

Mohammedans take on ROK varsity team today

Mohammedan Sporting Club will play an exhibition football match against the visiting Ulsan University football team of South Korea at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The match kicks off at 7 pm.

The 25-member university team was expected to arrive in the city last night.

The defending champions Mohammedans, who had a one-week practice session, will be without goalkeepers Sayed Hasan Kanan and Abdullah Lahul.

Price of the VIP tickets has been fixed at Taka 50 and 30 respectively while the gallery tickets will cost Taka 15.

Tennis players leave for Qatar today

A six-member Bangladesh tennis team leaves for Qatar today to participate in the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group-3 qualifying matches.

Bangladesh, placed in Group B along with Kuwait, Qatar, Syria and UAE, will play their first match against hosts Qatar on April 6.

General secretary of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation Moazzam Hossain will be the manager of the Bangladesh team while Mahtabur Rahman Maruf will be the non-playing captain.

The four players of the Bangladesh contingent are: Hira Lal, Faisal Syed Haque, S K Moynuddin Wajidullah Jhulan and Nawaz Amin.

Hosts, Navy, BDR, BAF post wins

Hosts Kushtia lost the second game before recording a 15-5, 11-15, 15-8 and 15-4 victory over Rajbari District Sports Association in the final round of the BGIC men's national volleyball championship at the Kushtia Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Rifles had two matches scheduled for the day but didn't show any sign of fatigue as they got rid of both the opponents in straight sets.

The day's other winners also had easy ride against weak oppositions, posting straight sets wins. Navy and Air Force outplayed Dhaka and Rajshahi University respectively.

In the women's group, strong Ansars gave Dinaipur a torrid time in their three-set victory with some powerful spikes and adroit defence while BJMC almost lost their encounter against Rajbari before finally prevailing in five sets.

RU annex inter-varsity athletics title

Rajshahi University clinched the title of the inter university athletics competition capturing 41 medals including 19 golds, reports UNB.

The two-day meet, participated by competitors from all the universities of the country, concluded at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday.

Dhaka University became the runners-up with 24 medals including 7 golds.

Chittagong University was placed in the third position bagging 15 medals with 2 golds. BUET and Bangladesh Agricultural University were the other participants.

DU to meet Sylhet in final

Former champions Dhaka University caved to the final of the Pepsi Cup 20th national cricket championship with a huge seven-wicket victory against Bangladesh Biman at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

chase of 156 runs in 60 overs—20 short of the original 80, because of persistent inclement weather—Ziauddin Ahmed scored an unbeaten half century and with Ziaur Rashid chipping in with 40, the eventual win was realised with five overs to spare.

Although Biman bowlers



ZIAUDDIN AHMED ... 59 n.o

It was a literal piece of cake for the students, who never allowed their opponents to breathe easily as the national airlines team, another former champion, resuming their overnight score of 94 for six crawled to 155 for nine on completion of their revised quota of 60 overs.

Although there were two quickish reprisals when Dhaka University began their victory

dispersed by only one dismissal. Ziauddin played 111 balls but failed to hit any boundary on a soggy, slow outfield while Ziaur Rashid, who preceded him into the wicket, was bowled by Biman offie Fayaz for 40, also featuring no hits to the fence.

Opener Javed Omar with 18 and Sohel, on 15 not out, were the other notable run-getters.

National cricketer Enamul Huq gave very little away, conceding just 20 runs for his one scalp from ten overs. So did the other left-arm spinner Rafiq, who took on for 27 from his quota of 12 overs.

Earlier, resuming their dicky innings of 94 for six, Biman were served well by Rafiq, who threw his bat around for a hefty 28 off 39 balls, including one massive sixer. The southpaw became one of the three victims of left-arm spinner Sharfuddinul Iqbal Shabed. The youngest member of the recent Kenya-bound Bangladesh team finished with the best bowling figures of the match: twelve overs, six maidens, seventeen runs and three wickets.

Jahangir Talukdar, who provided the saving grace to the Biman innings on Friday with a patient 30 not out, could add only three before being castled by the accurate Sharfuddinul Iqbal.

Tail-ender Mizanur Rahman, another rookie into the present Bangladesh team, clouted a straight sixer in the final over to remain unbeaten on 13 from 23 balls.

Wicketkeeper Debashis Barua chipped in with a brisk 11 from as many balls when the curtain came down on the Biman innings. By then they had come a long way, 155 for nine to be precise from the scant overnight collection of 94.

Besides Sharfuddinul Iqbal, Mamun, too, bowled beautifully to bolster University's cause. He gave away 22 runs from 12 overs to bag two important wickets of Bangladesh international Jahangir Alam and Zakaria Imtiaz on Friday.

Ziaur Rashid also turned in a tight 12-over spell of all-spin bowling that earned him a wicket for 20 runs.

Slow left-arm Shamsul took one for 27 while new-ball bowler Morshed bagged one for 17.

The three-day final between Sylhet and Dhaka University will begin on April 5 at the Dhaka Stadium. Each team will have the provision of playing a maximum of 100 overs.

Westerhof's job on the line

TUNIS, Apr 2: Nigerian coach Clemens Westerhof's job is under severe threat just months away from the country's first appearance at the World Cup finals, reports Reuters.

The challenge to the Dutchman's position comes in the form of Zaire, who meet Nigeria in an African Nations Cup quarter final, in Tunis today.

Westerhof, who has had a temperamental five year tenure as Nigeria's coach, admits he is likely to be dismissed should the World Cup finalists fail in the Nations Cup.

"Don't think I will stay on if we do not do well here," he said. "Everyone is expecting us to win."

Nigeria have shown little of their capability in their opening two matches in Tunis, easily disposing of Gabon 3-0 in their first game, then playing out a pedestrian 0-0 draw with Egypt.

But as the tournament moves into the knockout phase, Westerhof will be relying on his formidable squad to up the tempo against the Zaireans.

Nigeria beat Zaire 1-0 at the same stage in the last Nations Cup finals two years ago, but play against a vastly-improved team this time round.

Zaire, with a team made up mostly of European-based professionals, knocked out hosts Tunisia on Wednesday to finish top of Group A.

Egypt, three times winners of the tournament, meet surprise package Mali in today's

other quarter final in Tunis.

Zambia hope to continue their fairytale recovery from the air disaster last year that killed 18 members of their squad in their quarter final tie in Sousse against Senegal on Sunday.

"For us to reach the semi-final will be like winning the tournament," said captain Kalusha Bwalya.

That game, however, will be overshadowed by the clash later on Sunday between Ghana and the Ivory Coast in a repeat of the 1992 final which the Ivorians won in a penalty shootout.

"Everyone is billing it as a grudge game but we don't see it that way," said Ghana's captain Abedi Pele. "We've forgotten about what happened two years ago and are looking forward, not backwards."

SA 158 all out

South Africa, batting first, made 158 against Australia in the fifth one-day international at East London, according to a message received late last night.

Opener Peter Kirsten top-scored with 53 for the home team while Allan Border, the Aussie skipper, returned the best bowling figures of three for 27 for the visitors.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the fifth one-day international against Australia at Buffalo Park Saturday.

SOUTH AFRICA:

Hudson c Warne b Reiffel	14
Kirsten c M Waugh b Warne	53
Cronje c Warne b May	10
Rhodes at Healy b May	16
Kuiper run out	12
Wessels run out	15
Simons st Healy b Border	6
McMillan b S Waugh	17
Richardson not out	7
Matthews c Healy b Border	0
De Villiers st Healy b Border	0
Extras (lb-4, nb-3, w-1)	8
Total:	158
Fall: 35 (Hudson), 62 (Cronje), 87 (Rhodes), 109 (Kirsten), 118 (Kuiper), 129 (Simons), 139 (Wessels), 155 (McMillan), 158 (Matthews), 158 (De Villiers).	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
McGrath	6	1	20	0
Reiffel	7	1	13	1
S Waugh	9	1	25	1
May	10	0	35	2
Warne	10	0	34	1
Border	7.5	0	27	3

Dhaka off to a fine start in Biman Cup finals

Dhaka made an auspicious start in the final round of the Biman Cup under-14 football championship, defeating Galbandha 3-1 on the opening day at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Shahjahan, who put his side into the lead in the eighth minute, scored two goals for the winners while Moynuddin netted the other goal in the 38th minute to give Dhaka 3-0 lead.

In a 70-minute showdown, Faridul netted the consolation for Galbandha in the 58th minute.

Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain inaugurated the ten-day final phase.

Eight zonal champions along with holders Tangail are taking part in the fray.

Sonali Bank open account

Sonali Bank recorded their first win in the Sonali Bank of office hockey league when they trounced lowly Police AC 3-0, on resumption of the league after an unscheduled four-day break yesterday.

The first-ever office hockey league was suspended from March 30 for the three-day national cycling championship, held at the Hockey Stadium.

In the day's match, Sonali Bank led the first half 2-0 in a rather one-sided affair.

Shimul opened the account for Sonali Bank in the 17th minute by a spectacular field goal while Azam doubled the margin four minutes into the breather from a penalty corner.

Haider completed the tally for the winners with another goal two minutes from the final buzzer.

Sonali Bank, who earlier lost their two previous matches, earn their first point while Police, conceding their third consecutive defeat, are yet to open their account.

Connors wins in old foes' clash

HOUSTON, Apr 2: Jimmy Connors beat longtime rival Bjorn Borg 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 Friday night to advance to the semifinals at the River Oaks International, reports AP.

Connors will face No 4 seed Magnus Larsson Saturday. Sweden's Peter Lundgren and Houston's Richey Reneberg meet in the other semifinal.

"What people don't realize is that we've played so many times, we know each other's games so well," Connors said. "I get the feeling where he's going to hit the ball before he does. That's the way we've always been. To beat each other we have to play beyond how we usually play."

Connors, 41, at times looked a little winded, but he managed to get to most of Borg's cross-court shots, volleys and drop shots.

In other matches Friday, top-seeded Todd Martin, last year's runner-up, lost to seeded Lundgren 6-4, 7-5. Martin, ranked No 9 in the world, has been bothered by a leg injury. Defending champion Reneberg took three sets to defeat Mats Wilander 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4.



BOWLING INTO RHYTHM: Devon Malcolm, bowls at the net during a practice session in Grenada on Friday. Malcolm has just recovered from a knee operation and warmed up for the game against West Indian Board XI on Saturday. — AFP photo

Resounding victory for Kiwis at Christchurch Honours easy in one-dayers

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Apr 2: An unbroken 88-run fifth wicket partnership between Shane Thomson and Adam Parore saw New Zealand to a six-wicket win over India in the fourth and final one-day international at Lancaster Park today, reports Reuters.

India, after choosing to bat first, made 222 for six and New Zealand reached their target of 223 for the loss of four wickets with one ball remaining in the 50th over.

The result tied the four-match series at 2-2.

Parore earned the man of the match award for his 47 not out.

Thomson reached 40 not out after hitting the winning run in a thrilling finish.

Bryan Young and Ken Rutherford set New Zealand up to win with an 82-run second wicket partnership after Chris Harris fell at seven.

Rutherford, playing in his 100th one-day international, scored 61 before becoming the fourth wicket to fall at 135.

New Zealand stumbled twice at 135. First Stephen Fleming holed out to Venkatesh Prasad, in his first one-dayer, off the bowling of Anil Kumble, then three balls later Rutherford returned a simple caught and bowled to Kumble.

Rutherford struck 61 off 90 balls and hit five fours and a six.

New Zealand's targets were 47 runs of 42 balls, then 19 off the last two overs.

Thomson produced a boundary off Kumble when it was needed in the 49th over. Ten were needed off the final over, bowled by Javagal Srinath.

Parore hit a four then a single to give Thomson the strike, and Thomson hit Srinath through the covers to level the scores.

A single off the penultimate ball wrapped up the match.

India had made rapid early progress with Sachin Tendulkar again proving his worth as an opener with a rapid-fire 40 off 26 balls.

He and Ajay Jadeja put on 61 for the first wicket before Tendulkar fell to Gavin Larsen, bowled in the eighth over.

India at that stage were scoring at seven an over but the rate slowed as New Zealand's slow-medium bowlers Chris Harris and Larsen took control.

It was only after the 41st over that India were again able to score freely.

Jadeja, batting in pain after being struck on the wrist by a drive from Kapil Dev, top-scored with 68 before driving the ball to Rutherford off Chris Pringle's bowling.

Kumble and Nayan Mongia saw India through to their 222 for six, hitting 27 off the last two overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard from the fourth and final one-day international series between India and New Zealand at Lancaster Park today.

INDIA

A Jadeja c Rutherford b Pringle	68
S Tendulkar b Larsen	40
N Sidhu c Nash b Harris	9
V Kambli run out	19
M Azharuddin c Larsen b Hart	1
Kapil Dev b Morrison	15
N Mongia not out	40
A Kumble not out	18
Extras (lb-7, w-5)	12
Total (for six wickets)	222
Fall of wickets: 1-61; 2-80; 3-114; 4-118; 5-150; 6-183.	
Did not bat: Salil Ankola, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad.	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Morrison	10	1	47	1
Pringle	6	0	43	1
Harris	10	1	25	1
Hart	10	1	25	1
Nash	5	0	33	0
Larsen	9	1	37	1

NEW ZEALAND

B Young b Kumble	43
C Harris lbw b Kapil Dev	0
K Rutherford c and b Kumble	61
S Fleming c Prasad b Kumble	25
S Thomson not out	40
A Parore not out	47
Extras (w-4, lb-2, nb-1)	7
Total (for four wickets, 49.5 overs)	223
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-89; 3-135; 4-135.	
Did not bat: Dion Nash, Gavin Larsen, Matthew Hart, Danny Morrison, Chris Pringle.	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Srinath	9.5	0	46	0
Kumble	10	0	47	3
Tendulkar	5	0	22	0
Kapil Dev	8	3	20	1
Ankola	8	0	37	0
Prasad	9	0	49	0

Result: Four-match series tied 2-2.

Man of the match: Adam Parore.

England, losers everywhere

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada, Apr 2: England's woes deepened further on Friday when after being 'mugged' by Curtly Ambrose on the field in the third Test they found they had also been robbed off it, reports Reuters.

The theft was discovered when the squad unpacked their cricket bags to start practising for their four-day match against a West Indian Board XI and found thieves had stolen bats and other items of equipment.

"Most of the lads have had something taken," said manager Mike Smith. "We don't know when it happened but it was sometime between leaving the ground in Trinidad and arriving in Grenada."

"All the players' bags were still locked but the thieves had somehow got into them and taken what they wanted."

Graeme Hick has lost two or three bats and a number of other bats and pads have disappeared. Virtually everyone has had something stolen.

The theft completed a sorry few days for England. Several players had money and other personal items taken by a thief who sneaked into their dressing room on the first day of the third Test.

But even that probably did not compare to the hurt of being bowled out for 46 in their second innings as West Indies swept to a 3-0 lead in the series.

However, England had something to lift their spirits on Friday when fast bowler Devon Malcolm, returning after a knee operation, quickly showed in a practice session he has not lost any of his venom.

Racing in off his full run, the big paceman startled Nasser Hussein with a bouncer and then struck Matthew Maynard a glancing blow on the chin with a ball that reared up from a good length.

It was a welcome sight for England who have had no response to West Indies pace attack since Malcolm was injured in the first Test.

Malcolm looks certain to play in the match against the West Indian Board XI which starts today.

"Devon has done everything we've asked of him and now he's ready to play," said England physiotherapist Dave Roberts.

Denton settles for K Benjamin

LONDON, Apr 2: Kenny Benjamin, one of the West Indies' pace quartet currently tormenting England, has signed to play league cricket in England this summer, reports Reuters.

Benjamin, who played for Worcestershire in the county championships last season, will play for Lancashire county league club Denton who had originally hoped to field former West Indies captain Viv Richards.

Denton said last month Richards had gone back on a commitment to join them in 1994 after he quit playing English county cricket with Glamorgan at the end of last season.

Benjamin was axed by Worcestershire last year after an injury-troubled season.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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11 It brings tears to your eyes
12 Deed holders
14 Francis or Sellecca
15 Place of guarded privacy
16 Praiseful verse
17 Picture puzzle
19 Love seat complement
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22 Encore
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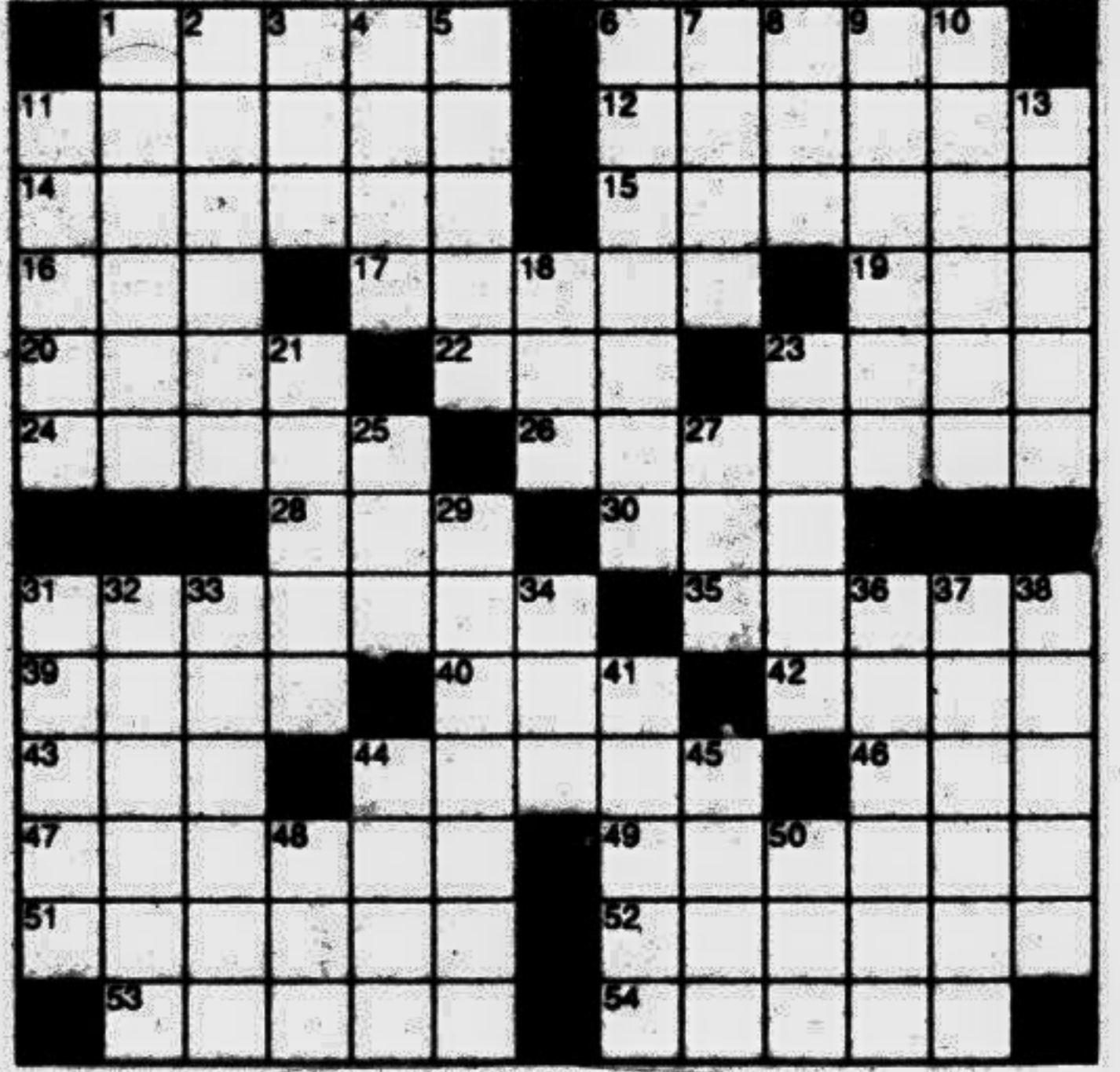
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18 Marceau portrayal
21 Recent Best Director
23 TV's "French Chef"
25 Aussie hopper
27 Wanted-poster abbr.
29 Watchful
31 What 27 Down implies
32 Hockey defenseman's trophy
33 Inuit
34 Listening device
36 Defeated
37 Straighten
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45 Sunday section, once
48 Mustangs sch.
50 R-V center?

Solution time: 28 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-7



CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AMBITIOUS MANNIKIN MAKER BECAME A SPECIALIST, TOOK UP ARMS.

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.