



Action from yesterday's Lifebuoy First Division football league encounter between Badda Jagorani and PWD at the Dhaka Stadium. The match ended goalless. — Star photo

Tutul slams first hattrick

Bankers' double delight

Sports Reporter

Mossaraf Hossain Tutul earned a rare feat of scoring the first hattrick in the Lifebuoy Premier football league as his side Agrani Bank recorded a thumping 4-1 win over Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The lanky striker, who had a rather disappointing season with defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra last year, struck twice in the first half to give the Bankers an unassailable 3-0 lead at the breather.

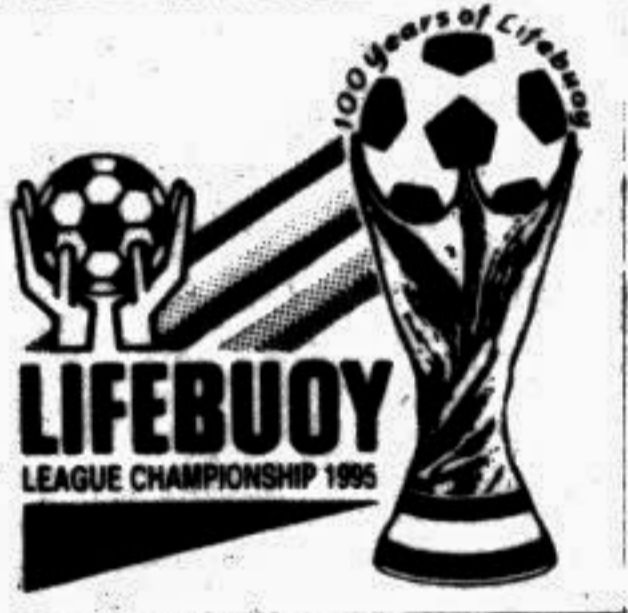
Tutul, who had earlier inspired his home team Bholia to lift the national football championship title this year, then completed his treble eight minutes away from the final whistle as Agrani Bank became the first team to score highest four goals in a match in this year's league.

Besides, with this hattrick Tutul also joined Muktiyoddha's star striker Mizanur Rahman in the individual highest scorers' list. Both have so far scored six goals each.

However, in an one-side

affair at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium Agrani Bank appearing in their last league match of the first phase, began with a bang with midfielder Munna hitting a fierce right-footer against the wood-work in the very fourth minute.

But they needed another eight minute before Tutul



opened the floodgates stabbing the ball home off a neat Jahangir floater from the right.

Jahangir then doubled the margin after completing a solo dash down the middle in the 28th minute. And ten minutes later when Tutul headed the ball home from close Agrani Bank's third win in the league was never in doubt.

Although a marauding Bank booters pressed hard for more in the second half they conceded the only goal in the 71st minute quite against the run of the proceedings when Wari's striker Shanker struck the consolation goal with a scorching drive from inside the box.

But their collective venture was put paid when Tutul had the last laugh in the 82nd minute.

The win now left Agrani Bank comfortably placed with 11 points from their nine first leg engagements while with this defeat Wari, who are yet to win a single match, remained stuck to their paltry collection of four from nine matches.

YELLER CARD: Raj (Agrani Bank) and Zakir (Wari Club)

AGRANI BANK: Manu, Kala, Rafique, Panosh, Raj, Sentu, Munna, Rajani, Jahangir Sr, Tutul and Akhter (Nayan) (Tipu).

WARI CLUB: Minar, Atique, Shahed, Razzak (Tuhin), Siraj, Shankar, Paritosh, Mang Bathuei (Rikta), Sohag, Zakir and Jamal (Babu Zaman).

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

BTV, DMFA fail the nation

Sports Reporter

Lapses on the part of both BTV and DMFA were instrumental in depriving millions of sports fans from witnessing live the Abahani-Mohammedan match of the Premier League played on Monday at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium.

According to informed sources, it was agreed between BTV and DMFA that three matches of the first-leg and six of the second would be telecast. During discussions DMFA expressed their inability to comply with a BTV request to enlarge the telecasting facilities as this would disturb the journalists who were covering the games regularly from the press box.

There were no exchange of letters between the two parties and neither approached the other three days before the crucial match which is the time required by BTV to marshal their equipment for a live outdoor telecast.

DMFA approached BTV two days before the vital match but the TV authorities informed the league organisers that there just was not enough time.

Since the show belongs to DMFA, one can only suggest that they take the initiative in future at least three days before a match, if not earlier, so that millions do not have to suffer.

This is another classic example when only a few have decided for worse the fate of the vast majority.

Tame draws

Sports Reporter

The Lifebuoy First Division football league had passed a rather tame day yesterday when both the matches at different city venues ended up in draws.

At the Dhaka Stadium babes Badda Jagorani Sangsad played to a goalless draw with Public Works Department (PWD) SC in an eye-soring 90-minute engagement.

While away at the Mirpur Stadium, Dhanmondi Club squandered a 2-0 first half lead letting Eskaton Sabuj Sangha scrape home with a two-all draw.

In a fairly contested match, Towhid struck twice in a span of only eight minutes midway through the first half. But after the breather a rejuvenated Eskaton booters bounced back into the game through Shafigue and Tipu scoring one goal apiece during the last part of the match.

With this draw Dhanmondi raised their collection to 13 points on completion of their eight first-leg engagements while Eskaton collected eight points as many matches.

Romanians or Iraqis for Abahani

Sports Reporter

Champions Abahani Krira Chakra, currently leading the Lifebuoy Premier Football League table by three clear points from their nearest challengers and last year's runners up Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at the fag end of the first round of the double league are not taking any chances. Presently two officials are in the Thal capital trying to rope in two Romanians playing in the Bangkok League to fortify their attack. According to club sources, the players are expected to arrive in Dhaka tomorrow to be eligible to play for Abahani in their final match of the first leg against Muktiyoddha on the day after.

If the officials fail to strike a deal with the Romanians, two Iraqi footballers including Jasim Mahdi who donned the sky blue's shirt last year are almost certain to bolster the Abahani attack.

A Tribute to Harold Larwood (1904-1995)

Tawfiq Aziz Khan



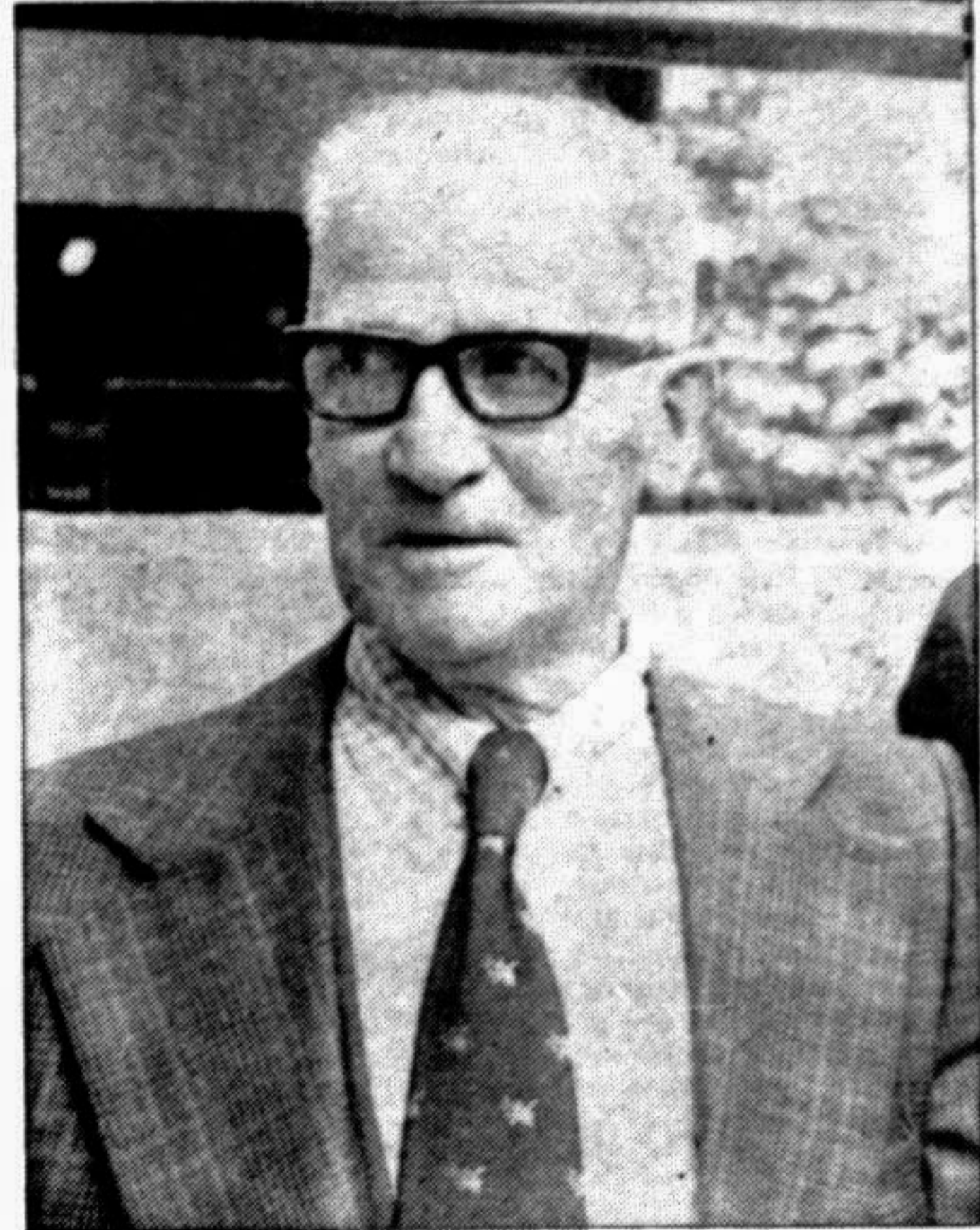
Harold Larwood passed away peacefully at the age of 90. He was the man a nation wanted to lunch for his great achievements on the field! And the nation was obviously the Australians. But it was a stroke of luck for Larwood to decide to migrate to the land and people who had great misgivings about him, who despised him but at the end received him with open arms and he along with his wife and five daughters finally settled in Sydney, the biggest Australian city with a marvelous cricket ground. When Larwood arrived with his family Bentie Oldfield, the Australian wicket-keeper batsman who sustained injury from Larwood's bowling and was sent to hospital in an unconscious state, received him at the port of Sydney — a shining example of sportsmanship set by Oldfield.

It would not be out of place, I hope, to mention that I was very lucky to be familiar with the name of Larwood before I have even started to learn the alphabets. She credit, if any, goes to my father who was an ardent follower of the game of cricket. In those days those of us who lived on the West of the mighty river Jamuna, Calcutta was the first port of call, or shall we say, first city of halt. Radio sets were a rare commodity and Television was unthinkable. So the only medium of information who newspaper. As the train communication between Calcutta and Ishurdi Railway Junction was excellent and the result was regular supply of the Statesman of Calcutta to our small town. This was, perhaps, the only genuine source of information about sports also, particularly Cricket. I have often overheard my father speaking with our neighbour, who was an Inspector of Police, about the exploits of one Larwood who had been the scourge of Australia including Don Bradman and one gentleman named Jardine was gleefully happy about the whole thing and had been reading newspaper leaning on the fences while play was in progress. This was how I came to know

about Larwood. Sixty-two years ago Douglas Jardine, the haughty aristocrat and Harold Larwood, the Nottinghamshire miner conspired on their voyage to Australia to bring down the run-getting machine named Don Bradman of Australia. It was a considerable time before I was born but the heat the series generated was the talk of cricket-lovers all over the world. In those days Larwood was the most dreaded bowler and nobody fancied facing him, not even the legendary Bradman. In the 1932-33 Ashes series in

Larwood. "I remember going out to bat remember and the skipper said to me. 'Get in line, Tiger — he won't bowl a bouncer at you!' So, I did as I was told and hit the first ball smack in the middle of the bat. It must have looked good. Only problem was I did not actually see it. I decided therefore, to adopt my usual tactics when playing Lol, which is to say, as he ran up to bowl, I moved in the direction of the square-leg umpire and dangled my bat in front of me like a fishing-rod. So I was ideally placed to see

yet by fast bowling standards he was a small man. He stood just 5 feet 9 inches and at the start of Bodyline series weighed 11 stone 9 pounds. At the end of the series he had put on a stone which might suggest "he did not eat too well in his native land." When asked for his own solution to the mystery he said quite seriously, "It must have come from drinking beer." Many of his team-mates have made the point, saying that he was often far quicker after lunch when he'd sunk the odd pint," wrote Egan.



HAROLD LARWOOD ... remembered

Australia Larwood's name was synonymous with the famous (or infamous!) Bodyline controversy. An Australian cricket writer Bryan Egar writing on Larwood in 1982 recollected what Bill O'Reilly, the great Australian spin bowler said about Harold 'Lol'

the ball hit the top of the off-stump. "Out of curiosity, I inspected the damage and to my horror, all that remained of off-ball was a little pile of saw-dust." Such was the speed and power of Larwood's bowling

Larwood's Test Career

Batting & Fielding						Bowling								
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Kumble wrecks Warwickshire



LONDON, Aug 1: Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble took a county championship-best seven for 82 as Northamptonshire snatched a dramatic seven-run win over leaders Warwickshire on Monday to throw the title race wide open, reports Reuter.

It left second-placed Northants just two points adrift of last year's champions who mounted a tremendous fightback after being reduced to 53 for six after being set 275 to win.

Warwickshire pushed Northants all the way, with a seventh-wicket stand of 148 between skipper Dermot Reeve (74) and Neil Smith (75) keeping them on course for a ninth championship win.

But Kumble struck the

important blow when he bowled Smith, who hit 11 fours in his 176-ball innings.

The reigning champions were still in the hunt at lunch, but Kumble took a return catch to dismiss Keith Piper and then ended Reeve's resistance with a catch at short-leg in his first two overs after the break.

Even then Warwickshire refused to give in, with last-wicket pair Allan Donald (27 not out) and Tim Munton (10) putting on 39 before David Capel trapped Munton lbw to end their resistance.

Warwickshire's defeat was only their second in the championship and left them on 195 points from 11 matches with Northants on 193 and with both sides left with six matches to play.

Northants captain Allen Lamb said afterwards it was

one of the best games he had ever played in.

"It was very tough, no-one gave anything away and it was a little like war out there," the former England batsman said.

Mark Alleyne hit a superb 141 to steer Gloucestershire to an unexpected three-wicket win over Essex at Cheltenham and keep alive their faint hopes of challenging for the title.

Needing 282 from their second innings, Gloucester lost four wickets for 42 but were then rallied by Alleyne, their acting captain, as he and Andrew Symonds put on 143 together. Symonds fell for 57 but Alleyne took his side within reach of victory before he was dismissed.

Gloucester tailenders Javagal Srinath and Martyyn Ball hit off the remaining 17 needed for victory.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Lifebuoy Premier football league:** Arambagh KS vs Farashganj SC (6:30 pm Dhaka Stadium)
- Lifebuoy First Division football league:** Shantinagar Club vs East End Club (4:30 pm Mirpur Stadium)
- Pioneer Division football league:** Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha vs Diganta Majlish (2:30 pm Banani ground)
- Kawran Bazar Progati Sangha vs Tejgaon Nabotrongo (4 pm Banani ground)
- Rampura Natun Kuri Sangsad vs Kamal Young Society (2:30 pm Mohakhali ground)
- Gulistan Club vs Gazipur Eleven (4 pm Mohakhali ground)
- Tenth schools chess tournament (NSC chess room)**

Smith blasts WI bowlers



LONDON, Aug 1: Robin Smith has accused the West Indies pace attack of "Assault and battery" after suffering a double fracture of his left cheekbone in England's fourth Test victory at Old Trafford on Sunday, report agencies.

Smith, taken to a Manchester hospital after sustaining the injury from an Ian Bishop bouncer, faces an operation later today.

Speaking in the Daily Mirror, Smith claims: "Let me be in any doubt — the West Indies have had a policy of targeting certain England players."

"I believe they set out to get the captain of teams they are playing. Then they target the man they regard as the senior batsman."

"They want to pepper you with short-pitched stuff and hit you around the body and head a few times. We saw it in the Caribbean last year when they got after (Mike) Atherton in Jamaica during the first Test."

"That was cricket's version of assault and battery, but they will not break our spirit with these tactics."

Smith said: "If that bumper from Ian Bishop had caught me an inch — or half an inch — higher I would have been fighting to keep the sight of my left eye."

"Although I'm still feeling pretty groggy, I'm also angry with myself for losing the ball and taking my eye off it at the last moment."

"That was nearly fatal and I hope it will be an example to all England batsmen of how not to handle the West Indies' speed merchants."

But the Hampshire batsman, recalled to England's



ROBIN SMITH

Test ranks this summer because of his resilience against fast bowling, is determined to make a comeback — hopefully for the final Test, at the Oval starting on August 24.

Smith, however, received a boost from England boss Ray Illingworth as he prepares to undergo surgery.

The 31-year-old batsman seems unlikely to play again

this season but chairman of selectors Illingworth is confident about his ability to bounce back from Sunday's blow.

"I've seen people who have been affected psychologically by being hit and there who have come back and played better than even. I would think Robin is the second category," said Illingworth.

The main fear at the moment is that Smith might have sustained eye muscle damage.

The Hampshire batsman discharged himself from a Manchester hospital on Monday morning before setting off to see another specialist in Southampton.

"Robin must have an operation once the swelling goes down. It is likely to happen in two or three days," said Hampshire physio David Newman.

"Robin sounded chirpy when I spoke to him today and he is looking forward to having the operation as soon as possible."

"There is said to be a fracture in the floor of the eye socket and we will need to see if there has been any muscle damage before we can decide when to operate."

Illingworth will be kept informed of Smith's progress but has virtually inked him in to the winter tour of South Africa. Whether or not he plays again this season.



Construction works of the Hockey Stadium gallery in the city is going on at a snail's pace. This photo was taken yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Snitch
- Car horn sound
- TVA
- Commotion
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Maleficence
- Civil War rations, in part
- Historic boy king
- Stored secretly
- Piano variety
- Conductor de Waart
- Have a bug
- Filch
- Energetic
- Afflictions
- Visage, sliangly
- Larch or loblolly
- One of Ben's certainties
- Go off course
- Schedule abbr.
- Erstwhile

DOWN

- Cry from the gallery
- Oklahoma
- Axlike tool
- Put into words
- Stack
- Hanks or Hulce
- Broker's advice
- Dough-knots?
- Sampiras of tennis
- Revolutionary period?
- They cross at the corner
- Guy's companion
- Perp. to vert.
- "Cats" composer
- All better
- Craggy hill
- Uppercase letters, for short
- Theater trophy
- Tarzan's transportation
- Journalist
- Emie
- Scratch (out)
- Melody
- volente

Word Bank: FOX SITCOM, COLLEGE JOCK'S AWARD, INVESTIGATION THWARTER, DICKENS' PEN NAME, ROSE'S LOVER, REUBEN HOLDER, A COUPLE OF CUPS, SULTRY SOMMER, FABRICATION, SPOTS WITHOUT SAYING, ANTELOPE'S PLAYMATE, SOUTHWEST, CRY FROM THE GALLERY, OKLAHOMA, AXLIKE TOOL, PUT INTO WORDS, STACK, HANKS OR HULCE, BROKER'S ADVICE, DOUGH-KNOTS?, SAMPIRAS OF TENNIS, REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD?, THEY CROSS AT THE CORNER, GUY'S COMPANION, PERP. TO VERT., "CATS" COMPOSER, ALL BETTER, CRAGGY HILL, UPPERCASE LETTERS, FOR SHORT, THEATER TROPHY, TARZAN'S TRANSPORTATION, JOURNALIST, EMIE, SCRATCH (OUT), MELODY, — VOLENTE.

CRYPTOQUIP

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 Y Z D B I K Z M U Y L T Y D F C M S J X
 F M U Y L D R K D I X W Z
 D L A E Z C A J T Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO LEARN MANNERS, LITTLE WITCH WENT TO CHARM SCHOOL.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T 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