

Regency Ctg cricket champs

CHIITAGONG, May 7: Regency Sports Club won the Metropolitan cricket league title earning full six points from their three super-league matches, reports BSS.

Regency beat Friends Club by three wickets in their last fixture at the Dampara Police Line ground here this afternoon.

DPRK miss Asiad deadline

TOKYO, May 7: North Korea, absent from international sporting events for months, has failed to make the entry deadline for team events at the Asian Games to be held in October, the organisers said Friday, reports AFP.

"We don't know why at all. We are worried about the possibility that they would not come after all," said Shoji Ueoka, an official at the Organising Committee for the Asiad in the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

North Korea, facing a growing international outcry against its suspected nuclear arms programme, has skipped the Student Games last year in the US city of Buffalo and the Lillehammer Winter Olympics in February.

The deadline for submitting the number of competitors for team events passed on Thursday and each participating country should submit the number of competitors for individual events by July 4.

Ueoka said that it would be difficult for North Korea to take part in team events as draws will begin shortly, although the final Asiad deadline is in September, when the names of competitors shall be submitted.

Among the countries which have expressed their intentions of competing in team events in Hiroshima, North Korea and Turkmenistan were the only countries which failed to make the deadline, he said.

He said 29 countries had entered 1,716 competitors in 15 team events in 10 sports, including football, hockey and the indigenous Southeast Asian ball game of sepak takraw.

According to a preliminary survey, about 7,300 competitors and officials from 42 countries will take part in the 12th quadrennial regional mini-Olympics. Five former Soviet republics in Central Asia are expected to take part in the Asian games for the first time.

DMFA, MSC 'war of words' continues Brinkmanship or battle?

In a mind-boggling development of a story of stalemate, Mohammedan Sporting Club have rejected DMFA's offer to play two matches within 24 hours... DMFA Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) which is groaning under Mohammedans' pressure convened an emergency executive meeting with its president Azizul Haq in the chair yesterday decided to hold the 'unheld' match between Mohammedan and Bangladesh Boys at 9 pm today along with two other matches with Mohammedans' next match against Muktiyoddha billed for tomorrow at the same time.

Sports Reporter Mohammedans general secretary Fazlur Rahman in his written script described Kazi Mishu as an autocrat who is abusing his personal relationship with State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeque Hossain. In the Metropolitan Club Association meeting at the NSC on Friday he added, "The minister advised the DMFA to consider Mohammedans' demand along with the members, who talked in our favour but Kazi Mishu chose to persist with his obstinacy."

man on April 28 to press their demands, but failed to arrest the tide in their favour. Anwarul Haq Helal, Mohammedans' treasurer, who too was there in the failed mission attributed the outcome to Kazi Mishu's 'interference' in yesterday's press briefing. Mohammedans' another effort in the Metropolitan Club Association meeting where State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain attended as chief guest on Friday, apparently failed as the representative from two leading clubs of the country opposed to raise the deferment issue. In the meeting neither any clubs supported Mohammedans nor did the State Minister had any soothing word for the agitating club.

Crowe, cause of Kiwi concern

WORCESTER, England, May 7: New Zealand forced a draw with Worcester, on Friday in a match which raised fresh worries about the state of star batsman Martin Crowe's injured knee, reports Reuters. Crowe's double failure - he scored just three runs in the first innings and four in the second - now means he will push himself through six successive playing days in a bid to find form.

Crowe was intending to miss the tourists' match against Somerset at Taunton, starting on Saturday but has now decided to play. Last week Crowe, who was out of cricket for more than six months, said he intended to play in alternate matches in the early part of New Zealand's 10-week tour.

The New Zealanders, re-summing on 147 for five, needed a further 47 to avoid following on, which they accomplished only after a few tense moments. An imaginative declaration at 194 for seven by skipper Ken Rutherford (84), then opened up the game.

Worcester, who made 343 for seven declared in their first innings made another declaration at 103 or six after Graeme Hick knocked off 38 in 33 balls. Gavin Larsen's spell of gentle medium pace brought him four for 13.

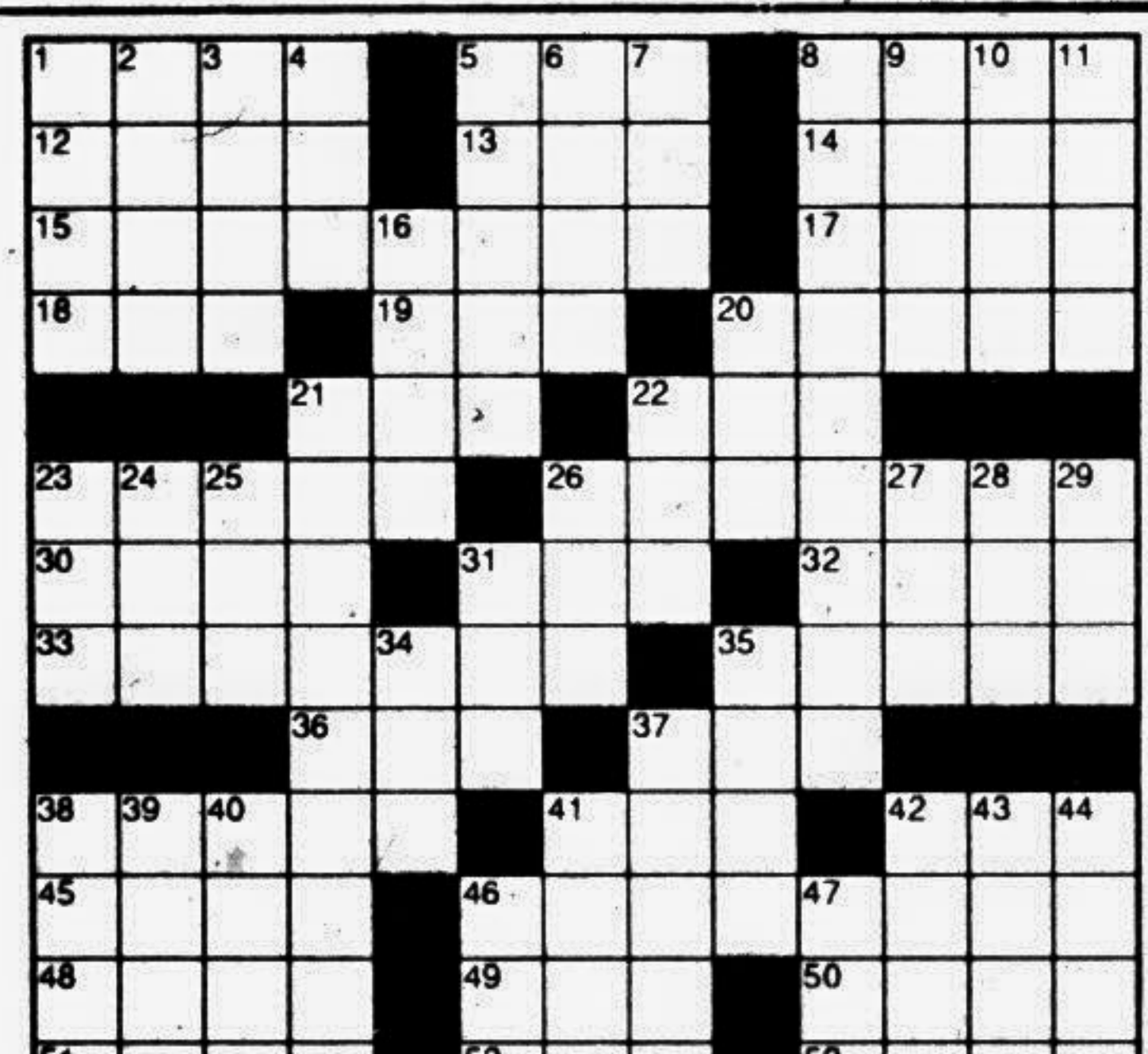
Worcester's declaration left New Zealand needing 252 for an unlikely victory. In the event Neal Radford shot away the top order for 26 and Rutherford (52) was needed again by his team to ensure the draw in a stand of 88 with Mark Greatbatch as the Kiwis reached 153 for four

SCOREBOARD. Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day cricket match between Worcestershire and New Zealand on Friday. WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 343-7 declared (S. Rhodes 100 not out, Haynes 82, Hick 67).

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 147-5) Hartland c Lampitt b Radford 6. Bowling O M R W Radford 21 6 46 1 Brinkley 16 4 58 2 Newport 15 3 49 2 Lampitt 8.3 2 25 2 Illingworth 3 2 4 0 Moody 2 1 6 0

WORCESTER: Second innings Curtis c Pocock b Pringle 4 Weston lbw b Larsen 4 Hick c Pringle b Larsen 38 Moody not out 20 Haynes c Larsen b Davis 0 Rhodes c Hart b Larsen 3 Newport c Crowe b Larsen 0 Lampitt not out 16 Extras: (b-3, lb-12) 18 Total: (for six wickets, declared) 103 Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-38; 3-59; 4-49; 5-72; 6-72. Bowling O M R W Davis 11 2 63 1 Pringle 5 1 21 1 Larsen 5 1 13 4

MARTIN CROWE Pocock lbw b Brinkley 10 Crowe lbw b Brinkley 3 Rutherford c Radford b Newport 84 Greatbatch b Lampitt 36 Thomson c Rhodes b Lampitt 3 Parore c Radford b Newport 15 Larsen not out 5 Hart not out 8 Extras: (b-2, lb-4, w-2, nb-16) 24 Total: (for seven wickets declared) 194 Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-21; 3-24; 4-108; 5-116; 6-171; 7-180. Did not bat: C. Pringle, H. Davis.



CRYPTOQUIP. K D G T E U X Z T H H M X E Z H X E Q R H T S M Q K Z D J K U Q R V U T K S X U E Q V V. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POPULAR TEENAGE CONCERT-GOER IS LOST IN RAP-TURE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z 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.

Sparkling Shantanu

Sports Reporter Shantanu's all-round performance engineered a cakewalk for Amateur Cricket Club in the Lotus Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket tournament yesterday. In day's one of the three matches, played on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Amateur raced to 126 for two wickets in 20.2 overs to post a massive eight-wicket victory.

Shantanu led the charge with an attacking 51 while Shuvendu played second fiddle to him with 30. Earlier Shantanu captured four wickets for 35 runs as Annesha Samaj Kalyan, batting first were all out for 123 in 34.1 overs. Mihir Kanti with 35 and Raftul with 28 were the major run-getters for the eventual losers.

Pallabi Club registered an impressive 62-run win against BDAMM Association at the adjacent ground, the western strip of the DCS to be precise. Batting first Pallabi, who mustered 182 for seven wickets from their stipulated 40 overs, were held in good stead by Sohel and Munna, who made 55 and 35 respectively.

Gem and Azad captured two wickets apiece among the BDAMM bowlers. The same pair were in the thick of action with the bat when BDAMM's turn with the willow came but with no support coming from others, the whole team was booked for 120. Azad made 24 and Gem 23.

Titans and Zahed picked up two apiece to compound BDAMM's miseries. DeFreitas' timely reminder LONDON, May 7: Phil DeFreitas, ignored by England for the recent West Indies tour, reminded new chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth of his prowess with the ball by taking the first hat-trick of his career on Friday, reports Reuters. DeFreitas, who moved to Derbyshire from Lancashire in the close season, dismissed Tony Middleton, mark Nicholas and Adrian Aymes to leave Hampshire reeling at 57 for five in their county championship match at Southampton.

England batsman Robin Smith and Shaun Udal led a recovery with a sixth wicket stand of 119 before Smith fell to DeFreitas for 58. Udal went on to score 83 out of Hampshire's total of 271. DeFreitas finishing with five for 59. Derbyshire replied with 76 for two.

Kenti's England duo Alan Igglesden and Martin McCague cut through the Nottinghamshire batting at Canterbury. But in a see-saw game in which 23 wickets fell in the day Kent found themselves in trouble, needing 239 to win. Igglesden bagged five for 38 as Notts were bowled out for 185. Kent were skittled for 129 but McCague gave them hope with six for 50 as the visitors mustered 178 second time round. Kent were three without loss at the close.

England vice captain Alec Stewart continued his superb early season form with a sparkling 126 that put Surrey in a winning position against Lancashire at Old Trafford. Stewart belted a six and 17 fours as he dominated his side's 301 for nine declared. Lancashire, 172 behind, lost England skipper Mike Atherton and John Crawley in making 71 in their second innings. Nasser Hussain put his England tour woes behind him by completing his second century in successive innings as Essex filed up 423 against Durham at Stockton. Hussain, out of touch in the West Indies, was back to his best as he hit 101, including 15 fours. Chenji sets pool afire HONG KONG, May 7: Jiang Chenji broke a five-year-old Asian record in the men's 100 metre butterfly at China's National Swimming Championships in Tianjin Friday, reports AFP. Jiang, from the eastern coastal city of Shanghai, clocked 53.80 secs. 0.07 secs faster than the record set by Shen Jianqiang of China in 1989, the Xinhua news agency reported. Friday saw another record fall when soldier Yuan broke the national mark in the women's 200m breaststroke, clocking 2 min 26.9 secs. Second was the previous record holder Dai Guohong who finished in 2:31.27. The women's 200m freestyle was won by Le Ying in 1:50.2. Xiong Guoming, from Shanghai, took his second gold of the meet with men's 400m individual medley in a time of 4:29.23. The meet is scheduled to end May 10.

Muktijoddha march on

Muktijoddha Kri Chakra Sangsad opened their second round campaign in this year's troubled DMFA Cup with an easy win against Arambagh Kri Sangstha in yesterday's lone match at the Dhaka Stadium. So far, the most well equipped outfit, the sensation-stirrers of the domestic soccer circuit scored once in each half to collect their third win following their two first round wins. Although Muktijoddha's victory was never in doubt, the virtual national team with an array of country's top footballers failed to leave any last impression of excellence, becoming of players whose assembly under the hitherto

struggle associated with name Muktijoddha meaning freedom fighters in English, the winners took some to settle down against their opponents who quite ironically enjoyed vociferous, vindictive support from the relatively small crowd. Saiful Bari Titu, who has been designated deputy to skipper Mohsin, the former national custodian, opened Arambagh defence in the tenth minute with a delicate, little through but lanky Mizan, poised perfectly with only an advancing goalie Milton to beat hit the post. The miss did not prove costly as six minutes later Rakib swirled in a ball from the left and Mizan's abortive attempt to head allowed an unmarked Mamun Joarder to find the net with a fierce left



Action from yesterday's DMFA Cup football match between Muktijoddha Kri Chakra Sangsad and Arambagh KS at the Dhaka Stadium. Muktijoddha won 2-0.

unfancied team's banner from the popular and infinitely more successful clubs has proved to be the pandora's box, evils or troubles emanating from what has cast the curtain-raising meet into a labyrinthine controversy. Donned in galzing red, a colour which may have its symbolic genesis in the idea of

footer from about six metres. Although Muktijoddha's defence, manned by national players Jewel Rana, Ata, Masud Rana and Barun Dewan playing true, the midfield looked short of inspiration and only Titu's hard work to make up for the passivity of both Rumi Rizvi Karim and Arman, kept things going.

Mamun, Mizan and substitute Imtiaz Ahmed Naki in the upfront did not really pitch themselves in, shooting erratically or leaving the ball either too early or to late but the second goal came any way in the 77th minute of the match. Rumi got a sizzling shot through a host of sluggish Arambagh defenders and the ball came out of Milton's bosom leaving a swooping Naki with just about the enough time to flick the ball in 2-0. Arambagh missed an opportunity at the far end when substitute Stalin struck wide on a lovely square pass from Jahangir.



Mamun Joarder, Mizanur Rahman, Rakib Hossain (Naki). ARAMBAGH KS: Milton, Jaglool, Fayal, Samy, Haran, Shah Alam Babu, Alfaz, Tusar, Jahangir, Azad (Stalin), Anwar.

TODAY'S MATCHES Brothers vs Victoria (Dhaka Stadium 5 pm) Abahani vs Farashganj (Dhaka Stadium 7 pm)

Martinez reaches final

ROME, May 7: No 1 seed Conchita Martinez of Spain, rated into the final of the Italian Open on Saturday, routing Karina Habudova of Slovakia, 6-1, 6-2, reports AP. Martinez will face the winner of the match between No 2 seed Martina Navratilova and Irina Spirlea in Sunday's final. The top-seeded player didn't drop a set in her bid to repeat as Italian Open champion and hold off the upset jinx that has bedeviled most of the other stars. She needed only 63 minutes to finish off Habudova, dominating the match with her service and powerful groundstrokes.

The 20-year-old qualifier, ranked 108 in the world made 33 unforced errors and was able to convert only one of five break points in the match. "She helped me because she made so many mistakes," said Martinez. The 22-year-old Spaniard won the dlr 750,000 clay court classic in 1993, a year in which she captured five tournament titles. She has climbed to No 3 in the world rankings, and has yet to score a Grand Slam victory. Following the Italian Open, Martinez said she will go directly to France to practice for the French Open, the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay. After a first-round bye, Martinez quickly ousted

Andrea Temesvari, a qualifier from Hungary, and then Patricia Tarabini of Argentina before stopping Tauziat. Only one other seeded player has reached the semifinals: Navratilova, who has said she will retire from singles play after this year. Navratilova eliminated No 7 Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-2, 7-5, in Friday's quarterfinals. In the quarterfinals, Habudova snuffed out Italian hopes by beating Adriana Serra-Zannetti 6-3, 6-2, in a match pitting two qualifiers, while Spirlea eliminated ninth-seeded Judith Wiesner of Austria 6-0, 4-6, 6-3. Spirlea turned in the tournament's major upset when she toppled Gabriela Sabatini in the second round.

Meeting of master milers

OXFORD, England, May 7: Sir Roger Bannister, the first man to run a sub-four minute mile, returned to the scene of his triumph 40 years on Thursday, reports AFP. And, joined by a pilgrimage of master milers at the Ilfley Road track here, he predicted the three minutes 40 second barrier would be broken in his lifetime. Sir Roger was joined by Australian John Landy and Herb Elliott, and from New Zealand Peter Snell and John Walker. There was American Jim Ryun, Tanzania's Filbert Bayi, Frenchman Michel Jazy, Sweden's Arne Andersson, Britain's Derek Ibbotson and Steve Cram and the present world record holder, Algerian Noureddine Morceli.

Gazing out at the track where he made history on May 6 1954, Sir Roger recalled: "In my mind I knew that I would go for it that day." "But I didn't tell the press. I didn't want anyone to know it was happening in case the attempt had to be called off at the last minute because of the weather. It had rained throughout the day and it was only half an hour beforehand that we decided it was on. I was just fortunate that I was able to be in the right place at the right time. The record had to be broken, but I needed to get on with it before John Landy arrived in better conditions for his attempt in Finland." Bannister's attempt was given the go-ahead after the flag of St George on the local church tower went limp, showing that the wind had

dropped, and he hit the tape in three minutes 59.04 seconds. He was spot on about Landy. Six weeks later, the Australian ran three minutes 58 in Finland, but still admits: "I guess I was the guy who came second." The setting has changed much, with a synthetic track in place of the old cinders surface and a smart stand on the site of the old mock Tudor building. Cram said: "I've met most of them at one time or another but this is tremendous having everyone here together." Celebrations end back at Ilfley Road on Saturday in an over 40s handicap mile which includes Ryun, Snell, Bayi and 65-year-old Chris Brasher, who helped pace Bannister, went on to found the London Marathon and still keeps himself in shape.

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American Kevin Schwantz steers his Suzuki around a bend on the Jerez racing circuit during a practice session on Friday for the Spanish motorcycle Grand Prix.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 "Grapes of Wrath" surname, 5 Old auto, 8 Soccer need, 12 Mayberry kid, 13 Height for Heidi, 14 "It's a Sin to Tell...", 15 Private house?, 17 Ms. Barrett, 18 Stallone, to pals, 19 Spelldown, 20 State-ment of religious belief, 21 Founda-tion, 22 Couronne wearer, 23 Morocco's capital, 26 Dishonest attorney, 30 Finished, 31 Comment from the nursery, 32 Frat-party outfit, 33 Thermometer. DOWN: 35 Brink, 36 "— Get By" (old song), 37 That girl need, 38 Bird herd, 41 Doc's due, 42 One of the Caesars, 45 Director Wertmuller, 46 It gets in your hair, 48 Second-hand, 49 Wall St. wheeler-dealer, 50 Continue to be, in Toulon, 52 Undeni-ably, 53 Nashville. SOLUTION time: 27 mins. CAP JON CALF, UTAH ALE AGIO, BORE BAH ROSE, SPELL FREE, POP UGLILLY, SWELTER GENIE, LIME GAY STOW, IRISH POISSONS, PERSON URN, NEAR KEVIN, JOKE TED SIDE, ISIS ANO SALE, GUNS LOW LED.