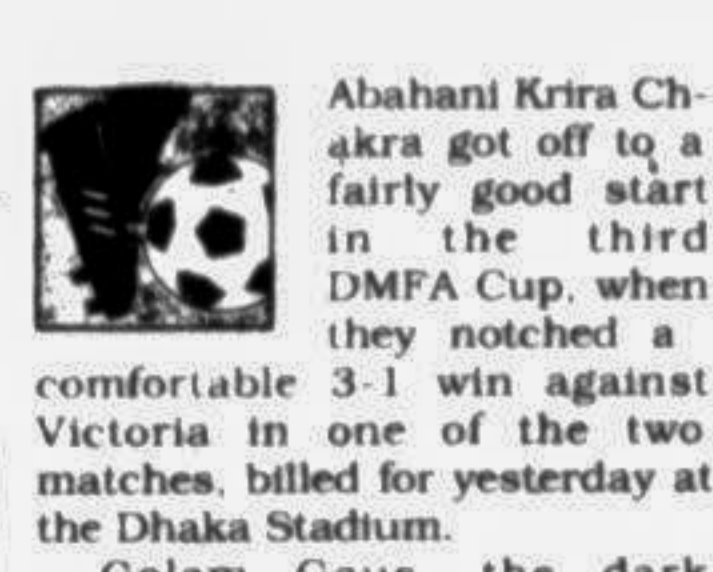


Sport

Abahani's auspicious start



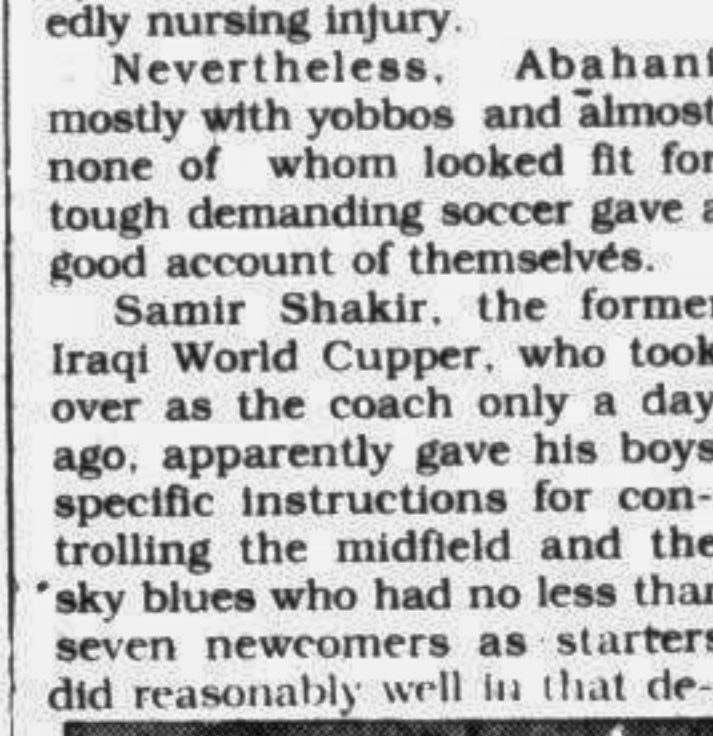
Abahani Kira Chakra got off to a fairly good start in the third DMFA Cup...

Sports Reporter
Abahani enjoyed uninterrupted territorial dominance during the first half...

leapt high to nod the ball home past a dazed Saidul in the 63rd minute 1-1.

Makbul Hasan's 13th death anniversary today

The Makbul Hasan Trust will observe the 13th death anniversary of Late Makbul Hasan Moni, FCA today.



MAKBUL HASAN
Members of the family, Trust, friends and admirers will visit his grave at Azampur...

MSC not to play

Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will not play in the third DMFA Cup.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Sydul Islam, Imadul Haq, Monem Munna, Sohail Reza, Monsur Ali, Zakir Hossain, Swapan, Shamim, Gaus, Mintu, Sohel (Masudur Rahman).

LISTLESS BU

In the day's first match Brothers Union, the seemingly eternal third force of local football stumbled in their first appearance this year...

Aussies go one-up

BRISBANE, May 6: Australia beat India 2-0 in the opening match of a five-Test field hockey series here on Friday night...

Forward Damien Seeto, playing in only his fourth international, scored the opening goal in the 27th minute after a brilliant run by halfback Ashley Carey.

The Indians had a number of chances, chalking up six penalty corners to Australia's three, but were unable to get past goalkeeper Lindsay Wood, making his Australian debut.



Australia's Jay Stacy (L) tries to get round India's K K Poonacha during the opening match of a five-Test hockey series in Brisbane yesterday.

Rutherford digs Kiwis out

WORCESTER, May 6: Skipper Ken Rutherford and Mark Greatbatch led a spirited fightback after New Zealand had lost their first three wickets for just 24 against Worcestershire on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Earlier, Worcestershire wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes pressed his claims for an England call-up with an unbeaten 100 off 149 balls.

Table with columns: Name, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Brinkley, Davis, Pringle, Larsen, Hart, Thomson.

Worcestershire: First innings (overnight 265-4) Curtis c Parore b Davis 0, Weston b Pringle 34, Hick c Parore b Hart 67, Moody b Pringle 27, Haynes c Davis b Larsen 82, Rhodes not out 100, Newport b Larsen 0, Lampitt c Pocock b Pringle 0, Illingworth not out 1, Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-28) 32. Total: (for seven wickets declared) 343.

New Zealand: First innings (for five wickets) 147. Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-21, 3-24, 4-108, 5-116. To bat: G Larsen, M Hart, C Pringle, H Davis.

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Martin mauls Bergstrom

PINEHURST, North Carolina, May 6: Top-seeded American Todd Martin roared into the quarter-finals of the 275,000 dollars USTA Clay Court Classic on Thursday, where he was joined by seven unseeded players after a rash of upsets, reports Reuter.

Akram's antics go in vain

LONDON, May 6: Pakistani bowling ace Wasim Akram hit a defiant 50 with the bat Thursday, but it was not enough to save his county, Lancashire, reports AFP.

Lancs crumbled to a disastrous 129 for nine off 41.4 overs, against buoyant Surrey at Old Trafford.

West Indian Cameron Cuffey grabbed two wickets on his debut and Joey Benjamin took four for 48.

Tyson's chances very slim

INDIANAPOLIS, May 6: Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson doesn't expect a court hearing next month to effect the remaining year of his prison sentence, reports AP.

Tyson is serving a six-year sentence at the Indiana Youth Center in Plainfield. He was convicted in February 1992 of raping beauty pageant contestant Desiree Washington.



Action from yesterday's exciting DMFA Cup football encounter between Abahani Kira Chakra and Victoria SC at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 3-1. —Star photo

Sampras, Courier included

PINEHURST, NC, May 6: Pete Sampras and Jim Courier were named today to the 1994 US Davis Cup team by new captain Tom Gullikson, but the search for the doubles team will continue, reports AP.

Sampras and Courier will lead the American contingent against the Netherlands July 15-17 in the World Group second round.



Turkey's Naim Suleymanoglu grimaces as he wins the gold medal and set a new world in the 64kg category during the European Weightlifting Championships in Sokolov on Thursday. —AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Upper boundary
4 Garfield's owner
7 A little lower?
11 Orem's state
13 Bitter brew
14 Exchange premium
15 The death of the party
16 "Humbug!"
17 Emblem for York or Lancaster
18 Relieve
20 Gratis
22 Weasel's noise?
24 In an unattractive way
28 Suffer from the heat
32 Bottled spirit
33 Rickey enhancement
34 Festive
36 Pack away
37 Hibernian
39 Toxicolo-

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

CRYPTOQUIP
R L R F K W C X H H M W V H
U L M U H C X - V L H C Q G
K L G X Q M C W R - X F C H
Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER SNIPPING OFF HER LONG HAIR, OUR FRIEND FELT DIS-TRESSED.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: R 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.