

BTV to cover SAARC cricket

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Television will telecast the matches of the second SAARC cricket championship live. The four-nation tournament begins December 22 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka have already announced their teams and the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), organisers of this invitational meet, is expected to name the host squad today.

Apart from Bangladesh, who will be fielding the national selection, the three participating countries will send second string sides to the limited overs tourney.

Dhaka Collegiate School back in Nirman cricket

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has withdrawn the suspension on Dhaka Collegiate School from the Nirman School cricket tournament, a BCCB press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The school was suspended from the tournament for violating the tournament rules in the 1992-93 season.

Blewett upsets NSW's applecarr

ADELAIDE, Dec 18: Part-time medium-pace Greg Blewett humbled reigning champions New South Wales to put South Australia well in command on the second day of their Sheffield Shield match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Blewett dismissed Test stars Steve Waugh, Mark Taylor and Michael Bevan, as well as youngster Shane Lee, as NSW struggled to 193 for six in reply to South Australia's first innings total of 428 at the Adelaide Oval.

Mark Waugh was unbeaten on 16 and represented their best hope for reaching the 279 required to avoid the humiliation of being forced to follow-on.

Lankans stay in contention



EAST LONDON, South Africa, Dec 18: Sri Lanka overcame a century by Ken Rutherford to defeat New Zealand on Sunday and keep alive their chances to reach the finals of the Mandela Trophy quadrangular limited-overs cricket series, reports AP.

Pakistan already have clinched a berth in the best-of-three final to be played in January. The other finalist will be decided Wednesday, when Sri Lanka play South Africa.

Sri Lanka must win to overcome Pakistan.

Tasmania add to Zimbabwe's woe

DEVONPORT, Australia, Dec 18: Rod Tucker and Shaun Young shared a lively unbeaten sixth-wicket partnership of 135 runs in 103 minutes Sunday as Tasmania moved into a strong position on the first day of their three-day cricket match against Zimbabwe, reports AP.

Zimbabwe won the toss and elected to bowl and Tasmania declared an hour before the close of play at 257-5.

Tucker finished on 78 not out with Young unbeaten on 41. In reply, Zimbabwe were 30 without loss at stumps with Grant Flower on 11 and Mark Dekker on nine.

Opener Dene Hills earlier compiled a solid half-century for Tasmania, while Zimbabwe pacemen David Brain and Heath Streak took two wickets apiece.

Tucker and Young lifted the Australian state team after Tasmania were struggling at 122-5 midway through the second session following a post-lunch crash that saw four wickets fall for the addition of 37 runs in 16 overs.

Tucker pushed his first class average for the season to a respectable 61.4, making his 78 off nine balls with 10 fours.

Scores: Tasmania 257-5 declared (Rod Tucker 78 not out, Dene Hills 50). Zimbabwe 30-0.

take South Africa for second place, while a victory or no decision would put South Africa in the final.

New Zealand, who have failed to win a match so far, complete their tournament Monday with a match against Pakistan.

Rutherford scored an unbeaten 102 to help New Zealand reach 255 in their 50 overs on Sunday. But Sri Lanka needed just one ball into the



RUTHERFORD... m-o-m 48th over to overtake that score, with Hashan Tillekera at 68 and Sanath Jayasuriya

at 52 leading the way.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Mandela Trophy 50-overs-a-side cricket match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka at Buffalo Park on Sunday.

NEW ZEALAND:
B Young c Tillekera 24
b Wickremasinghe 32
A Parore c Tillekera 67
b Pushpakumara 102
K Rutherford not out 102
S Fleming c Wickremasinghe 5
S Thomson not out 11
Extras: (lb-11, w-3) 14
Total: (For four wickets, 50 overs) 255
Fall of wickets: 1-63; 2-63; 3-199; 4-220.
Did not bat: C Harris, M Sura, D Nash, M Priest, C Pringle.

Bowling:
Pushpakumara 10 1 50 1
Vaas 10 1 33 1
Wickremasinghe 9 1 42 1
Kalpage 7 1 42 1
Muralidharan 9 1 50 0
Jayasuriya 5 0 27 0

SRI LANKA:
R Mahanama c Fleming 1
b Nash 52
S Jayasuriya c Parore 47
b Pringle 47
A Gurusinha c and b Thomson 4
A de Silva c Hartland 4
b Harris 32
A Ranatunga c Parore 32
b Nash 32
H Tillekera not out 68
R Kalpage not out 43
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-3) 10
Total: (for five wickets, 47.1 overs) 257
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-102; 3-110; 4-110; 5-166.
Did not bat: R Pushpakumara, C Vaas, P Wickremasinghe, M Muralidharan.

Bowling:
Pringle 8 1 73 1
Nash 10 0 52 2
Sura 3.1 0 23 0
Thomson 10 1 37 1
Harris 10 0 40 1
Priest 6 0 25 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by five wickets.

Batsmen reign in Div II cricket

Sports Reporter
Batsmen reigned in the Acme Second Division cricket league matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, three 50-plus innings from Arif, Feroze and Adil combined with Shipon's five-wicket haul enabled Azad Sporting Club register a convincing 56-run win over Lalbagh Anwar.

Arif and Feroze put on 160 runs for the first wicket and Adil produced a stormy knock as Azad, electing to bat first, raced to an imposing total of 232 for the loss of two wickets in the regulation 40 overs.

Arif top-scored with an 111-ball 83 and Feroze made 63 off 88 balls but the day certainly belonged to Adil who simply savaged Lalbagh bowling in his swashbuckling 30-ball 53, punctuated by four fours and two sixes.

Facing a target of nearly six runs an over for a win, Lalbagh never got going and Shipon made it even more difficult with his naggingly accurate spell of eight overs.

Shipon conceded 28 runs for his five scalps as Lalbagh folded their innings on 176 in 38 overs.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, ASM Khaled scored a patient 54 to pave the path for Bangladesh Boys' 23-run victory over DOHS.

Khaled shared a 79-run stand with Mustakim for the fourth wicket as Boys, opting to bat first, made an impressive 190 in the stipulated 40 overs. Mustakim hit 36.

In reply, DOHS could muster 167 in 35.4 overs with JF Talukder notching up the highest individual score of 44. Intiaz Ferdous followed him with a breezy 39-ball 32.

Shahidur Rahman and Mashur Rahman made early inroads into the DOHS innings with the new ball and finished with four and three wickets respectively.

A few blocks away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Young Pegasus B also rattled 190 runs for nine in their 40-over quota and then restricted Rayerbazar to 146 for nine for a facile 44-run triumph.

Ashrafuddin laid the bulk-work of Pegasus innings with a sedate 58, followed by K Ahmed's 32.

Mahindra World Super Series crown Eyles

BOMBAY, Dec 18: World number four Rodney Eyles of Australia won the Mahindra World Super Series squash tournament on Saturday by crushing England's Peter Marshall in a one-sided final, reports Reuter.

Eyles, the third seed, used his power to outplay world number two Marshall in every sphere and win 15-8, 15-13, 15-7 in 49 minutes.

The Australian's immaculate drop shots and cross-court corners had second-seeded Marshall struggling from the start.

Marshall, who plays double-handed, put in stronger effort in the second game by moving to the front court and surprising his rival with some lightning backhands.

Eyles also made a number of errors but still managed to draw level at 13-13 and then executed a remarkable backhand cross-court corner-shot before sealing the game for a 2-0 lead.

Gatien clinches World Cup



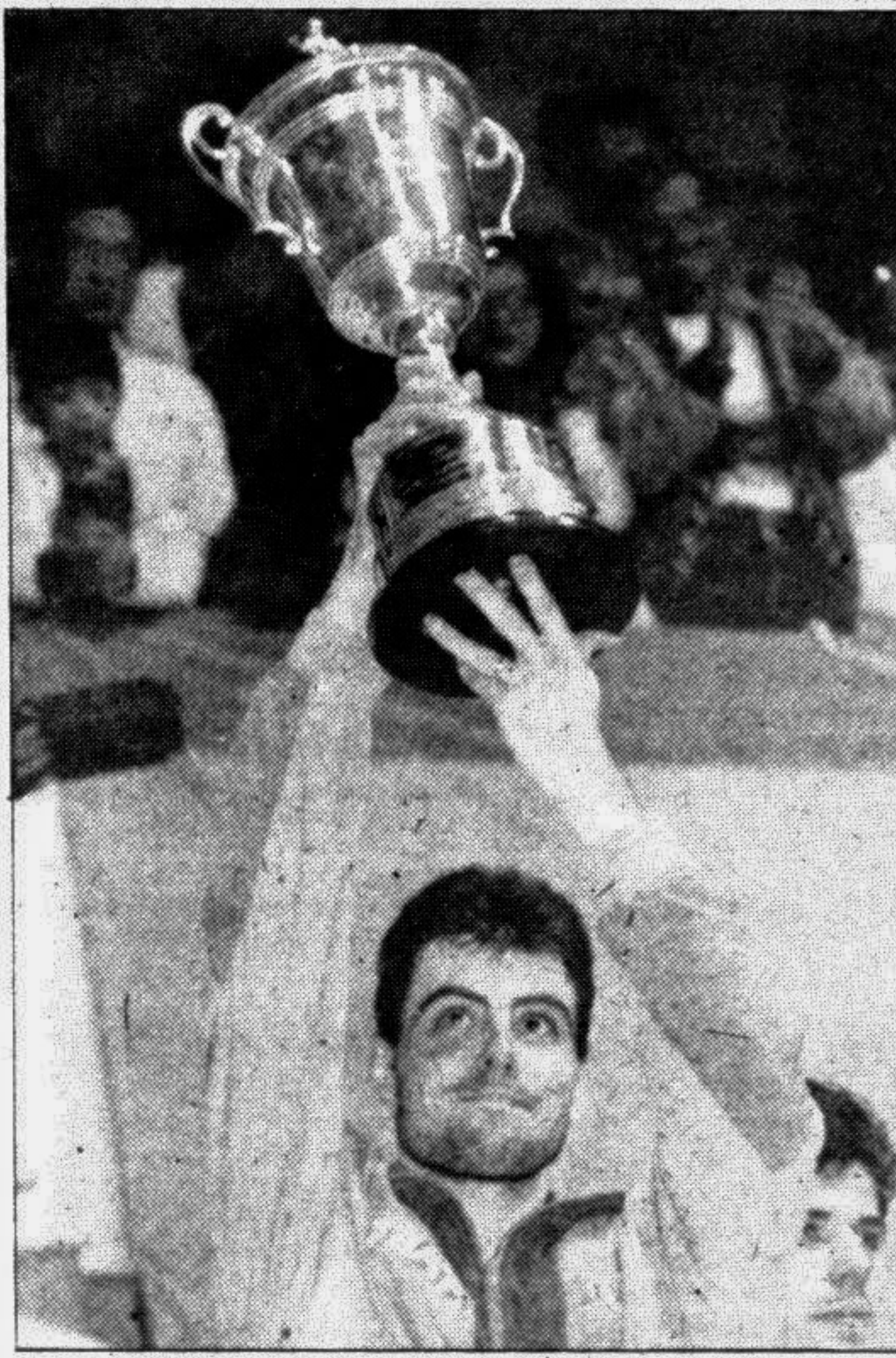
TAIPEI, Dec 18: A determined Jean-Philippe Gatien of France wore out the patience of Belgian rival Jean-Michel Saive, ranked number one in the world, to capture the 1994 World Cup Championship in Taipei Sunday, reports AFP.

The 1993 world champion, ranked seventh in the world, hit

hard and played fast with his world-renowned forehand drives, battling back after losing the first two sets to defeat Saive by 17-21, 16-21, 21-18, 26-24 and 21-19.

Saive played less confidently after slipping on the floor, apparently stretching his leg muscle, he returned after a brief massage by his assistant coach.

In the decisive fifth set, Saive



Jean-Philippe Gatien of France holds aloft the trophy after winning the 1994 World Cup table tennis title in Taipei yesterday. Gatien downed Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive 17-21, 15-21, 21-18, 26-24, 21-19.

lost his patience, making several mistakes in the last five points.

"It's a nice performance, especially after a long time I haven't won any titles," said Gatien who failed to win a major title this year.

He did not think his victory had anything to do with technique. "Not technical point, merely my head and concentration that count," he said.

The victory carried a 32,000 US dollar cash prize.

Wang Dayung, Saive's Chinese coach, said Gatien's patience and concentration were the difference in the match. "Gatien's forehand drive is almost invincible in the world," he added.

Primorac defeated Waldner, the 1992 Olympic champion and 1994 European Championship runner-up, 14-21, 21-18, 21-9 and 21-14.

Earlier Reuter says, world number one Jean-Michel Saive beat an injured Zoran Primorac on Saturday to claim a place in the final against Jean-Philippe Gatien.

Belgian Saive overcame his Brussels clubmate 18-21, 21-19, 21-12, 21-18 after Primorac smashed his hand against the table in the second game, causing bleeding and bruising from two fingers and a thumb.

"It was bleeding all the time I lost about 30 to 40 per cent of my concentration," Croatia's Primorac said of his injury, suffered as he attempted a top-spin forehand from below the table.

World champion Gatien finally vanquished world number two Jan Ove Waldner of Sweden 21-19, 17-21, 13-21, 21-10, 21-12 in the other semifinal.

Waldner's concentration looked to be waning in the last two games. He rolled his eyes and stamped his feet as he lost successive points.

The Frenchman said: "I knew I would win in the middle of the last game. I saw his face. He looked pretty depressed."

Spain tear Belgium apart



BRUSSELS, Dec 18: Spain bounced back after conceding an early goal and trounced Belgium 4-1 to maintain their 100 per cent record and race clear at the top of Group Two in the European Championship qualifying series on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Spain have 12 points after four wins in four matches and are seven points ahead of second-placed Macedonia and eight ahead of Denmark, Cyprus and Belgium.

It was a severe setback for Belgium, who performed impressively in the early matches of this year's World Cup finals but have jeopardised their chances of reaching the European Championship finals in England in 1996.

Belgium made a perfect start when Marc Degryse netted after six minutes but the visitors were undaunted by the early reverse and levelled in the 29th minute with a close-range strike from Fernando Hierro which flashed past Belgium goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme.

Brazilian-born Donato Gama da Silva beat Preud'homme from the penalty spot in the 56th minute after Philippe Albert of English Premier League Newcastle felled Julien Guerrero in a goalmouth scramble.

Veteran striker Julio Salinas made it 3-1 12 minutes later, calmly slotting home an Alberto Belsue cross from the right, and Luis Enrique Martinez made it 4-1 a minute from the end after a fine run in midfield.

Preud'homme saved Belgium even greater embarrassment with several spectacular saves in the second half as the

Nantes surge ahead

PARIS, Dec 18: French league leaders Nantes extended their unbeaten run to 22 matches by winning 2-0 at Caen on Saturday to stay two points clear of champions Paris St Germain, reports Reuter.

The ambitious Paris club, recovering after a tentative start to the season, beat Strasbourg 1-0 with David Ginola scoring from the penalty spot after 35 minutes.

The league now takes a break until January 7. Four days later youthful Nantes and experienced PSG clash at the Parc Des Princes in the capital.

Nantes took the lead at Caen in the 24th minute thanks to Chadian striker Japhet N'Doram. Caen defender Emmanuel Rival put the issue beyond doubt by scoring an own goal under pressure.

Belgian defence gradually disintegrated.

Belgian hopes of a goal rush after Degryse's early strike, set up by Belgium's new hope Gilles de Bilde after a dazzling run into the box, never materialised.

Instead the visitors moved up a gear and Preud'homme was forced to dive at full stretch to punch clear an Enrique Martinez effort in the 25th minute before Hierro found the net four minutes later.

De Bilde came close for Belgium in the 41st minute but the ball rolled narrowly wide with Spain's goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta already beaten.

Spain set up a string of attacks in the last half hour with quick combinations in midfield followed by high passes which ripped open the Belgian defence.

Turkish referee Ahmed Cakar booked Preud'homme and Albert and Spain's Salvador Gonzalez, Rafael Alkorta and Abelardo Fernandez.

Preud'homme was lucky not to be sent off for felling Enrique Martinez outside the area.

The comprehensive defeat looked sure to increase pressure on Belgian coach Paul van Himst, who has been particularly under fire since Belgium were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Macedonia last month.

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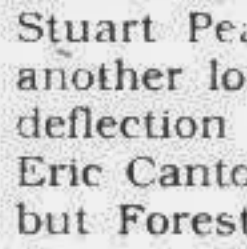
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Forest dent M United pride



LONDON, Dec 18: Nottingham Forest striker Stuart Pearce rammed home another long-range shot via a deflection in the second half, Eric Cantona pulled one back but Forest clung on through desperate defence to win 2-1.

League leaders Blackburn failed to take full advantage of United's defeat, held to a goalless draw away to second from bottom Leicester.

It left Blackburn on 43 points after 19 matches, two ahead of United with early season leaders Newcastle five points adrift of the leaders after another goalless draw at Coventry.

Collymore, reportedly a transfer target for United manager Alex Ferguson, prised open the Manchester defence 35 minutes into the match with a left-footed drive from outside the penalty area that rocketed into the top left-hand corner of the net.

It was the first Premier league goal conceded by United at Old Trafford in 12 games and 1,135 minutes of play since Graeme Sharp scored for Oldham on April 4.

Collymore almost scored again in the second half when he was put clear on the right but his shot hit the outside of the near post.

But Forest were not to be denied. A corner in the 62nd minute was only partially cleared and the ball fell to Pearce. His shot from outside the area took a wicked deflection off a defender and Gary Walsh in the United goal had no chance as it flew into the corner of the net.

United never found their rhythm but they fought back desperately — at times too desperately.

The undercurrent of violence finally boiled over in the 67th minute when three players were booked. United midfielder Paul Ince was incensed when brought down by a scything tackle by Bryan Roy who was immediately shown the yellow card.

But the incident angered players on both sides and United winger Ryan Giggs and Forest fullback Des Lytle squared up to each other, leaving the referee no alternative but to book them both.

Little had been seen of Giggs, returning after injury, in the first half but it was his corner kick which put United back into the game. Cantona met the ball perfectly at the near post to head it out of the reach of Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley.

United battled feverishly for the equaliser but desperate defending, including a goaline clearance by Steve Stone, kept them at bay and saw the last 100 per cent home record in English football fall.

Leicester manager Mark McGhee's reign at Filbert Street started with his new team's first clean sheet in the Premier league as they held visiting Blackburn to a draw.

It was a brave defensive display by Leicester, with new captain Colin Hill and recalled Jimmy Wilks playing inspired

football at the heart of their defence, cancelling out the deadly striking partnership of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton.

With only 13 points from 18 matches, Leicester's chances hardly looked bright after goalkeeper Kevin Poole was forced into a sharp save from Sutton in the opening minute.

A diving header by Sutton forced Poole into a save at full stretch a few minutes later.

Stuart Ripley should have scored for Blackburn after 20 minutes when he exchanged a neat one-two with Mark Atkins, took the ball around Poole but sliced his shot wide.

England striker Shearer blasted the ball over the Leicester bar in the 30th minute and then Poole saved well from Shearer's England colleague Graeme Le Saux.

But somehow Leicester clung on, even denying Blackburn in a frantic final 15 minutes and in the end deserved a point for their courage.

Leeds' South African striker Phil Masinga fired a double to ruin Arsenal's hopes of providing a boost for under-fire manager George Graham, accused earlier in the week of accepting money illegally in a transfer deal.

The visitors ended 3-1 winners and Arsenal were jeered off the pitch by their own fans.

Masinga, who had scored only once since joining Leeds at the start of the season, burst through on to a Gary Speed pass to put them ahead in the 24th minute.

Leeds impressively soaked up pressure to frustrate the home side who were reduced to sending on centre-half Andy Linighan as a substitute striker.

Linighan headed home a Lee Dixon cross in the 85th minute but by then Leeds were two goals ahead thanks to Masinga.

Minutes earlier the powerful South African had picked his way through the ruins of the home defence, mis-kicked and then seen the ball roll in off his shin from Nigel Winterburn's attempted clearance.

Two minutes from the end Brian Deane completed Arsenal's miserable day by slotting in a far post cross.

Tony Cottee grabbed his first hat-trick for West Ham for almost eight years as they beat Manchester City 3-0 and moved clear of the relegation zone.

Orient Bread kabaddi

Imarat Nirman Samik Union edged past Azad Sporting Club 19-17 in a quarter-final match of the Orient Bread kabaddi league at the kabaddi court yesterday, reports UNB.

Imarat will face Sonali Bank Club in the second semifinal today. Sonali Bank entered the last four outplaying Bangladesh Bank 28-12.

Holders Mirpur Jubo Sangha will take on Baragoli Samaj Kalyan Samity in the first semifinal.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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48 Crazy bird
49 Unfinished furniture?
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51 Troubadour's instrument
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AUGUR LEE TLE
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: FIRST FARMER: "I'LL FIND A SOAPY WAY TO CLEAN PIGS." SECOND FARMER: "HOGWASH."

Today's Cryptquip clue: E equals M

The Cryptquip 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.