

Dhanmondi win

Sports Reporter

New-comers Dhanmondi Club beat Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by 26 runs in the only match of the 1992 Milnars First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi Ground yesterday.

Sent into bat Dhanmondi Club made 161 for the loss of nine wickets in 44 overs. Belal topscored with 32 for Dhanmondi while Atiar, Dulu and Rafique contributed 27, 23, and 20 runs respectively.

Cornel was the pick of the Eskaton bowlers with three wickets for 28 runs. Mona (Sr) claimed two for 22.

In reply, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha were bundled out for 135 in 41.1 overs. Extras contributed a mammoth 41 while Zahid scored 35 and Faruk 14 for Eskaton.

Right-arm leg-spinner Niaz bagged three wickets for 16 and Raj Kumar took two for 26. Warl Club will take on Agrani Bank in today's match at the same venue.

Meanwhile, Kalabagan Krira Chakra received a walk-over against Udit Club in the newly-introduced Shaheed Jewel-Mustaq cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Today Bangladesh Biman will clash with Surja Tarun Club in the first semifinal of the tournament at the same venue.

V-DAY CRICKET

Meanwhile, the 1992 Victory Day cricket tournament will begin from tomorrow, December 20 instead of today as was earlier scheduled, says a press release.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will play Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (OMCC) in the first match on December 20 and 21.

Cook dropped

DURBAN, Dec 18: Jimmy Cook's Test career with South Africa looks to be over after just two matches, reports Reuters.

The 39-year-old opener was dropped on Thursday from the squad for the third and final Tests against India at Port Elizabeth (December 26-30) and Cape Town (January 2-6).

Darryl Cullinan is called up for the first time and off-spinner Omar Henry recalled as South Africa attempt to translate their one-day superiority into a Test victory after draws in Durban and Johannesburg. The only other change is the return of Brett Schultz after injury boosting the squad to 13.

Cullinan is a 25-year-old classical right-handed batsman with Transvaal who has taken time to develop after breaking Barry Richards' record for the youngest first-class century-maker in South African cricket when 16.

Cook loses his place after scores of 0.43, 2 and 31. He missed out on years of Test cricket because of the sporting isolation on South Africa over apartheid.

Cook was dismissed first ball of this series at Durban, but has been a prolific run-maker in both South Africa and England with Transvaal and Somerset.

He will argue he can still come back, but, after Cape Town, South Africa have no Test cricket until Sri Lanka in August when Cook will be 40.

Squad: Kepler Wessels (Captain), Andrew Hudson, Peter Kirsten, Hansie Cronje, Jonty Rhodes, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Omar Henry, Craig Matthews, Allan Donald, Brett Schultz, Meyrick Pringle, Darryl Cullinan.

Lu, Wang still unbeaten

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Dec 18: Olympic champions Wang Tao and Lu Lin of China won three matches here Thursday to open their campaign for the World Doubles Cup table tennis title, reports AFP.

Wang and Lu were undefeated in their group play with three matches complete.



Indian allrounder Kapil Dev drives South African quickie Brian McMillan square of the wicket during the penultimate one-dayer at Durban on Thursday. South Africa beat India by 39 runs to make it 5-1. — Star TV photo

Wessels' willow flashes again



DURBAN, Dec 18: Skipper Kepler Wessels led from the front again on Thursday as South Africa cruised to a 39-run victory over India — their fifth success in the seventh-match one-day series, reports Reuters.

Wessels, who averages 47.5 after six games, made 78 of South Africa's 50-over total of 216 for eight. India were then bowled out for 177 in the 48th over.

South Africa's victory was built on a fine all-round performance.

Peter Kirsten made 44 in a 93-run second wicket partnership with Wessels and then Hansie Cronje provided the late acceleration with 25 in 29 balls.

Only Kapil Dev, who took three for 23 in his 10 overs, kept the South African batsmen in check.

India needed the highest score of the series to win and they were immediately pegged back by tight opening spells from Allan Donald and Fanie de Villiers. The pair conceded only 15 runs off the bat in the opening 10 overs.

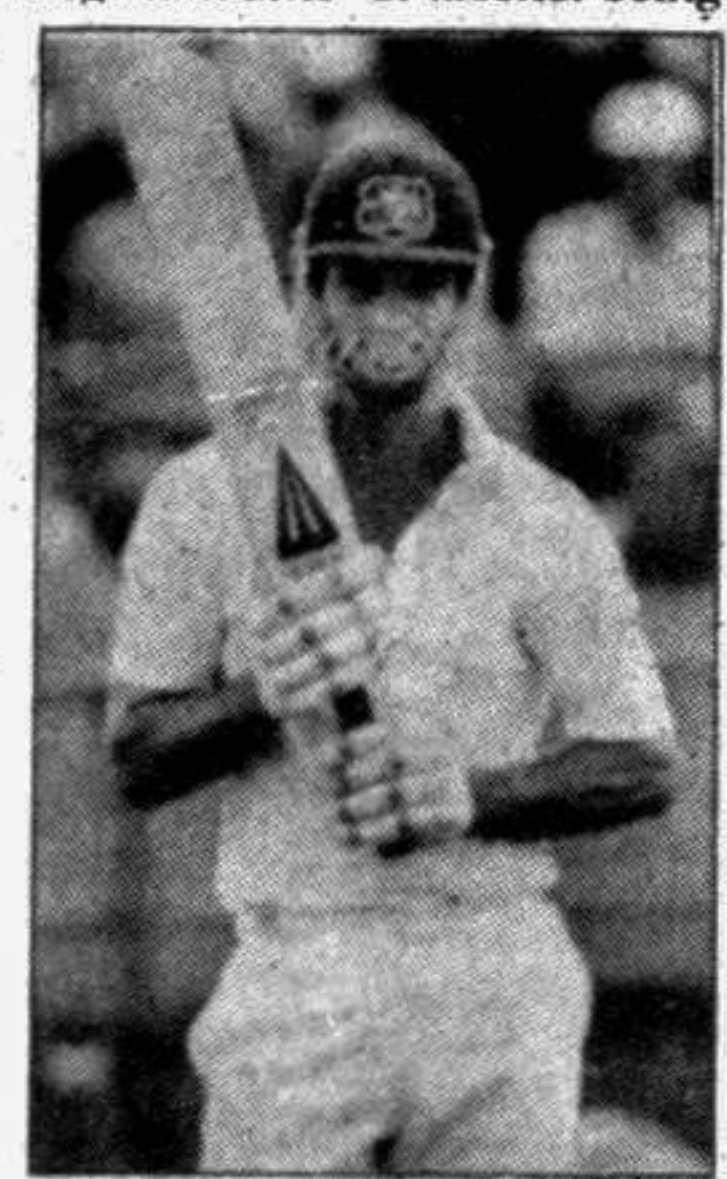
Mohammad Azharuddin led a brief recovery with 41 only to fall to a catch by De Villiers that was outstanding even by South Africa's high standards.

He dived full length at backward square leg to pick up Azharuddin from a full-blooded pull off Cronje.

Although man-of-the-match Kapil Dev made a rapid 30 that caught effectively settled the game.

The Indian innings was punctuated by fireworks and occasional forays in to the crowd by the well-drilled security staff to break up fights on the cramped grass bank.

and remove those involved. However, despite reports to large amounts of alcohol being



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smuggled in to the ground and a 50-strong demonstration outside by black radical group Azapo — which is opposed to the tour — the evening was more peaceful than anticipated and passed off without serious pitch invasions.

"We are a stronger side than when we reached the World Cup semifinals," said a delighted Wessels after his side's latest win.

"We field better and bowl better and, after the World Cup, are more experienced."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the sixth day-night cricket international between South Africa and India on Thursday:

SOUTH AFRICA:
A. Hudson C Yadav b Kapil 15
K Wessels c Manjrekar b Prabhakar 78
P Kirsten c Manjrekar

b Shastri 44
J Rhodes c Shastri b Kapil Dev 16
D Callaghan st Yadav b Kumble 8
H Cronje b Kapil Dev 25
D Richardson run out 12
M Pringle run out 9
C Matthews not out 1
Extras (b-2, lb-5, nb-1) 8
Total (eight wickets, 50 overs) 216
Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-121; 3-157; 4-162; 5-173; 6-198; 7-215; 8-216.
Did not bat: F De Villiers, A Donald.
Bowling:
Prabhakar 10 1 54 1
Kapil Dev 10 4 23 3
Raju 10 1 45 0
Sharma 4 0 18 0
Kumble 10 1 33 1
Shastri 6 0 36 1

India:
M Prabhakar c Richardson b Matthews 21
A Jadeja c Richardson b Pringle 12
S Majrekar run out 10
M Azharuddin c De Villiers b Cronje 41
S Tendulkar c Cronje b Pringle 29
Kapil Dev c Richardson b Donald 30
R Shastri c Kirsten b Pringle 5
V Yadav b Matthews 3
P Amre c Rhodes b De Villiers 15
A Kumble run out 0
V Raju not out 3
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-7, w-2) 14
Total (all out, 47.5 overs) 177
Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-42; 3-65; 4-110; 5-127; 6-144; 7-153; 8-172; 9-173.

Bowling:
Donald 9 0 3 18 1
De Villiers 8.5 2 22 1
Matthews 10 0 40 2
Pringle 10 0 51 3
Callaghan 4 0 21 0
Cronje 6 1 20 1

Result: South Africa beat India by 39 runs.

Personality test in soccer



LONDON, Dec 18: Soccer players who choke under pressure could be weeded out by personality tests, reports Reuters.

Some psychologists suggest penalty-takers could be screened and relieved of the job if found wanting.

Soccer managers could also order psychological profiles on players they wanted to buy, then refuse to sign any possible troublemakers or chokers.

Occupational psychologist George Sik has studied questionnaire returns from 56 players in leading British clubs including Glasgow Celtic, Crystal Palace and Sheffield United.

He says players' levels of emotional control range from "Gazza grade" to "Lineker level" — a reference to tear-prone,

hot-headed Lazio midfielder Paul Gascoigne and ice-cool former England captain Gary Lineker, never booked in his league career.

"Emotional control is the aspect of personality that most distinguishes one player from another," Sik says.

But he adds: "If you come across a person with a high level of emotional control who also tends to be very tense deep down, I wouldn't select him for penalty shots."

Sik argues players with deep-seated tensions tend to crack under pressure, along with those who have little emotional control.

Psychological profiles could be used in transfer deals to judge whether a player's personality matches the traits of a prospective team.

Sik told the British psycho-

logical society this week that England's 1990 World Cup bid might have succeeded if they had used personality profiles to select penalty takers.

England lost to Germany in the semifinal after Stuart Pearce, now England captain, and Sheffield Wednesday's Chris Waddle both missed in the penalty shootout.

Sik said: "A manager may select a player who is very tense — far more so than is needed for optimum performance — but is holding it in and appears very calm on the surface."

"We haven't worked with them, but we would be very interested to know if Chris Waddle and Stuart Pearce's emotional control outweighs their emotional stability, the degree they are actually free of worry."

"Selection of penalty takers could be greatly enhanced by constructive use of personality questionnaires rather than trial and error — especially if that error can cost you the World Cup."

Sik's psychological tests were taken by all the Sheffield United team except one — controversial midfielder hard man Vinny Jones, who failed to turn up for testing when he was with the Sheffield club.

"I think he was a little bit suspicious of psychologists in general," Sik said.

Dhaka's goal spree

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka DSA made a bright start in their opening match of the final round of the 17th national hockey championship by drubbing Jessore DSA 6-0 in the days last match at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the inaugural match in the morning, Dhaka University got the better of Patuakhali DSA by three goals to one.

1992: Shower of surprises soaked the tracks



NEW YORK, Dec 18: It was Sergi Bubka's year, just not his Olympics. Katrin Krabbe didn't get to the Olympics. And the American team that did won its most medals in a boycott-free Games since 1956, reports AP.

The Americans' 30-medal Olympic haul was achieved during an unpredictable Games in which such overwhelming favourites as Bubka, 1,500-meter world record-holder Noureddine Morceli of Algeria, 200-meter runner Michael Johnson of the United States and 110-meter hurdler Colin Jackson of Britain didn't even win a medal.

Meanwhile, three nations which never had won track and field gold medals got their first — Spain, with Fermin Cacho in the men's 1,500; Algeria, with Hassiba Boulmerka in the women's 1,500, and South Korea, with Hwang Young-jo in the men's marathon.

Furthermore, Greece won their first women's gold medal, as Paraskevi Patoulidou, who never had been world ranked and could do no better than fifth at the Balkan Games, took the women's 100-meter hurdles. Ethiopia's Derartu Tulu became the first black woman champion from an African nation, winning the 10,000 meters.

And South Africa, back in the Olympics after being banned for 32 years because of its racial policies, collected one medal, a silver, by Elana Meyer, in the women's 10,000. Three world records were broken at the Games, all by American men.

The most shocking came in the men's 400 hurdles, as Kevin Young shattered Edwin Moses' 9-year-old record of 47.02 seconds, winning in 46.78.

The other two were in the relays. The team of Mike Marsh, Leroy Burrell, Dennis Mitchell and Carl Lewis won the 400 in 37.40, breaking the mark of 37.50, set a year earlier with a U.S. team also anchored by Lewis. And Andrew Valmon, Quincy Watts, Johnson and Steve Lewis took the 1,600 in 2:55.74, erasing the record of 2:56.16 set by U.S. teams at the 1968 and 1988 Games.

Hill hospitalised

QATAR, Dec 18: Australian Anthony Hill was taken to hospital with a suspected Achilles tendon injury after collapsing just four minutes in to his first round match in the Qatar international squash tournament on Thursday, reports Reuters.

But there were no problems for world champion Jansher Khan who made short work of England's Jason Nicole to reach the second round of the dollar 135,000 event — the richest on the circuit outside the World Open.

Jansher won 15-7, 15-9, 15-11 in 35 minutes.

Spain's Austin Adarraga, a semifinalist in the World Open in September, slipped to a surprise defeat by world number 37 John Ransome of England.

Carl Lewis, after failing to make the U.S. team in the 100 and 200 because he was competing with a severe virus at the trials, beat world record-holder Mike Powell in the long jump, giving Lewis eight gold medals and one silver in nine Olympic finals over three Games.

Marsh and Watts also won gold medals, Marsh in the 200 in 20.01, after missing the world record of 19.72 by one-hundredth of a second in the semifinals, and Watts in the 400, running an Olympic record 43.71 in the semifinals and breaking it in the final with 43.50.

Other surprise men's winners included Britain's 32-year-old Linford Christie, the oldest ever to take the 100; Germany's Dieter Buemann in the 5,000, as he upset the favoured Africans; Canada's Mark McKoy, who was suspended after leaving the '88 Games following the Ben Johnson disqualification, in

400-meter relay team. There was no major doping scandal at the Games similar to the Ben Johnson furore in 1988, but drugs, however, were prominent throughout the rest of the year.

The biggest offender, caught was Germany's Krabbe, the 1991 world champion in the women's 100 and 200.

Butch Reynolds, the world record-holder at 400 meters, had his two-year suspension extended 4 1/2 months after defying an International Amateur Athletic Federation edict and competing in the US Olympic Trials.

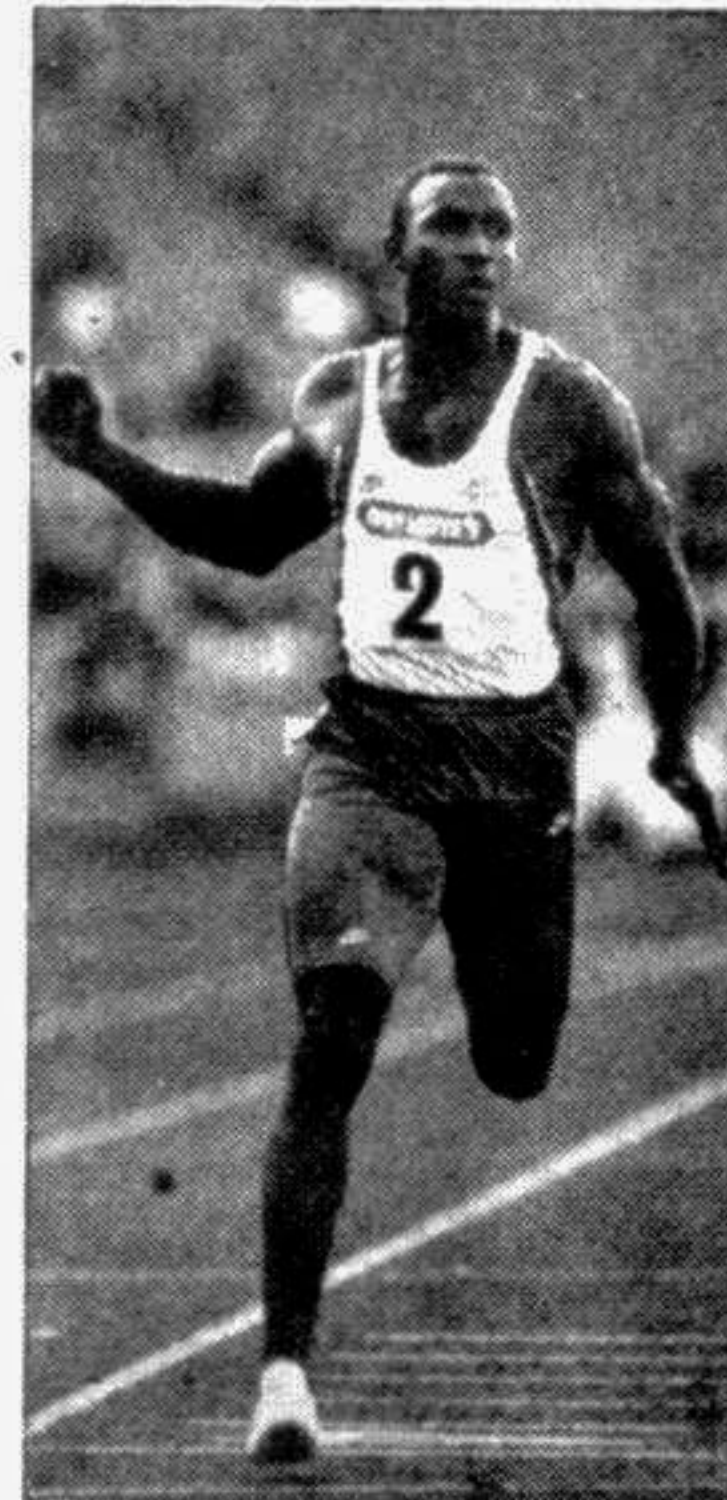
World records also abounded throughout the year. Bubka vindicated himself for his Olympic flop by breaking his world pole vault record four times, three times outdoors and once indoors, raising both marks to 6.13 meters (20 feet-1 1/4 inches).

Morceli also redeemed himself for his Olympic failure, lowering the world 1,500-

There were several notable retirements during the year.

Among them were Britain's Daley Thompson, two-time Olympic decathlon gold medalist and former world record-holder; New Zealander John Walker, 1976 Olympic gold medalist at 1,500 meters and the first to break 3:50 in the mile; Britain's Fatima Whitbread, former world record-holder and world champion in the women's javelin; 1984 women's Olympic shot put champion Claudia Losch of Germany; American 110-meter hurdler Tonia Campbell; New Zealand distance runner Aneke Audain; German 400 hurdler Sabine Busch; Swiss distance runner Markus Ryfel; Finnish 110 hurdler Arto Bryggare, and Canadian sprinter Alee Mahorn.

Winners of the big marathons were Kenya's Ibrahim Hussein and Russia's Olga Markova at Boston, and South Africa's Willie Mtolo and Ondieki at New York.



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the 110 hurdles, and Maksim Tarasov of the Unified Team in the pole vault, after Bubka failed to clear a height.

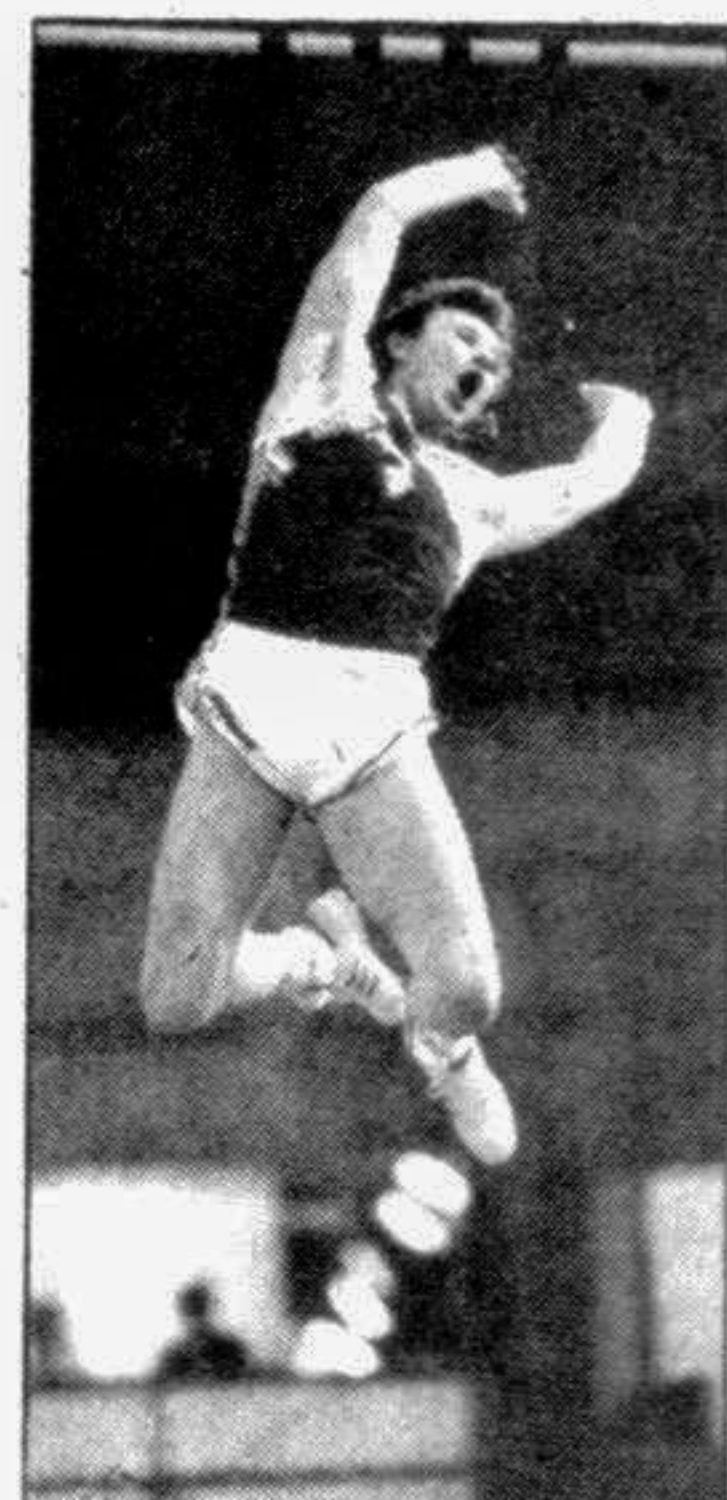
Also, Mike Stulce of the United States in the shot put, leading a 1-2-3 finish by athletes who all came off drug suspensions early in the year, and Robert Zmelik of Czechoslovakia in the decathlon, after Dan O'Brien failed to make the U.S. team and Dave Johnson, competing with a stress fracture of the ankle, finished third.

The women's competition also produced some unexpected winners.

They included hurdles specialist Gal Devers of the United States in the 100, and Valentina Yegorova of the Unified Team in the marathon, as favourites Wanda Panfil of Poland finished 22nd and Lisa Ondieki of Australia dropped out.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey of the United States won her second straight heptathlon gold, but couldn't successfully defend her long jump title, placing third, beaten by long-time rival Heike Drechsler of Germany.

Evelyn Ashford won her fourth Olympic gold, equalling the all-time women's record. She led off the winning US



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meter record to three minutes, 28.86 seconds. O'Brien, instead of a possible Olympic medal, settled for the world decathlon record with 8,891 points.

Moses Kiptanui, surprisingly kept off Kenya's Olympic team, set two world records within three days following the Games. First, he set the 3,000-meter mark (7:28.96), then the 3,000-meter steeplechase record (8:05.35).

Powell, with a leap of 8.99 (29-6), and Drechsler, who soared 7.63 (25-0 1-2), had the best long jumps ever, but neither was acceptable for a world record because they were wind-aided. Czechoslovakia's Jan Zelezny, the Olympic javelin gold medalist with a Game's record 89.66 (204.2) surpassed the world record earlier with a heave of 94.74 (310-10), but it was disallowed because he used an improper implement. The record of 91.78 (301-1) was set early in the year by Britain's Steve Backley.

American Mike Conley set an Olympic triple jump record of 17.63 (57-10 1-4) and won with a wind-aided 18.17 (59-7 1-2), the second-longest jump ever.

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CARL LEWIS

Sidek brightens World GP chances

KUALALUMPUR, Dec 18: Malaysian favourite Rashid Sidek Thursday bolstered his chance for a semifinal berth in the men's singles of the World Grand Prix badminton championship while Indonesia looked likely to take at least two of the three remaining slots, reports AFP.

Rashid added another win to his scoresheet on the second day of the tournament when he beat Anders Nielsen of England 15-9, 15-7 in a group B tie.

On Wednesday, the Malaysian ace ousted Indonesian Fung Permadi 15-11, 15-6.

With his latest victory, Rashid is only a hurdle away from the semi-finals as Group B champion when he meets Wu Wenkai of China today, but the match is expected to be his toughest test yet in the five-day meet.

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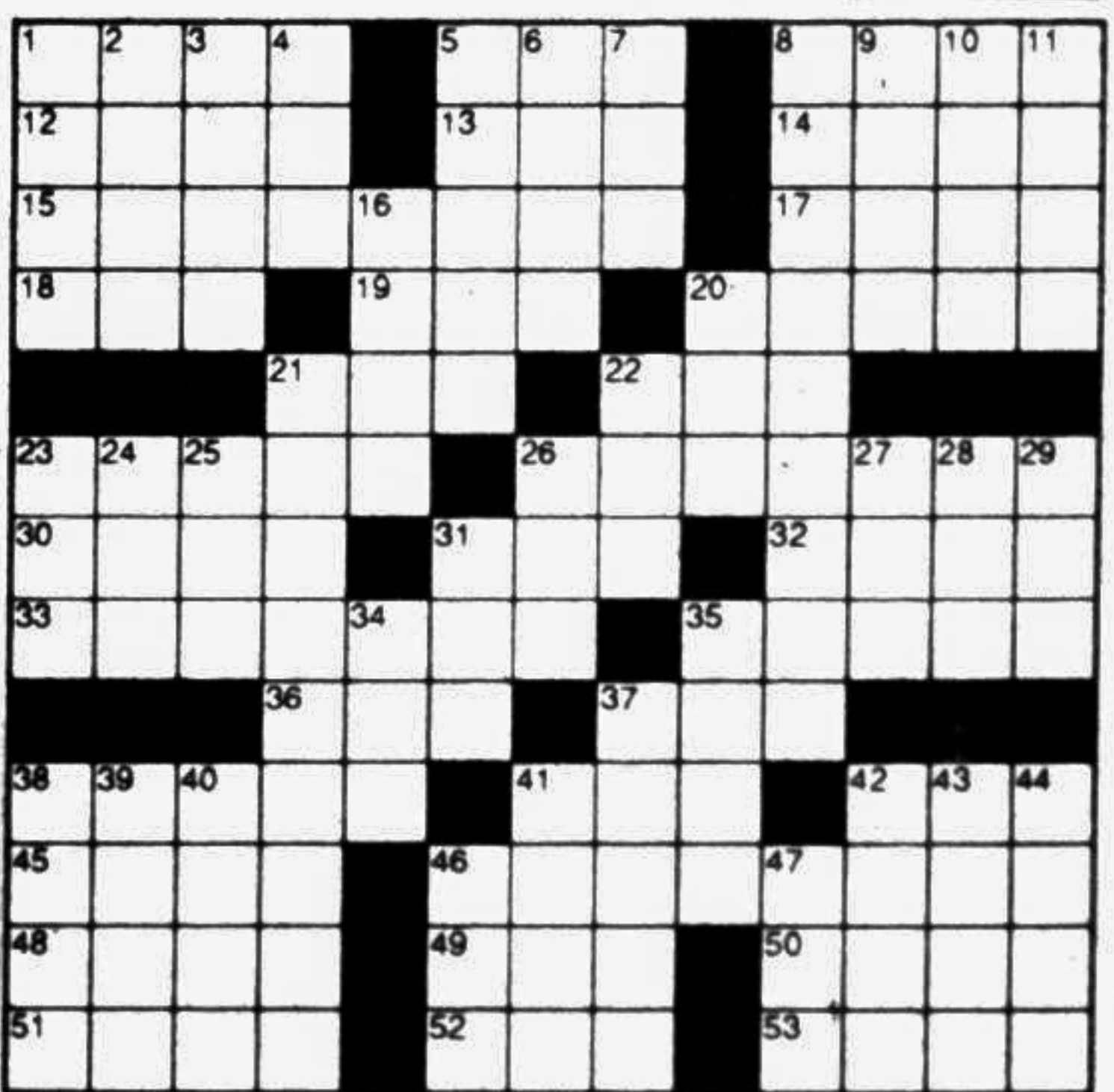
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Solution time: 27 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M ADVISING MY LICENTIOUS PAL THE VAMPIRE NOT TO HANG AROUND HERE ANY MORE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C

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.



Barkatullah Chapal of Dhaka DSA watches anxiously as one of his teammates tries to get past the prostrate Jessore custodian in one of the three encounters of the national hockey championship, part of the fifth Bangladesh Games, at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. — Star photo