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ballers of yester-years on

Zakaria Pintu

Midfielder) East End

Club (1957), Wande-

rers (1959-70) and

Mohammedan Spor-

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tan national team

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1995 football league prediction by Zakaria Pintu

Abahani Krira Chakra with a fivepoint lead are now

comfortably placed. And with the inclusion of Romanian

Lorenzo they became more motivated to retain the league

title. Although Abahani, a blend of young and experienced

players, made a shaky start at the onset of the season, they

have gradually improved their performance. But they

should be more careful. Specially their inspirational

skipper Monem Munna must keep his cool. Otherwise, for

Abahani, there will be a hell to pay. On the other hand,

Mohammedan Sporting Club have no other options but to

win against the middlings and the minnows in a bid to

reduce the gap with Abahani. Russian Kazakov is a very

useful signing for the black and whites. He has the ability

to turn the table any moment with his striking prowess.

But Mohammedans must not rely heavily on midfielder

Arman. Besides, Jewel Rana is not at all a right back. He

should regain his former job as a central defender.

Muktijoddha are the most balanced outfit among the top

ten teams. But to my utter surprise they are failing to offer

their full potentials. Their main problem is that they had

to play against the constant jeers and boos from the stands.

Besides, their officials should give them more leverage so

that they could play their natural game. I must thank the

spirited Fakirerpool youngstars for their dream display in

the first leg. But at the same time I would like to add that

the standard of our football has now reached a deplorable

situation. The rise of Fakirerpool is the prefect example to

that. However, I will not be surprised if the youngstars,

whose basic skills are very high, improved their mark

further. The refereeing in the league is pathetic. This sort

of sub-standard refereeing not only reduce the gloss of the

game in greater extent but also hamper the players to offer

their best. But foreign referees are not a solution for that.

Instead local referees should be given more incentives and

security for improving their standard. Besides, ex-players

can be trained up to ensure sound referring. Among the

promising booters Maksudul Amin Rana of Fakirerpool and

Hasan Al Mamun of Abahani have a bright future.

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pay for their earlier lapses.

Sports Reporter

anticipation, the second leg of the Lifebuoy

Senior Division football leagues get underway tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium. After a topsy-turvy first leg, the ten teams will start afresh with a five-day breather behind them. With the expectations of their supporters running high, the top teams will resume the title chase while the others fight it out to avoid the rele-

gation zone. Abahani Krira Chakra will begin this final stage of the competition as the firm favourites. They stand atop the standings with 23 points, five clear of second placed Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool. Although equal in points with the pre-tournament underdogs, Mohammedan Sporting Club lie third due to an inferior goal difference. Starstudded Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra have acquired 17 points to hang on to fourth place followed by Brothers Union who could only manage a disappointing

The strong position of Abahani, the defending champions, has taken many observers by surprise. After their poor showing in the DMFA Cup at the beginning of the season indicated that the team had lots of space for improvement. With the help of unknown young players and their two Russian reeruits, Sergei and Vladimir, they have gradually transformed into a cohesive force.

In their first encounter against Farashgani, they won by a solitary goal. The trend continued against Agrani Bank and Arambagh, and after sharing honours with Youngmen's Club, their title seemed to be under threat. But better showing against Mohammedans. Brothers and Muktijoddha helped to put them on top of the table.

otherhand, started the League as the top favourites. After their successful campaigns at the DMFA and Federation Cups the men in black and white seemed unstoppable. Winning their first two matches convincingly, they looked to be on their way to dethroning their traditional rivals. But they had to pay for their complacency. In their next two matches they

Mohammedans, on the

great drew with lowly Arambagh and Wari. Losing to Brothers in the next put them out of



the title race altogether. of the top clubs. Although they came back Youngmen's Club took full with two back-to-back wins, advantage of the poor form of at the end of the season the mighty four. Mixing tal-

FIRST LEG AT A GLANCE

After a five-day recess, the return leg of the two-tier

Senior Division football leagues begins on Friday. The

STANDINGS (PREMIER LEAGUE)

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THREE-DAY FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Senior Division football leagues, scheduled to

The first three day's second-leg fixture of the two-tier

Bangladesh Boys vs Badda Jagorani 5 pm (Mirpur

Wari Club vs Arambagh KS 4.30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

PWD SC vs Police AC 5 pm (Mirpur Stadium)

Abahani KC vs Farashgani SC 6.30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Brothers Union vs Agrani Bank 4.30 pm (Dhaka

Mujtijoddha Sangsad vs Rahmatganj 6.30 pm (Dhaka

Sadharan Bima KS vs East End 5 pm (Mirpur Stadium)

Victoria SC vs Eskaton SS 4.30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Mohammedan SC vs Youngmen's Club 6.30 pm (Dhaka

statistics of the first-leg are as follows:

T-ams

Abahani KC

Youngmen's Club

Mohammedan SC

**Brothers Union** 

Agrani Bank

Wari Club

Teams

Arambagh KS

Farashgani SC

East End Club

Bangladesh Boys

Badda Jagaroni

Sadharan Bima

Victoria SC

Eskaton SS

Police AC

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begin from tomorrow.

August 11:

August 12:

August 13:

Rahmatganj MFS

Muktijoddha Sangsad 9

ent and speed with their youthful exuberance, they took everyone by surprise by drawing their encounters Abahani and Muktijoddha and defeating Brothers Union by a massive

four goals to one. As the teams stand now, the sky blues seem to be the best bet for running away with the title. The recent inclusion of Romanian striker Lorenzo has added much needed life to their ageing frontline.

Their main challengers look to be their traditional foes. Mohammedans. The team from Motifheel has turned to last year's successful Russian marksman Kazakov to improve their lacklustre form. Moreover, a new foreign recruit in Russian striker Victor may boost their chances even fur-

Muktijoddha, with almost half the national team at their disposal, will have to get their act together in order to pose any serious challenge for the championship. Their South Korean coach's scheme to work his players hard has backfired. The youngsters from Fakirerpool are the only other team to be in any position to threat the leaders but critics are of the opinion that they are not likely to do so.

Apart from the form of the top clubs, the only factor that may affect the outcome of the league is the standard of refereeing. A matter of constant controversy in the first leg. the authorities are seriously looking into the poor quality of the local referees. Officials from Singapore are due to arrive as a result of repeated complaints from the participating clubs.

The resumption of the Premier League has brought about tremendous excitement and anxiety among local football buffs. Abahani supporters are hoping their team will continue their and keep the title home. Mohammedan fans will hope their vocal support can lift their team to glory. On the other hand, non-partisan spectators are looking forward to a revolution to be brought about by the Youngmen's. But regardless of who wins the title, football zealots nationwide are looking forward to a month of entertaining football.

### C'wealth h'ball Three teams confirm arrival Three teams - Kenva.

Hong Kong and Pakistan have confirmed their date of arrival to participate in the 6th Commonwealth youth handball championship which will begin in Dhaka on August 24. reports UNB.

Eight men's and four women's teams from three continents will compete in the week-long international meet, first of its kind in Bangladesh.

Defending champions England. India. Pakistan Kenva. Nigeria. Hong Kong. Malaysia and host Bangladesh will take part in the men's section while defending champions Nigeria, England India and Bangladesh will fight it out in the women's

A 17 member Hong Kong squad of 14 players and three officials headed by Tsoi Chi Ming will be the first foreign team to arrive in the capital on August 22.

The Kenyan team of 11 players and six officials headed by Binta Lami Sada will reach the city on August 23 while the Pakistani team is expected here on the opening day of the meet.

### Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Gulistan Club moved into the super league as Group B champions from the north zone when they drew goalless with Rampura Natun Kuri Sangha in one of the four Pioneer Diviston football league engagements held at the Rajuk ground adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Tengra Progati Sangha defeated Khilgaon Jubo SANGHA by 2-1 at the Bashabo Tarun Sangha ground while three other teams got walk overs at the same venue.

The winners led the first half 1-0 with an early 13th minute strike from Mamun while Shawpan scored the other one in the 51st minute for Tengra. Kazi Sharif reduced the margin in the 39th minute for the losers.

Meanwhile, at the Mirpur Outer Stadium MSPCC and Spondan KC beat Nabaday Sangha and Golden Future Club 2-0 goals respectively.

### Schools chess

Abdullah Al-Raquib and Abu Sufian Shakil are jointly leading the tenth Bata schools chess tournament securing full seven points yesterday, reports UNB.

Sterday, reports UNB.
Raquib of Narayanganj
Old foes break the ice High School beat Ruhul Amin-Boby of Monipur High School while Shakil of Nakhalpara Hossain Ali School beat Masud Billah of Nazimuddin Pre-Cadet High School in the seventh round match at the NSC chess room.

Twelve players are jointly in the second place having ipation in the Pakistan Cup six points. They are: Enamul Hossain and Raisul Bari (St Gregory's). Mahfizur Rahman Emon (Magura Govt School). Ashraful Haq (Adamjee Cant). Md Jamal (Nasirabad Collegiatel. Firoz Ahmed (IET). Sabbir Ahmed and Ibrahiom Hossain (Nabokumar Institution). Sahansha (Mirhazirbagh Adarsha) Bahanddin Rasel (Pago) School). Nazmul Roton (Barnamala Adarsa) and Mokaddesur Rahman (Chandra Bari Madrashal.

DUBAI, Aug 9: to be finalised, Abbasi was Prospects of a Test series between the traditional rivals have

revived with India confirming particquadrangular cricket tour-Inament 1997-98, a top Pakistani cricket official has said, reports PTI.

India are as much inter ested in the revival as we are The acceptance of the invitation for the 1997-98 event is a case in point, Arif Ali Khan Abbasi, chief executive of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said

The dates of the Pakistan Cup, to be contested among the hosts, South Africa, the West Indies and India, are yet

19 Tennis

quoted as saying by the 'Khaleej Times' in a despatch from Karachi today.

Pakistan have already pro- tournament as part of posed to tour India for a few Pakistan Day golden jubilee one-day internationals either on its way to Australia or on their return from New Zealand later this year, the report said.

India while agreeing to the proposal have not yet confirmed the itinerary. However, there were indications that India plan to invite Pakistan after the World Cup.

"In that case we can also play three Tests besides the proposed one-day games, Abbasi said adding "PCB owes a tour to India after the neighbours crossed the border in 1989-90 for a full

# Young Aussies demolish Surrey

LONDON, Aug 9: Young Australia gave a makeshift Surrey side a severe lesson in "Aussie rules" cricket at The Oval here on Tuesday as the tourists recorded a thumping win by the huge margin of 179 runs, reports AFP.

A mammoth target of 323 for victory was always going to be too much for injury-hit Surrey, who with 11 men on the casualty list had to call on half a dozen assorted club and ex-county players to

make up their team. They performed bravely but never as well as the young tourists, whose captain Stuart Law made a cultured, match winning 163; sharing in a stand of 176 with the talented Tasmanian Ricky Ponting (71) as the pair ef fortlessly helped their side reach 322 in their 55 overs.

Law's classy innings came off 126 balls and included three superbly struck sixes and 17 fours while Ponting. who toured the West Indies with the Australian first team in the winter, helped himself to a six. Jason de la Pena ended with a creditable two for 46 in 11 overs.

Surrey got off to a terrible start, losing acting captain Darren Bicknell first ball caught behind off left-arm fast bowler Mark Harrity, one of four victims for wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist. Shaun Young's haul in-

cluded four wickets in 14 balls as he demolished the Surrey late order to finish with five for 39.

Nadeem Shahid made a spirited 63 from 48 balls with a dozen boundaries in Surrey's pitiful total of 143 but there was little else to stop the Aussies and they wrapped up their fourth limited overs victory of the tour with 26 overs to spare.

#### County cricketers' winning stroke LONDON, Aug 9: English

county cricketers won their fight for better pay on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Changes to take effect from next season will see capped players guaranteed a salary of 18,500 pounds (27,000 US dollars) - a 4,000 pounds increase on this year's figure. The initial demand was for

20,000 pounds but cricketers and their bosses said on Tuesday they were happy with the compromise.

Abbasi said his govern-

ment had approached PCB to

organise the quadrangular

celebrations. The board said

it was impossible to stage and

event of all Test playing

countries as all of them have

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South Africa were invited to

join as they were to be in

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Tests and equal number of

approached India who im-

mediately accepted the invi-

tation during a meeting in

London last month," Abbasi

"For the fourth team we

one-dayers.

said.

The West Indies and

# Cantona interests Inter

MILAN, Italy, Aug 9: Internazionale Milan president Massimo Moratti said his club was interested in signing unsettled French striker Eric Cantona from Manchester United but would not approach him at present, reports Reuter. Moratti was quoted in to-

day's Gazzette Dello Sport newspaper as saying Inter would always find a place for

Cantona, banned until the start of October after his attack on a Crystal Palace fan last season, asked on Tuesday to be released from his contract with United but the English Premier League club said they had rejected the request.

# Stalle surprises Stefan



MASON. USA. Aug 9: Struggling Swede Stefan Edberg suffered another demoralising

defeat Tuesday when he was taken out of the 1.8 million dollars ATP Championships in the first round, reports Reuter.

Edberg, seeded 12th, was routed 6-3, 6-1 by 199thranked Australian qualifier Sandon Stalle.

Two other former world number one players fared better than Edberg.

Second seed Pete Sampras, who received a first-round bye, scored a 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) second-round victory over Czech Petr Korda, and 11th seed Jim Courier advanced to the third round

with a hard-fought 7-5, 7-6 (9-7) win over fellow American Vice Spadea.

Edberg, never looked comfortable on court and was unable to find the strokes in a game that was once one of the sport's most consistent. "I wasn't quite there," said

the Swede, whose ranking has dropped to 16th. "I felt strange out there. My game wasn't very good. I was just not on.

Edberg, holder of six Grand Slam titles, reached a final last month in Washington, but has otherwise been unable to run through opponents with his former ease.

A two-time Wimbledon champion, Edberg lost in the second round to unknown Belgian Dick Norman there. He also fell in the second

round of last month's Canadian Open in Montreal.

Spadea captured a key service break in the eighth game of the first set and ared through the second set, allowing Edberg to hold serve just once, in the third game.

### 12th Asian snooker Ameen's losing streak continues

Rashadul Ameen of Bangladesh suffered his third successive defeat in the first round encounters of the 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship with a frustrating 0-4 drubbing at the Thai -Japan Youth Welfare Centre in Thailand yesterday, reports

Another Bangladeshi cueist Andrian Gonsalves lost by 1-4 frames (0-85, 71-18, 9-82, 7-66, 16-73) to Ho Hon Kee of Hong Kong in his second appearance. He lost 0-4 to third-seeded Sakchai Sim-Ngam of Thailand in his first match.

### Sussex pair in trouble

LONDON, Aug 9: Sussex have fined and severely reprimanded West Indian allrounder Franklyn Stephenson and former England paceman Paul Jarvis for breaches of discipline during the championship match against Leicestershire two weeks ago, reports AFP. Umpires John Harris and

Peter Wight reported the pair for their conduct on the field at Hove, and two matches — against Middlesex in the championship and the one-day Sunday League match. In addition to the fines

and reprimands, ex-Yorkshire star Jarvis and Stephenson, in his last season for Sussex, were warned about their future conduct by the club.

The county said that the matter was now closed and would not be making any further comment on it.

Sussex are suffering an awful season, languishing at the bottom of the County Championship table and knocked out at the early stages of both one-day knockout competitions.

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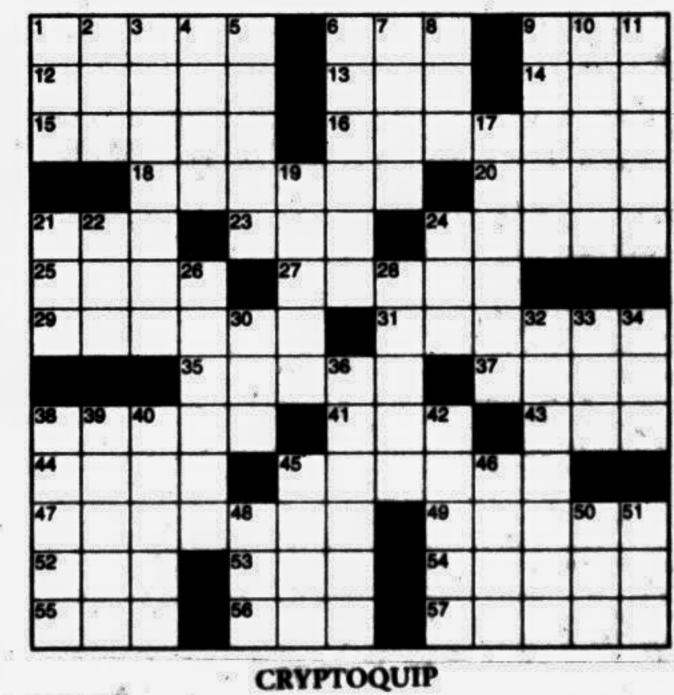
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MOTTO: "WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WHEY."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals F

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.



# সোনानी ग्राःक রায়ের বাজার শাখা, ঢাকা নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সোনালী ব্যাংক, রায়ের বাজার শাখা, ঢাকার ঋণ গ্রহীতা মেসার্স মোহাম্মদ আলী, প্রোঃ মোহাম্মদ আলী, ২নং সাত মসজিদ (বসিলা রোড), মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-এর নিম্নলিখিত প্লেজ গুদামের মালামাল "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয় করা হবে। আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাদের নিম্নলিখিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে আগামী ১৫-৮-৯৫ইং তারিখের বেলা ২.০০

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আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাদের ১৫-৮-১৫ইং তারিখে বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকার পূর্বে দরপত্র শাখায় রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে দাখিল করতে হবে। ঐ দিনই বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সমূখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেভার বাক্স খোলা হবে।

দরপত্রে উদ্ধৃত মৃশ্য অংকে ও কথায় পরিস্কার করে লিখতে হবে।

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হবে। অন্যথায় তাদের আর্নেষ্টমানি বাজেয়াও বলে ঘোষিত হবে। অকৃতকার্য দরপত্রদাভাদের আর্নেষ্টমানি যথাসময়ে ফেরত দেয়া হবে।

ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই উপরোক্ত যে কোন শর্তাবলী পরিবর্তন, পরিবর্ধন, বা সংশোধন এবং **দরপত্র আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণরূপে বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।** 

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