nevada resort  
4 Off the right path  
5 Author Rosten  
6 Hockey's Bobby  
7 Picnic pests  
8 Asparagus stalk  
9 French general at Quebec  
10 Author Wiesel  
11 Marries  
16 Govt. agent  
19 Dispatch of teal  
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: F 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.