



Abahani's Aslam (left) found the Agrani Bank opposition unbeatable during one of the many sorties in yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier football league match at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

### Rahmatganj, Fakirerpool split points

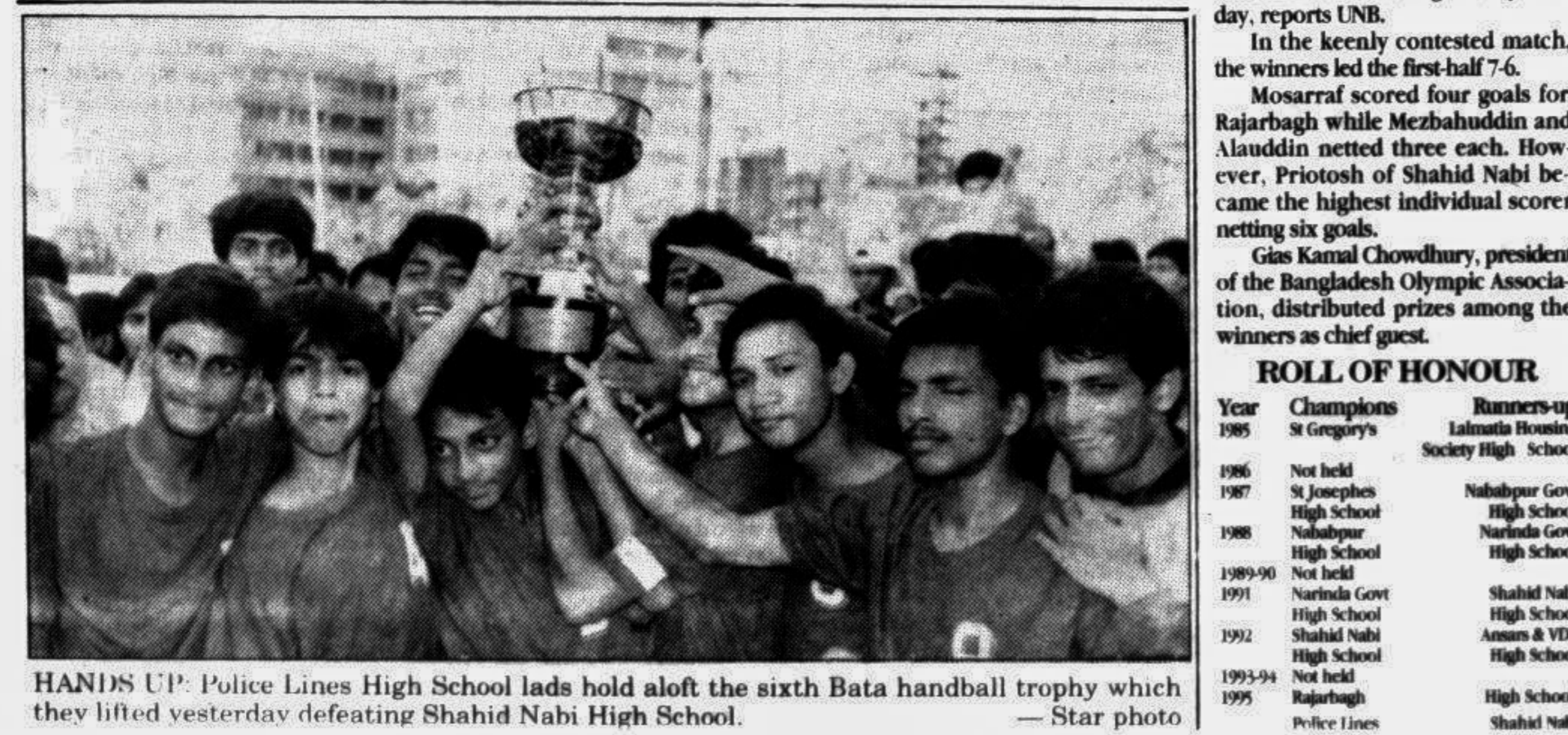
**Sports Reporter**  
Rahmatganj MFS and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool produced a 1-1 draw in their match of the Lifebuoy Premier football league at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday.  
Rahmatganj played better in the first half and enjoyed more possession.  
Youngmen's defence was scattered by the flow of attack but they could not sustain the Rahmatganj forwards for too long. Alexander Ninskin attempted with a header in the 20th minute from Shahid's floating rightside cross but hit the cross-piece. Ninskin was lucky the second time around when he nodded to score from the rebound giving chance to Youngmen's custodian Bijon. After the breather, Youngmen's showed up with renewed vigour which resulted in a wave of attacks towards their opponents' defence.  
In the 76th minute, custodian Lahul brought down Youngmen's forward Askar Khan Babu inside the box with a tug of the shirt, that resulted in a penalty. Asif Yusuf equalized from the spot-kick.  
Yellow cards: Badal, Lahul (Rahmatganj), Mantu, Askar Khan Babu, Maksudul Rana Ibrahim, Asif Yusuf (Fakirerpool).  
**TEAMS**  
RAHMATGANJ: Bijon, Gobindo Chandra (Sohel Rana), Sohel Alam, Ibrahim, Monowar Mantu (cap), Tofazzal Apu, Arifur Mamun (Kanchan), Askar Babu, Asif Yusuf, Maksudul Rana, Jalal Uddin.  
YOUNGMEN'S FAKIRERPOOL: Lahul, Biplob Marma, Shahid, Jagul, Atikuzzaman Shakil, Azim (cap), Badal, Jamed, Alexander Ninskin, Ripon, Mamunul Karim (Abul Hasan).

## Abahani bank on penalty

**Sports Reporter**  
The post-match discussion around the stadium following on Friday's Lifebuoy Premier Division encounter was agog with a conflicting barrage of words. While supporters of the league champions Abahani Kira Chakra filed out of the terraces mumbling that they should have won by at least three more goals, those of the opposing camps thought that the penalty by which Abahani won the second match of the evening was never there. These may have been the nuances of yet another game of football at the Dhaka Stadium, but the fact remains that Abahani won by a spot kick conversion from Andrei Vladimir and their stubborn opposition in the form of Agrani Bank survived many a close call.  
With this hard-earned win, as was evident from the hush in the crowd towards the dying minutes, Abahani have this far collected ten points from four matches. Agrani, on the other hand, have a face-saving account with a single point from their drawn match against Brothers Union in their first match of the league.  
The goal draught at the Dhaka Stadium is one of the few dry patches in the country. In 33 matches till last evening, only 24 goals have been scored.  
Abahani dominated the game with early initiatives but the controversial penalty kick left a sour taste. Vladimir found an opening in the bankers' defence in the 39th minute but defender Kala made a desperate bid with a side tackle. Vladimir made the customary roll and the referee pointed to the spot. Abahanes were obviously delighted but the Bankers thought the decision was rather harsh. Vladimir sprang back to verticality almost immediately and was in no pains as he comfortably beat Manu under the Bank bar with a sweetly executed 12-yarder.  
Being the superior team that they were Abahani had the edge over their rivals but once again their players failed to quench the supporters' yearning for a good brand of soccer. Sergei and Vladimir, the two Russians in blues, however found some home understanding and kept the Bank defenders busy.  
Sergei floated a cross in the 15th minute to find Biplob free inside the Bank box and only a few yards from the goal mouth. Biplob unleashed a powerful right-footer only to find Manu's fist between the shot and Abahani jubilation. Manu's clearance was besides saving a goal. Manu's punch was only good enough to create an immediate chance for Shawpon whose little bicycle attempt from the rebounder went a begging.  
Twenty minutes later, Sergei was again instrumental in freeing Vladimir inside the Bank vault and the latter created yet another opportunity for Shawpon with a gem of a pass. If Bankers found Manu's ensuring save from the move worth a mortgage, Shawpon must have blamed only himself for once again targeting Manu's out-stretched hand. The resulting corner was also wasted.  
Abahani began the second half with a bang with Zahangir's left-footer grazing the cross-piece two minutes after resumption. Half way into the half, Sergei once again curved an opportunity for Abahani with a neat cross but Aslam hardly did justice to his efforts with a wasted shot wide off the far post. Aslam made private amends with Sergei in the 75th minute. This time Aslam caught the opposition napping with a magical minus but Sergei failed to deliver the goods.  
Although the Bankers were more organised in the second half, they could actually test the Abahani Keeper only once. In the 62nd minute, Akhter side-volleyed with tremendous power behind the ball but Dhanu gripped it with all firmness.  
Yellow card: Iqbal, Jahangir (Abahani KC), Kala and Rajani (Agrani Bank).  
**TEAMS**  
ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Sohel, Ali Mansur, Partha (Jamal) (Iqbal), Swapan, Sergei, Vladimir, Munna, Biplob (Aslam) and Jahangir.  
AGRANI BANK: Manu, Kala, Rafiq, Rajani, Bachchu, Munna, Sentu, Moim (Nayan), Raj, Tutul (Milon), and Jahangir.

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Lifebuoy Premier Division football league  
Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Arambag KS (4.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)  
Brothers Union vs Farashganj SC (6.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)
- Lifebuoy First Division football league  
PWD SC vs Shantinagar Club (5 pm Mirpur Stadium)
- NBL First Division volleyball league at the court.  
Textile Mills vs Chan Textiles (4 pm)  
Bangladesh Bank vs Azad SC (4 pm)  
Fire Service vs Dilkusha (5.30 pm)  
Sonali Bank vs Madertek Mitani Sangha (5.30 pm)  
East End Boys vs East End Club (7 pm)
- Matthaeus' return delayed  
MUNICH, July 14: Lothar Matthaeus's hopes of making a comeback following a serious Achilles tendon injury have suffered a major setback, reports Reuter.  
Germany's 1990 and 1994 World Cup captain, who missed the second half of last season, has been told he will need a further operation on the injury, his club Bayern Munich said today.



HANDS UP: Police Lines High School lads hold aloft the sixth Bata handball trophy which they lifted yesterday defeating Shahid Nabi High School. — Star photo

### Lotus-Kamal Div II cricket

**Sports Reporter**  
BHB Cricket Club, Pallabi Club and Banani Youth recorded wins in their respective Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league matches held at three separate city venues yesterday.  
BHB Cricket Club scored an emphatic 119-run victory over Rakhtim Sangha at the Jagannath Hall ground.  
Put into bat, BHB Cricket Club rattled up the stipulated total of 194 for eight in the 35 overs.  
Mithu was the leading scorer with 33 followed by Shown who scored 30.  
Moidul of Rakhtim Sangha took three for 35.  
In reply, Rakhtim Sangha were bundled out for a paltry 75 in 26.1 overs. Zahid of BHB had remarkable figures of three for five in 4.1 overs while Roman claimed three for 17.  
At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Pallabi Club registered a comfortable seven-wicket win against Farashganj SC.  
Batting first, Farashganj SC were skittled out for just 83 in 31.1 overs. Sumit captured three for 17.  
Pallabi Club scored the required 84 runs in 21.3 overs losing three wickets. Biblob top-scored with 24 and Sumit contributed 23 for the winners.  
Away at Mirpur, Banani Youth Club defeated Amateur CC by five wickets at the City Club ground.  
Amateur CC lost all their wickets in scoring a modest 108 off 29 overs after being sent in.  
Imran of Amateur was the only notable scorer with a patient 40 in 62 balls.  
Bappi grabbed three wickets for 21 while Sajjad and Anwar took two each.  
Banani Youth reached their victory target of 109 in 31 overs losing five wickets in the process.  
Rajib led the way with a patient 44 in 71 balls for Banani.

### Pioneer football

**Sports Reporter**  
Rainbow AC defeated Azimur Heroes by 5-2 in one of the two matches of the Pioneer Division football league at the RAJUK ground adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.  
Shachin Das and Parvej scored twice each for the victors, while Shaju netted one goal.  
Hasanur Islam and Shahin shared the honours for the losers by scoring one apiece.  
The other match of the day between Lalbag Tarun Sangha and Badshah Smriti Sangsad culminated in a goalless draw.

# Graham pays the price

**LONDON, July 14:** George Graham was banned from football for a year by the Football Association (FA) on Thursday following Wednesday's verdict in his transfer "backhanding" hearing, reports AFP.  
The disgraced former Arsenal manager, found guilty of misconduct after a three-day hearing, had faced the possibility of a lengthy worldwide ban from the game.  
But on Thursday, the three FA commissioners who judged his case revealed that they gave some way to responding to the 50-year-old's plea for leniency.  
"George Graham has been suspended from all football activity until June 30 1996. In addition he is to pay a part of the costs of the case," they said.  
No figure has been put on the financial sanction but, with three top advocates and seven other legal personnel involved in the commission, costs of pursuing the first major figure in the controversy could easily exceed six figures.  
There was no immediate response from Graham, the most successful Arsenal manager since Herbert Chapman in the 1890s, but he said on Thursday he was bitterly disappointed with the verdict.  
He has 14 days to appeal but, after spending thousands of pounds trying in vain to clear his name, he may now seize the chance to resurrect his career the season after next.  
At the heart of the matter were the transfers of Pal Lydersen and John Jensen in 1991 and 1992, with both sold by their clubs through Norwegian agent Rune Hauge for sums considerably less than Arsenal's board of directors agreed to pay.  
The difference was refunded to Interclub Ltd, a Guernsey-based company linked to Hauge, who subsequently made payments to Graham of 140,500 pounds (about 210,000 dollars) in cash to a bank in Dublin and 285,000 by bank transfer to an account in Guernsey.  
The commission heard 18 hours of testimony over the three-day trial before reaching their verdict after three hours deliberation.  
Evidence from Arsenal chairman Peter Hill Wood, chief executive Ken Friar, former officials of Norwegian club IK Start and the FA's own investigations conspired to condemn him.  
The commission accepted that he did not ask for the 425,500 pounds that Hauge — himself under investigation by Norwegian tax authorities — paid him after the transfers, nor did he set up the deals to profit from them.  
But the refused to believe the payments were an unexpected gift and ruled that he must have known they came from the two transfers.  
In effect, he has been branded a receiver rather than a thief but the decision, after five months and a massive legal investment in clearing his name has left him stunned.  
Graham's sentence will serve as a benchmark for future cases after the FA vowed to hunt down anyone illicitly profiting from the transfer of players.  
The Premier League, whose original investigations led to Graham's dismissal by the north London club, are preparing to unveil their second report into shady dealings next month.



GEORGE GRAHAM agent Rune Hauge for sums considerably less than Arsenal's board of directors agreed to pay.

## Japan rejects ROK's remark

**TOKYO, July 14:** Japanese football officials Friday rejected outright controversial suggestions by South Korean politicians to have Japan and South Korea co-host the 2002 World Cup finals, reports AFP.  
The suggestion were made by South Korean politicians, not a bidding committee member or a Football Association official. It is out of the question," an official of the Japanese bidding committee said.  
Japanese bidding committee officials said earlier they were unsure of the intentions behind the Korean remarks on co-hosting.  
"There's no possibility of co-hosting the World Cup. It will never be up for discussion. At least, we on the Japanese side, will never make such an offer," said Shunichiro Okano, vice chairman of the Japan Football Association, quoted in press reports Thursday.  
Okano said that world body FIFA rules stipulated that all the games of the World Cup finals should be played within the country FIFA named to host.  
"It's not easy to revise the rules that FIFA has observed for decades. Besides, there's no time to do so," Okano said.  
He said the host nation for the 2002 World Cup will be decided at a FIFA board of directors meeting early next year.  
Kim Yoon-Hwan, secretary general of South Korea's democratic party, said that during a recent visit to Tokyo that he and former Japanese Premier Noboru Takeshita had agreed to promote the idea.  
Kim quoted Takeshita as saying a joint event would help remove negative feelings between the two nations.  
Korean Prime Minister Lee Hong Koo backed the idea in parliament Wednesday saying, "The two sides should deal with the issue in a way that would help improved bilateral relations."  
But Korean Culture and Sports Minister Choo Don-Shik and the bidding committee have rejected the proposal.  
"Politicians may raise the issue, but our position that South Korea would host the finals along has not changed," said Deputy Culture and Sports Minister Choi Chang-Shin.  
Co-hosting was first proposed by Asian Football Confederation general secretary Peter Velappan in March, but FIFA and the two bid committees are against such an idea.  
South Korea, which has qualified for the last three World Cup finals as well as qualifying in 1954, sees the World Cup as an way of boosting its infrastructure, as with the Seoul Olympics in 1988.  
However, Japan, which pleased FIFA by making such a success of its J-League, is still the favourite.

## Holyfield-Bowe rematch Nov 4

**NEW YORK, July 14:** Evander Holyfield went to bed thinking he had a third fight with Riddick Bowe, only to find out Thursday that Bowe's manager was to announce a match with Tommy Morrison, reports AP.  
By late Thursday afternoon, however, it appeared chances were good that he and Bowe would get together Nov 4 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.  
Madison Square Garden officials had planned to hold a news conference at 3 pm to announce a Bowe-Morrison fight Oct 7 in the Garden.  
At 2:40 pm, the news conference was cancelled.  
"The Bowe-Morrison fight is not on," said Lou Dibello, senior vice president of pay-per-view TVKO. "It looks as if the Bowe-Holyfield fight will go on. Right now everyone has to do the 'Is and cross the 's'.  
TVKO will distribute the Bowe-Holyfield fight if it is made. It also would have carried the Bowe-Morrison fight.  
It was believed that Time Warner, which operates both TVKO and HBO, pressured Rock Newman to have Bowe fight Holyfield.  
Newman did not return phone calls.  
Bowe won undisputed heavy-weight championship on points from Holyfield Nov 13, 1992, after being stripped of the WBC title. Bowe lost the IBF and WBA titles to Holyfield on points Nov 6, 1993. Bowe currently is recognised as champion by the WBO.  
Holyfield had accepted the terms and was told by attorney Jim Thomas late Wednesday night that an agreement in principle had been reached for a fight.  
"He talked to me this morning and told me, 'Rock don't want to do it'. It's not so much Bowe," Holyfield said. "It's the business people that surround boxing."  
Promoter Dan Duva said that parties involved had agreed in principle that a draft memo was written in longhand and circulated to all parties.  
Jeff Fried, attorney for Newman's company, Spencer Promotions, was to have the memo typed and circulated.  
When a Duva associate contacted Fried Thursday morning, however, he was told that Newman was going to announce a Bowe-Morrison fight at 3 pm.  
By day's end, it appeared that a Bowe-Holyfield fight would be announced next week.  
Bowe won the IBF title by knocking out Herbie Hide in the sixth round March 11 and defended it by knocking out Jorge Luis Gonzalez in the sixth round June 17.  
Holyfield lost the IBF and WBA titles on points to Michael Moorer April 22, 1994.

## '96 Games' countdown begins

**ATLANTA, Georgia, July 14:** Planners for the 1996 Olympics have been counting the days until the Atlanta Games.  
But now, with barely a year remaining before the opening ceremony, the days are beginning to seem like hours and soon they will seem like minutes, reports AFP.  
"We realise there will be increasing attention on many of our programmes — transportation, medical, accreditation and security," Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) president Billy Payne said. "The time has come."  
Wednesday will mark one year before the centennial Olympic gathering here, with ceremonies from here to Europe even as construction workers continue erecting such venues as Olympic Stadium and the Olympic aquatic centre.  
"On the 19th we make a major connection. It becomes bigger than the Atlanta Games," ACOG spokesman Dick Yarbrough said.  
A major celebration will be conducted at Atlanta Stadium while on Times square in New York, a countdown clock will begin clicking of the minutes remaining until the Games begin.  
At the International Olympic Committee offices in Switzerland, officials will send invitations to 197 nations for a billion-dollar sports and cultural festival being thrown with other peoples' money.  
Payne said 75 per cent of construction is complete for the Games and 76 per cent of the event's 1.58 billion dollar budget has been received.  
Another 320 million dollars must be raised to cover staging expenses and fulfill the organizers' vow of a debt-free Games. The money will come from added sponsor and supplier agreements, a Caribbean television agreement and advance service fees for those in need of space and manpower while at the Games.  
"It's an impossibility that these games will not be a resounding success," said Payne.  
Poor sales of souvenir coins and inscribed bricks for a memorial park will not force cuts in projects, Payne said, with pushes for such items continuing through the actual Games.  
Ticket requests have been 125 million dollars more profitable than expected, bringing in 360 million dollars. While much of the money for duplicated requests to major events must be refunded, the interest accumulating on such will boost the ACOG ledgers by higher margins than anticipated.  
"Our estimate of ticket requests was very conservative," Payne said. "Response has been very good and we keep getting more orders. I feel people will receive tickets they have deemed acceptable."  
Every venue will receive a final run-through before the Games, with most of them coming next month at Atlanta sports '95, a collection of 12 pre-Olympic events designed to test how well things run during multiple sports events.  
While there will be no transportation or communication system functioning, events such as the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and World Freestyle Wrestling Championships should show any weak points in planning before the five-ring circus pulls into town next year.  
**NBL v'ball results**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh Rifles, East End Boys and Brothers Union secured straight sets victories over their respective opponents in the NBL First Division volleyball league at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.  
In the day's first engagement, Bangladesh Rifles humiliated Wari Club 15-5, 15-3, 15-6, while East End Boys handed Textile Mills a 15-4, 15-2, 15-9 defeat.  
In the last billing of the day, Brothers Union beat East End Club 15-5, 15-11, 15-3.

## Rajrabbagh Police Lines schools h'ball champs

Rajrabbagh Police Lines High School became champions in the Sixth Bata schools handball tournament beating Shahid Nabi High School by 15-14 goals in the final match at the handball ground yesterday, reports UNB.  
In the keenly contested match, the winners led the first-half 7-6. Mosarrat scored four goals for Rajrabbagh while Mezbahuddin and Alauddin netted three each. However, Priotosh of Shahid Nabi became the highest individual scorer netting six goals.  
Gias Kamal Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association, distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.  
**ROLL OF HONOUR**  

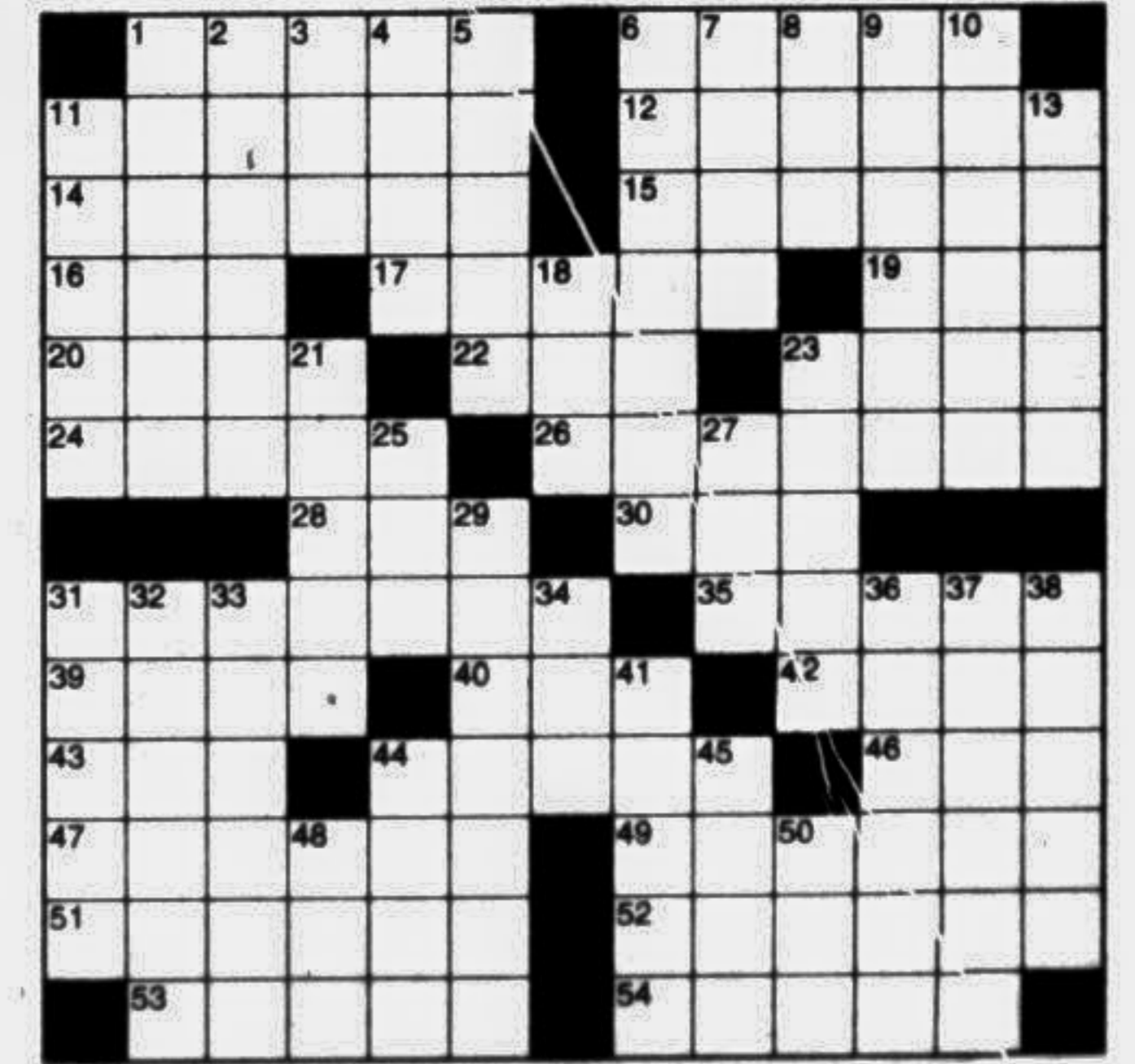
Year	Champions	Runners-up
1985	St George's	Lalmatia Housing Society High School
1986	Not held	
1987	St. Joseph's High School	Nabibagar Govt High School
1988	Nabibagar High School	Narinda Govt High School
1989-90	Not held	
1991	Narinda Govt High School	Shahid Nabi High School
1992	Shahid Nabi High School	Arman & YEP High School
1993-94	Not held	
1995	Rajrabbagh Police Lines	Shahid Nabi High School

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Flash of light  
6 Sound of stock footage?  
11 Sports arenas  
12 Fireside  
14 Shoddy substitute  
15 Garb  
16 Greek consonants  
17 Sepulchral structures  
19 Restroom sign  
20 Copies  
22 Lubricate  
23 Milwaukee product  
24 Composer Anderson  
26 Sailor's brief  
28 "— good deed"  
30 Round Table address  
31 Reasonable answer?  
35 1980s ring champ

**DOWN**  
1 Bar  
2 Quarter-back, at times  
3 Holly's role in "The Piano"  
4 Film director  
5 Jug-band instrument  
6 Dry white wine  
7 "— Make a Deal"  
8 Bran source  
9 Elementary reading text  
10 — smarts  
11 Calyx leaf  
13 Dad of Jane and Peter  
18 Wire measure  
21 Pops  
23 Aquamarine or emerald  
25 Second person  
27 Fragment  
29 Rises  
31 Hardens by heat  
32 Expatriates  
33 Movie-house  
34 Down  
36 Cruel sort  
37 Invigorating atmosphere  
38 Fresh  
41 Truman's birthplace  
44 Curve  
45 "Quien — ?"  
48 Forefront, for short  
50 Skeddadle

**Solution time: 28 mins.**  
MOPED NAP ADO  
CRAVE IWO RIP  
SEDER PADRONE  
UNEASY AMEN  
ABC KUE LIARS  
ROAR TYPED  
MOHAI R ADEPTS  
P RYER RAIL  
PASTE JIG DEY  
ABTE MESHE  
PADRAIC ODORS  
ACE TNT UNCAS  
LID EDS LAKME



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
LRXKJ CKJIYB AQP AM -  
LQRX JPRKXY XVKC  
BRPKZT PQRV XYMX:  
PQJI MZB PQNN.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "TO COIN A PHRASE," SAID THE ABLE COMEDIAN, "E PLURIBUS UNUM."  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: P 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.