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WorldCupUSA94 Quiz Competition

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Information Minister Nazmul Huda addressing as the chief guest of the draw for the World Cup USA '94 Quiz 1 competition at the Press Club auditorium yesterday. Sitting on right are, BSWA president Roquibul Hassan (shaded), BOA secretary general Bashir Ahmed, A S Mahmood, managing director of Mediaworld, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, BCCB vice president Raisuddin Ahmed and BSJA president Masud Ahmed Rumi.

Nat'l women chess from today

Sports Reporter
The final round of the 15th national women chess championship begins at the National Sports Council chess room today.

Among the first round matches scheduled for the inaugural day international women's master Rani Hamid will take on Rukshana Gulshan, Afroza Khanam Babi will meet Sayed Afsana Parvin, Zakia Sultana will battle with Tanima Parveen.

Gul faces the music

NEW YORK, Apr 17: Mir Zaman Gul, who faces disciplinary action following a head-butting incident at the British Open earlier this month, was beaten in the first round of the Tournament of Champions on Saturday night, reports Reuter.

World number eight Zarak Jahan Khan put paid to fellow Pakistani Gul's hopes of a morale-boosting run in the event by beating him 15-17, 15-10, 17-14, 15-10 in the first round.

In what could be his last tournament for some time, Gul edged home in a 20-minute opening game, then missed his chance of winning the third when he lost leads of 5-1 and 9-3.

Gul was disqualified during the British Open after felling Australian Anthony Hill. The Professional Squash Association is expected to announce its disciplinary decision shortly.

Australian world number five Rodney Eyles has been presented with an excellent chance of reaching the final after the withdrawal of the injured Jansher Khan and Rodney Martin from his half of the draw.

Eyles eased into the last 16 with a comfortable 15-9, 15-12, 15-7 victory over England's Mark Cairns.

Pakistan pulverise UAE



SHARJAH, Apr 17: World Cup holders Pakistan swamped hosts United Arab Emirates by nine wickets Sunday to continue their impressive march in the Australasia Cup here, reports AFP.

Having defeated India by six wickets in their first match, the crack Pakistanis topped Group A and now face the winners of Monday's match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in the semifinals.

India, who came second in the group, take on Australia in Tuesday's first semifinal of the six-nation tournament.

The home team, which won the ICC Trophy in Kenya last month to qualify for the 1996 World Cup, found Pakistan's versatile bowling attack too hot to handle and were bundled out for 145 after electing to bat first.

Pakistan made light of the easy target of less than three runs an over, racing to victory in the 24th over of the 50 overs-a-side match.

Opener Aamir Sohail led the way with a breezy unbeaten 51 off 67 balls, while Saeed Akram chipped in with 39 off 28 balls and Inzamamul Haq contributed 50 not out.

Pakistani captain Salim Malik, pacemen Wasim Akram and Aatur Rehman took three wickets each to bundle out UAE for the lowest score of the tournament so far.

Akram, who conceded just 19 runs in his quota of 10 overs, took his one-day tally to 246 - six short of the world record held by India's Kapil Dev (252).

The UAE were down to 68 for six, before being rescued by a 57-run stand for the seventh wicket between Arshad Lalq and Johanne Samarasekera, who made 31 each.

Lalq slammed two sixes and two boundaries off Malik before falling to the same bowler, while Samarasekera remained unbeaten till the end.

Anwar and Sohail put on 76 for the first wicket in just 10.2 overs to provide Pakistan a flying start.
Anwar holed out in the deep against spinner Saleem Raza, but Sohail and Inzamamul Haq maintained the pace to give Pakistan victory in quick time.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Australasia Cup match between Pakistan and United Arab Emirates here Sunday.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Riaz Poonawalla c Latif b Rehman 22

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Samarasekera	5	0	31	0
Butt	3	0	27	0
Lalq	4	0	25	0
Raza	3	1	17	1
Saeed	4.1	0	18	0
Zarawani	4	0	26	0

Pakistan won by nine wickets

Man-of-the-match: Aatur Rehman

Chang's wish fulfilled

HONG KONG, Apr 17: Michael Chang won his long-awaited first Hong Kong title, defeating an ill Patric Rafter 6-1, 6-3 in the final of the 320,000 US dollar Salem Open here Sunday, reports AFP.

Chang was playing in the tournament for the fourth time and had made nine previous trips to Hong Kong.

The top seed's first win was a hollow one, with Rafter suffering badly from food poisoning before the match.

Rafter, 21, woke up ill this morning after a Chinese meal last night and was placed on an intravenous drip as he desperately tried to make it on court for his first appearance in an ATP Tour event final.

Organisers agreed to put the starting time of the match back by an hour as world number 26 Rafter tried to overcome his illness.

It was a brave attempt by Rafter to even walk onto Centre Court at Victoria Park in front of a heavily pro-Chang crowd.

Junior booters dazzle too late

Sports Reporter
Undaunted by their failure to make it to the final round, the juvenile booters of Bangladesh recorded their second successive win beating Malaysia 1-0 in the last Group A match of the 6th Asian under-16 football championship in the Saudi city of Dahrhan on Saturday.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday, Asaduzzaman scored the match winner in the 25th minute of the second half to ensure Bangladesh finished as Group A runners-up.

Hosts Saudi Arabia who qualified for the next round by virtue of having topped the pool with an all win record in the four-team fray, had earlier earned a 3-0 victory over Bangladesh in the opening match.

Asaduzzaman, the hero of the Bangladesh's 1-0 victory over fancied Kuwait in the previous match, gave his team the second consecutive win when he dribbled past three Malaysian defenders before slotting past the onrushing opponent custodian.

Asad was later named man-of-the match by the Saudi Football Association and grabbed a cash award of 1000 riyal is equivalent to Taka 10,000.

The junior booters of Bangladesh enthralled the packed stadium with their attractive brand of soccer and created several scoring opportunities in the match, having dominated most of the proceedings.

TEAM
BANGLADESH: Anwar (sr), Sayeed, Nazrul Pradip, Shahzada, Anwar (jr) (Sentu), Nayan, Azim, Don, Milon (Matin) and Asad.

Handball player dead

Sports Reporter
Shahabuddin Bhuiyan, a talented young handball player died of cardiac arrest at the Holy Family Hospital on Saturday night.

Shahabuddin was rushed to the hospital in the evening where his condition deteriorated and the attending doctor in the hospital declared him dead at 11.50 pm.

Shahabuddin who earned fame in the handball arena as a player as well as a young organiser was the general secretary of Hathkholia Sporting Club.

The handsome and polite youngman who led the Bangladesh national youth handball team in the fourth Commonwealth Handball Championship 1991 in New Delhi, displayed an excellent performance in the competition where Bangladesh finished third. He was also the captain of Brothers Union handball team.

Shahabuddin earned his reputation as an young organiser when he successfully completed the Hathkholia Sporting women's Club cup championship earlier this year. Besides he was also the pioneer of the Handball club cup championship.

Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) expressed its condolence to the bereaved family. A condolence book has been opened at the federation office which will be open to public from 5 pm to 8 pm till April 20.

Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), Brothers Union, Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), Bangladesh Handball Referees Association have also expressed their deepest shock at the untimely death of Shahabuddin.

Bima office hockey champs

Sports Reporter
Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha clinched the first Sonali Bank office Hockey league title when they edged past Bangladesh Air Force by a solitary goal in the last super league match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

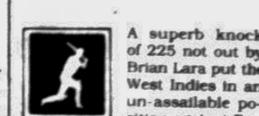
Needing a draw in the match, the insurance men comfortably won the title when Faisal struck a late goal in the 63rd minute of the play.

Sadharan Bima who finished their campaign with highest 15 points from nine matches took a decisive leap forward beating leaders Bangladesh Navy 1-0 in their second super league match on Thursday.

In the seven-team fray, Navy finished runners-up with 14 points. The first ever office league, sponsored by Sonali Bank was recast into a seven-team competition after PWD failed to register themselves.

Top four teams - Bangladesh Navy, Sadharan Bima, Bangladesh Air Force and Sonali Bank qualified for the super league ahead of Bangladesh Army, Dhaka Ansa's and Police AC were the other three teams of the tournament.

Lara larrups England



Sports Reporter
A superb knock of 225 not out by Brian Lara put the West Indies in an un-assailable position against England at lunch on the second day of the fifth and final Test in St John's, Antigua, according to a message received in Dhaka late last night.

Earlier on Saturday Brian Lara rescued West Indies on Saturday with an unbeaten 164 of discipline, imagination and flowing strokes on the first day of the fifth and final Test.

Lara, the latest in the distinguished line of great West Indian batsman, stroked 24 boundaries as West Indies built an imposing total of 274 for three on a pitch offering little to the bowlers.

He added 179 for the third wicket with Jimmy Adams (59) to take West Indies from a shaky 12 for two to the security of 191 for three, then put on a further 83 with Keith Arthurton (25 not out).

It was Lara's third Test century, his second against England and took him past 500 runs for the series.

Crucially he showed the self-control missing in his somewhat carefree to innings in the fourth test in Barbados, won by a resurgent England side who had lost the first three Tests in a row.

"It was a good day," Lara said. "Today I planned my day and tried to bat the whole day. It worked out well. I tried to analyse my game and found I was giving my innings away."

Courtney Walsh, captaining West Indies for the first time in the absence of the injured Richie Richardson and his deputy Desmond Haynes, won the toss and elected to bat.

Angus Fraser, who set up England's historic win in the fourth Test in Barbados on Wednesday, made the early breakthrough when he dismissed debutant Stuart Williams for three.

Williams, 24, top-edged an attempted hook in the seventh over to Andy Caddick at long leg.

In the next over Phil Simmons, recalled after missing

the last three Tests, fell lbw to Caddick for eight and West Indies were struggling at 12 for two.

Left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell backed up Fraser and Caddick admirably with some tight bowling to well-set fields and only three boundaries were scored in the opening session, all to the ultra-cautious Lara.

The scoring rate accelerated after the lunch interval as Lara began to find the gaps in the field.

The fluent lefthander reached his 50 in 123 minutes from 156 balls with seven fours, including one sweetly-timed back foot drive to the long off boundary.

He then began to display

and slip from Adams, and the lefthander then rubbed further salt into Hick's wounds by hitting the part-time off-spinner for consecutive sixes high over long-on.

He brought up his third 50 of the series by cover-driving Lewis for four, in 127 minutes from 206 balls before falling to a catch in the covers by substitute Naser Hussain off the per-severing Fraser.

Lara's progress continued smoothly after tea. He reached his century from 180 deliveries in 235 minutes with 16 fours and needed only a further 80 balls to reach his 150.

The England bowler toiled hard, supported by excellent ground fielding, but skipper Michael Atherton was handicapped by the disappointing form of Lewis.

Lewis ran in without either rhythm and conviction and Both Lara and Adams took full advantage of frequent lapses in line and length.

SCOREBOARD
Scores at lunch Sunday, the second day of the fifth and final cricket Test match between England and the West Indies.

WEST INDIES: First innings. (Resumed at 274 for 3).
Simmons lbw b Caddick 8
Williams c Caddick 3
b Fraser 3
Lara not out 225
Adams c substitute (Hussain) b Fraser 59
Arthurton not out 38
Extras: (lb-2, nb-16) 18
Total: (for 3) 351
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-12; 3-191.

To bat: Shivnarine Chandernepaul, Junior Murray, Winston Benjamin, Curry Ambrose, Kenny Benjamin, Courtney Walsh.

Bowling O M R W
Fraser 28 4 72 2
Caddick 29 8 67 1
Tufnell 30 8 82 0
Lewis 19 1 86 0
Hick 13 2 42 0

ENGLAND: M Atherton (captain), A Stewart, M Ramprakash, R Smith, G Hick, G Thorpe, J Russell, C Lewis A Caddick, A Fraser, P Tufnell.

Agassi's intentions clear

MONTE-CARLO, Apr 17: Andre Agassi, back in form after a string of injuries, seeks to underline his renewed ambitions on clay in the star-studded Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament starting on Monday, reports Reuter.

American Agassi, who made his return to competition last February after a five-month layoff, proved he was again a force to be reckoned with by reaching the final in Key Biscaine last month after knocking out Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg.

Rarely at his best since winning Wimbledon in 1992, Agassi, who underwent surgery on his right wrist last December, has said his goal was to win the French Open.

Victory in Monte Carlo, where no American has won since Jimmy Connors in 1981, would fit his schedule perfectly.

"Five or six months ago, when I was not playing at all and I had surgery, being ready by the French Open seemed to be out of the question," said Agassi, twice a finalist in the Paris event, which starts on May 23.

"By the way this year has started, I'm hoping that by that time, I'll be playing my best tennis ever on clay which would meet my expectations on the hope of winning."

Agassi would love to follow the example of Sergi Bruguera, who won here last year and went on to win the French Open. The Spaniard will be one of the main contenders in this year's field featuring eight

of the world's top 10 players. Former world number one Jim Courier, who had planned not to come to the principalty, changed his mind after his surprise defeat by Spain's Alex Corretja in the first round of the Spanish Open earlier this month, and requested a wild card.

"I must continue to improve on clay," said Courier, twice a French Open winner, after qualifying for the semifinals of the Nice Open on Friday. "It's important to win a few matches on clay before Roland Garros."

Another player who held the number one spot, Swede Edberg, will also be among the favourites in the absence of current world number one Pete Sampras, who deserves a rest after dominating the early season so emphatically.

"I'm not too worried for Monte Carlo," said Edberg, despite losing to unseeded Spaniard Alberto Berasategui in the quarter-finals in Nice.

"To me, it's an interesting challenge to play on clay," added serve and volley expert Edberg, who feels more at ease on the quick surfaces.

German Becker will miss the tournament through a wrist injury that will leave him out of action for 10 days.

Former top French player Guy Forget, who has not played since may last year because of a knee injury, will make his comeback before his home fans.

But the Frenchman faces a difficult first-round opponent, German number one seed Michael Stich.

The lucrative Monte Carlo event, with 1.47 million dollars at stake, has a reputation for upsets and no top seed has captured the title since 1989.

A handful of outsiders look able to knock out the big names. Claycourt hopeful Berasategui would be a wise bet as well as Russian Yevgueny Kaelnikov, who burst into the limelight by stretching Sampras to five sets at the Australian Open in January.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Run for exercise
- 4 Ice sheet
- 8 Get on board?
- 12 Ms. Gardner
- 13 Aftermath of washing the car
- 14 Nutmeg coat
- 15 Ugly sculpture
- 17 On crutches
- 18 Crazy
- 19 Group of sepal
- 20 Illinois city
- 22 Thailand,
- 24 The yoke's on them
- 25 Medieval melody
- 29 Gibson or Brooks
- 30 Quip
- 31 Actress MacGraw
- 32 MSG, for one
- 34 Jockey's handul
- 35 Took the "A" train
- 36 Ice or sugar

DOWN

- 2 Eggs
- 3 Jon Arbuckle's cat
- 4 Bilbo's heir
- 5 Deposits
- 6 Spindle-top
- 7 Away from WSW
- 8 Deli purchase
- 9 Eurasian range
- 10 Frost-laden
- 11 Show off the biceps
- 16 Ex-Senator Jake
- 19 Golfer
- 20 Robin Cook book
- 21 Pink-slipped
- 22 Ointment
- 23 In neutral
- 25 Hazel, e.g.
- 26 Chickpea
- 27 Lotion add-in
- 28 Osculation tools
- 30 Serve as long-shoreman
- 33 Decreased?
- 34 Just adorable
- 36 Chest material
- 37 Lobster eaters' garb
- 38 Maleficent
- 39 Michigan, e.g.
- 40 Gratis
- 42 Hiatus
- 43 "live and breathe!"
- 44 Writer Fleming
- 45 Copy-cat

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterdays answer 8-20

CRYPTOQUIP

H Q I X Z M R G Q E I L ' Z Z C G P C
G P C U V H U G P B Z U W J
R B Z B H W X J Q V C V E I Z C

Yesterdays Cryptoquip: WHEN STICKING UP SOMETHING WITH TACKS, IT HELPS TO BE ALL THUMBS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals M

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.



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