



Acme Laboratories' wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot tries to cut a ball during the Office cricket league semifinal against Regen Sea Line Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Regen Sea Line won by two wickets. — Star photo

Mohammedan Blues in Ispahani youth cricket final

CHITTAGONG, May 31: Mohammedan Blues moved into final of the CJKP Ispahani youth cricket tournament beating Shaheed Shajahan Sangha (junior) by five wickets at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

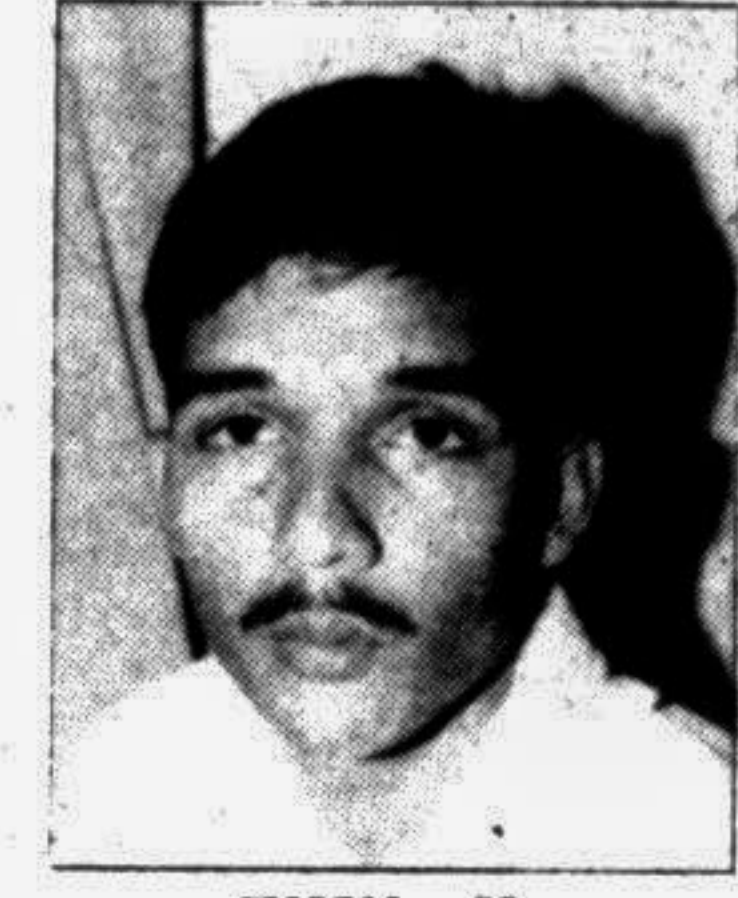
West Indies 468 for seven

LEICESTER, England, May 31: West Indies declared at 468 for seven wickets on the second day of their three-day match against Leicestershire on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Regen Sea ride on Sujon

Powered by an electrifying unbeaten 99 from Khaled Masud, Regen Sea Line moved into the Cup final of the Office cricket league with a sensational two-wicket win over last year's champions Acme Laboratories in the second semi-final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In his hurricane 68-ball knock Sujon virtually set the field afire toying with each and every Acme bowler on a placid wicket.



SUJON... 99 was out to prove that the cricket is a game of glorious uncertainty, almost single-handedly guided his side to an improbable victory with his resourceful batting.

In front of a big crowd on a hot summer noon, the ever energetic middle-order batsman overshadowed yet another brilliant performance of former national captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who scored a sparkling 91 off 97 balls in Acme's commanding but not a safe total of 228 for five in the stipulated 45 overs.



Leicester's Darren Maddy celebrates capturing the prized wicket of West Indian opener Carl Hooper (29) during the opening day's play of the three day match in Leicester on Tuesday. — AFP/UNB photo

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, Acme piled up a huge 228 for five in the allotted 40-over with Nannu hammering a magnificent unbeaten 91.

The national middle-order batsman clubbed eight four and two sixes in his 97-ball undefeated knock.

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Nannu's elder brother, Nurul Abedin Nobel and Al Shahriar Rokan with 22 each were the other notable run-getter for the last year's champions.

For Regen Sea Lines Shanto and Rubel evenly shared four wickets among them.

With Regen Sea needing three runs from the last six balls with two wickets in hand, Sujon hit the first delivery of Minhazul Abedin Nannu for his eleventh fourth and a creditable victory for his side.

In his pyrotechnic unbeaten innings Sujon also hammered four towering sixer.

The agile fielder and a very useful right-arm seamer, had earlier hold a brilliant running catch of Acme wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot off national new-ball bowler Hasibul Hossain Shanto.

Sujon apart Aminul Islam Bulbul with 25 and left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique, who scored a priceless 27, were the other successful willow-wielder for the winners.

Among the Acme bowlers left-arm spinner Shorufud-dowlah Ibne Shaheed Saikat proved to be the most successful with three for 32 in his eight-over spell while new-ball bowler Sajal Chowdhury took two for 31 in his eight overs.

Off-spinner Naimur Rahman Durjoy and Al Shahriar Rokan conceded 26 and 32 runs respectively in their expensive overs while skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu gave 13 runs in one over.

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The winners will now take on Partex Group in the final at the same venue on June 6.

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Rezaul, Arman jointly lead

Rezaul Huq of Bangladesh Biman and Arman of Kishoreganj with six points each were jointly leading the qualifying round of the 21st national chess championship on completion of the seventh round at the chess room of the NSC yesterday.

In this round, Rezaul and Arman drew with Abdullah al Rakib and Ziaul Kader Tuhin respectively.

Meanwhile, Rakib and Tuhin along with four others were trailing, the table leaders collecting five and a half point each.

CHITTAGONG, May 31: Shaheed Shajahan Sangha beat Garia Ekadosh by four wickets in the Dettol soap metropolitan cricket league at the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports BSS.

Charia Ekadosh battled first and scored 149 for nine in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Shaheed Shajahan Sangha made 150 for six in 34.2 overs.

Lancashire and Kent progressed to the last four and Somerset are clear favourites to join them in a rain-affected match which continues today.

Yorkshire were soon in desperate trouble on their own Headingley pitch, losing their first four wickets for 10 runs in eight overs.

England Test batsman Graeme Hick (27) and Australian Tom Moody (32) saw last year's beaten finalists Worcestershire home with 32 runs to spare.

Graham Lloyd, the 25-year-old son of former England player David Lloyd, hit an unbeaten 72 from 68 balls to steer favourites Lancashire to a comfortable six-wicket victory over Nottinghamshire at Old Trafford.

Lancashire had restricted the visitors to 201-8 in their 55 overs.

An opening stand of 132 between skipper Mark Benson (56) and Trevor Ward (64) was the cornerstone of Kent's 26-run victory over Middlesex at Canterbury.

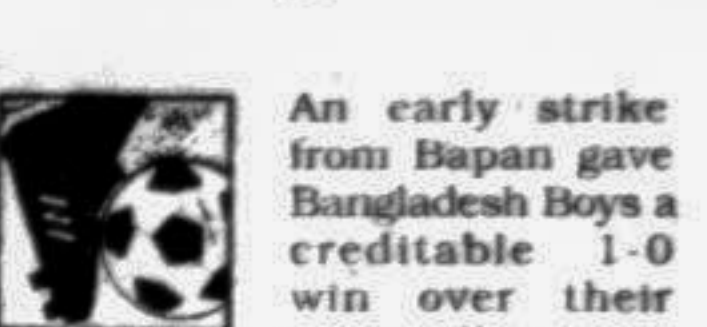
Kent finally reached 250-9, with England pace bowler Angus Fraser taking 4-49.

Jason Pooley (47) and England's Mark Ramprakash (34) gave Middlesex hope but they were always fighting the clock.

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Beximco 13th Federation Cup Boys baffle Arambagh



An early strike from Bapan gave Bangladesh Boys a creditable 1-0 win over their more illustrious opponents Arambagh Club in the lone first phase engagement of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The defeat came as a shock for Arambagh, a Premier Division outfit, who made a premature exit from the tournament losing to a First Division team.

The victory for Bangladesh Boys was well deserved because after they took the lead through Bapan in the 6th minute they maintained a cool head in keeping a wave of Arambagh sorties at bay during the remaining part of the match.

However, Arambagh got a golden chance of neutralising the margin when the referee awarded a penalty in the 29th minute after Boys' defender Jahangir handled the ball in the forbidden zone. But Rosy, who joined Arambagh from

Mohammedan Sporting Club this year, spoiled the 12-yarder shooting straight at the Boys' custodian Selim.

After surviving the close call, Bangladesh Boys defenders never allowed Arambagh to pose any threat with a stubborn display.

With this win, Bangladesh Boys moved into the final from Group D. They will meet Wari Club on June 3 to decide who will join in the eight-team final round.

They defeated Air Defence Artillery 3-2 in the tie-breaker after an exciting final match.

The game was finished goalless during the scheduled and extra time periods.

I think the football over there would suit me better," said the 27-year-old, who shone in the 1994 World Cup in which Sweden finished third.



Action from the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match between Bangladesh Boys and Arambagh Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Boys beat Arambagh 1-0. — Star photo

Baggio in sticky situation



MILAN, May 31 (AP): He is one of the most popular and highest-paid Italian players.

Yet Roberto Baggio's contract has ended, and he may face a difficult transfer negotiation next month unless he accepts a cut in the multimillion-dollar salary he receives to play for Juventus.

The Agnelli auto tycoons, who own the Turin team, are committed to cutting costs for the 1995-96 soccer season, including halving Baggio's yearly fee of nearly four billion lira (2.5 million dollars) — plus bonuses and fringe benefits.

Baggio, whose contract with Juve expires June 30 is reluctant to leave the team he helped win the Italian league title, particularly because the team will play in the Champions Cup next season.

Baggio, voted the best European player for 1993 after his decisive goals and moves with Juve in the UEFA Cup, has never played in the Champions' Cup in his 10 years as a pro.

But he does not want a cut

in pay, may take another offer.

Roma and Internazionale have expressed interest in Baggio, whose transfer fee under current Italian rules would reach as high as 21 billion lira (13 million dollars). The amount is almost prohibitive

clubs in the newly founded but rich Japanese League can offer Baggio up to 8 million dollars for a two-year contract, the newspaper reported. But a transfer to Japan would dim Baggio's popularity in Europe and jeopardise his future with the Italian national team.

Baggio is to be Italy's key player in the next European Championships.

His goals were decisive in Italy's qualification for the World Cup final against Brazil in 1994.

Real Madrid, who won the Spanish title, can offer Baggio a lower contract than the Japanese but a European stage in the next Champions' League.

Baggio said he will talk of his future — and of a possible transfer — after the June 11 Italian Cup final against Parma.

The Turin club has reasons other than money for letting Baggio go.

The 28-year-old forward is injury-prone and was sidelined by a knee problem for three months this season. In addition, the young and talented Alessandro Del Piero proved himself when he filled in for the injured star.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Rangpur Zone

Tender Notice

No EE/FD/RZ/94-95(29) Dt: 22-5-95

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from A-1 & A-2 class contractors of Facilities Department for construction of academic buildings at selected Private Dakhil Madrasas under the following project.

Name of project: Secondary Educational Institutions Development & Rehabilitation (Govt & Private) Project (GOB-M)

Group No	Name of District	Name of Thana	Name of Educational Institution	Project Enlistment Description
01	Gaibandha	Sundarganj	Ramjiban Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-M
02	Gaibandha	Sadullapur	Chak Shalapur Dakhil Madrasa	GOB-M

- Last date of purchasing tender document: 5-6-95 (up to office hours).
- Date & time of receiving tender document: 6-6-95 (up to 1-00 pm).
- Date & time of opening tender: 6-6-95 (at 1-30 PM).
- Offices where tender documents will be available & received: Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Bogra & Dinajpur Zone Offices and all Executive Engineer's Offices under Rangpur Zone.
- Estimated cost: Taka 7,31,669/-
- Earnest money for each group: Taka 16,000 (sixteen thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rangpur must be submitted. Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
- Price of tender document per set: 03 (three) months.
- Prescribed time limit for completion of work: 03 (three) months.
- At the time of purchasing tender document, contractors shall have to produce the Registration Book regarding their enlistment & original copy of VAT registration.
- Such contractors as have failed to complete till date construction work against this Department work order in spite of expiry of the prescribed time limit (without reasonable ground), cannot participate in this tender.
- Those who have not deposited 'renewal fee' for 1994-95 financial year, cannot purchase the tender document.
- Contractor himself or by his authorised representative (his sample signature attested by the respective contractor) can purchase the tender document through written application in contractor's pad, subject to production of Registration Book.
- Tender quoting rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, will be treated as cancelled outright.
- VAT will be deducted as per usual Govt rules.
- Other terms & conditions are given in the tender document.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Somerset in B&H Cup semis

LONDON, May 31: Somerset moved comfortably towards a semifinal meeting with Kent after defeating Gloucestershire in their rain-delayed Benson and Hedges Cup match at Bristol on Wednesday morning, reports AFP.

Needing just 114 to beat neighbours Gloucestershire, they took only 40 minutes and 10 overs to complete a six-wicket victory.

Somerset built steadily on an overnight total of 63 for two through Marcus Trescothick and Richard Harden.

The home side badly needed helpful bowling conditions after yesterday's dismal batting performance. But a bright, sunny morning made Somerset's task look even more comfortable.

Opener Trescothick, beaten countless times outside off-stump on Tuesday, soon drove seamer Mike Smith through the covers and then picked up a couple of fours off spinner Martyn Ball.

Having reached 52, however, Trescothick's luck finally ran out with Smith winning an LBW decision. By then, though, only 17 more runs were needed.

Harden (30 no) steered Smith past point to leave only two runs required and Simon Ecclestone completed the job by driving Srinath through the covers.

Somerset, winners with nearly 20 overs to spare, will now travel to Canterbury to face Kent in the semifinals on June 13.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Fail to reach
- Foundation
- Rotating parts
- Funny story
- Not give — (be uncaring)
- Country-wide
- The latest fashion
- Inseparable
- Short-long, short-long, in poetry
- Barber a bush
- Look lecherously
- Pitch
- Victim of 'hanky'-panky
- 'Hail, Caesar!'
- Helps a hood
- 'I' strain?
- They couldn't be further from the point
- Token,

DOWN

- Sch. org.
- Chap
- One — million
- Prepared
- Offspring
- Tibia, e.g.
- Greek H
- Thrills
- California art city
- Spirited steed
- Amah's night visitors
- Some houses are built on it
- Finished
- Pub potatoes
- 20 Sch. org.
- 21 Pergrinate
- 22 Addict
- 23 Alamo-gordo's county
- 25 Submissive
- 26 Watergate woe
- 27 Fairy-tale villain
- 29 One side of the Urals
- 31 "— the fields we go"
- 33 Makes a suit suit
- 34 Made
- 36 Supermarket-shelf lineup
- 37 Academic
- 38 Mrs. Lindbergh
- 39 Summer-time desserts
- 40 U2's lead singer
- 43 Sans delay
- 44 Lennon's lady
- 45 Harbor abbr.
- 46 Observe

Solution time: 25 min.

F	A	R	O	G	A	M	E	A	S	K
A	S	O	F	A	R	A	M	W	I	N
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K	A	L	E	O	A	R	F	L	O	W
S	O	F	T	I	E	S	H	E	L	L
A	V	A	I	L	E	E	Q	U	I	P
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T	O	Y	S	V	I	N	N	O	D	S
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B	R	A	O	N	C	E	L	I	E	N
E	A	R	B	E	A	D	Y	O	R	K

CRYPTOQUIP

ML HRWSJ HMZGH, LSLW
MEH MT HWL OEOOSWG
TZFMJ KWZYR KJWGJFWG.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE HOLIEST OF ALL THE FOREST ANIMALS ARE THE PLUCKY CHIPMONKS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals R
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.