

Arambagh win at last

Sports Reporter
Arambagh Krira Sangha achieved their first win in the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league when they wiped out Wari Club by a superb 4-0 margin in the opening match of the second leg at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Matviev Evzeny, the Russian debutant of Arambagh, who displayed an excellent performance throughout the proceedings, scored two brilliant goals besides creating few chances.

Matviev opened the winners' account in the 16th minute, his first two attempts blocked by a Wari defender and the custodian Minar respectively, however from his third try he gave the Arambagh outfit a 1-0 lead before the breather.

Jahangir doubled the margin with a neat placing shot, after winning a Roxy through from the midfield, defeating the onrushing custodian in the 60th minute.

Matviev netted the third goal five minutes later, when he got the ball from Tusher just outside the Wari box, with an accurate lob over the onrushing custodian.

Three minutes later, Shueb passed to Matviev, who toed the ball over the Wari custodian's head but Minar saved the ball brilliantly.

In the final minute Matviev freed the ball from the left flank to the substitute Minhaz who netted the ball home with a placing shot.

Yellow card: Roxy (Arambagh) and Siraj, Shahed (Wari).



A grounder by Swapan (not in picture) beats the Farashganj custodian Bijoy during one of the Lifebuoy Premier League second-leg fixtures at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won by a solitary goal. — Star photo

Squeaky win for Abahani

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League champions Abahani Krira Chakra fared well on the opening day of the second leg of the Lifebuoy Premier football league with a lone goal win against lowly placed Farashganj Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday evening. The win keeps Abahani very much on course for the title having earlier finished the first-leg with a five-point advantage over their nearest rivals Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Mohammedan Sporting Club.

After a barren first half in an otherwise dull encounter Shawpan scored the match-winner in the very first minute into the second half. Shawpan in a sense played a captain's role as he was wearing the red arm-band on the evening in place of Monem Munna who was serving a one-match ban along with Russian striker Sergei; both having received three yellow cards in the first-leg matches.

George Christian, another Russian recruit for Abahani, cornered from the right flank to Hasan Al Mamun who

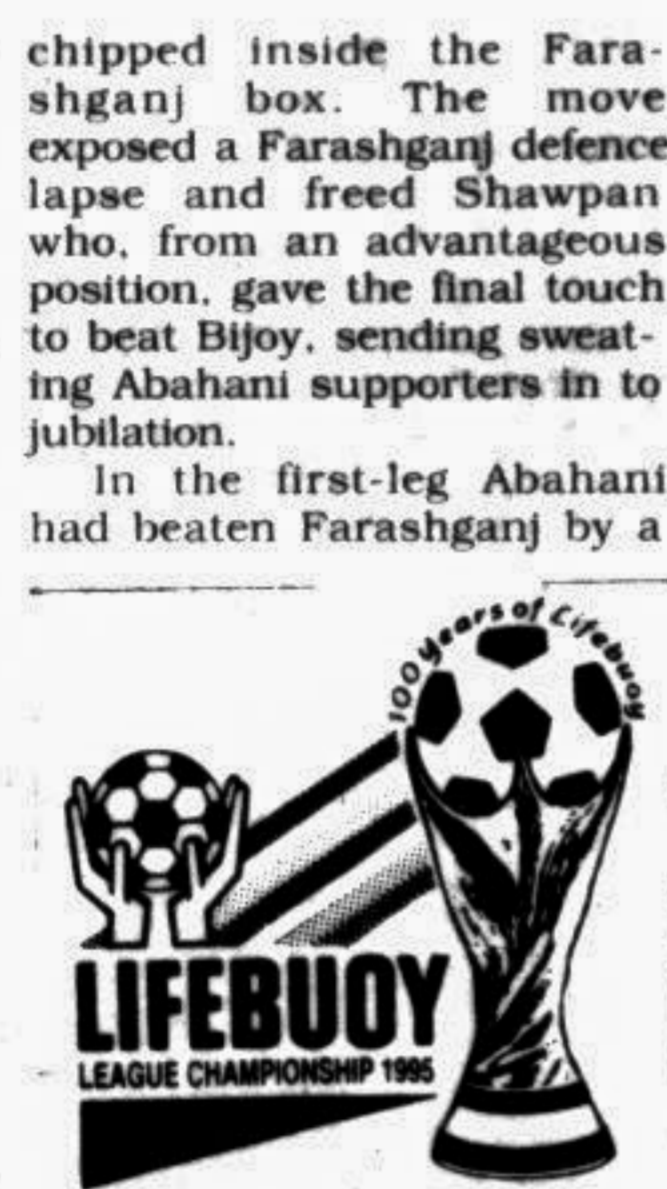


chipped inside the Farashganj box. The move exposed a Farashganj defence lapse and freed Shawpan who, from an advantageous position, gave the final touch to beat Bijoy, sending sweating Abahani supporters in to jubilation.

In the first-leg Abahani had beaten Farashganj by a similar margin.

Abahani failed to impress their large following who also crowded the stands on the evening in anticipation of a convincing start by the champions. Although Abahani dominated the proceedings, with the bite missing from their attack, their performance was not up to the expectations of the crowd.

Abahani created some



more chances after their goal but Biplab's poor shot and Christian's volley could not find their mark.

Farashganj made a late rally but their striker Riaz did not deliver the goods to a point when he had to be subdued.

It was, however, Abahani who drew the final blood. Biplab's thunderous shot in the 84th minute was pounced for a corner. Lorenzo went a step closer as his shot in the dying minutes ricocheted off the cross-piece.

The win gives Abahani 26 points while Farashganj are stuck to their earlier tally of five.

Yellow card: Vladimir (Abahani); Monir and Sagar (Farashganj).

TEAMS
ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Sohel Reza, Chanchal, Mansur Ali, Vladimir (Iqbal), Swapan, Christian (Jamal), Lorenzo, Asian (Biplab) and Jahangir.
FARASHGANJ SC: Bijoy, Nazrul Sufian, Santosh, Sagar, Selim, Liakat (Rinku), Monir, Ratan, Munna (Ritu) and Riaz (Alamgir).
Referee: Mozaffar Hossain.

Badda beat B Boys

Sports Reporter
Badda Jagoroni Sangsad defeated Bangladesh Boys Club by a solitary goal in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Abu Zahed scored the all-important goal in the 40th minute for the victors.

Top accolade for Van Himst

BRUSSELS, Aug 11: Paul van Himst, former Belgium striker and now national coach, was named the country's player of the century. Het Nieuwsblad newspaper said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Van Himst polled 1,403 votes to win the 'golden boot of the century' trophy, awarded during the Belgian Soccer Union's centenary by a panel of journalists, referees, soccer union officials and the readers of two Belgian newspapers.

Jan Ceulemans, a coach for Belgian First Division Aalst, was runner-up with 1,130 votes.

Van Himst, 51, won 81 caps and played for Anderlecht, Molenbeek and Aalst.

12th Asian snooker

Exit the veterans

The upset-laden first round of the 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship has proved one thing: the days of veterans like Mohammad Yousuf and Franky Chan are over.

Reigning world champion Yousuf of Pakistan, the top seed of the tournament, and experienced campaigner Chan of Hong Kong, who was seeded second, were both upset in their last first round matches Thursday at Bangkok's Thai-Japan Youth Welfare Centre, reports UNB.

While Yousuf's exit from the championship was somewhat respectable, Chan crashed out in contrasting manner, according to a faxed message received from Bangkok.

Eighth-seeded Jin Weifeng of China, nervous to the extent of gasping in the deciding frame, ended Yousuf's stay in the tourney with a spine-chilling 4-3 victory. Thailand's seventh-seeded Anurat Wongian sent Chan packing, registering a 4-2 victory.

The two matches were crucial to all the four cueists as loss simply meant elimination.

However, third-seeded Sakchai Sim-ngam, winner of the inaugural Asian meet 12 years ago, who is now 43, salvaged some respect for the oldies by cruising into the second round.

Daniel's sensational swim



ATLANTA, Aug 11: Daniel Kowalski of Australia pulled off a remarkable double on Thursday at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, winning the 800-metre freestyle and finishing second in the 200-metre freestyle.

The 20-year-old Melbourne swimmer barely had time to take his 800-metre gold medal off, step down from the awards stand and onto the starting blocks to swim the 200.

Fifteen minutes after Kowalski beat countryman Kieren Perkins in the 800 in 7:50.28, he finished the 200 in 1:49.14. New Zealand's Danyon Loader won the 200 in a Kiwi national record time of 1:48.72.

"I surprised myself tonight. That was a tough double but I didn't want to let the chance slip by," Kowalski said. "I didn't feel in my legs until the last 25 metres. Then I thought I was going to die."

Australia, expected to dominate the four-day meet, had two other winners, both in the 200-metre butterfly.

Scott Miller won in 1:57.86 and Susan O'Neill won the women's in 2:07.29, the world's 10th fastest time ever.

American Jeff Rouse became the first male swimmer to win four Pan Pacific titles.

Rouse, the world record holder in the 100-metre backstroke, won the event in 54.99.

The only other swimmer to

win four Pan Pac titles is American Janet Evans in the 400 freestyle.

Suzu China won the first of two gold medals for Japan. She came from behind in the final 50 metres to win the 200 freestyle in 2:00.00. American Cristina Teuscher was second in 2:00.38.

Noriko Inada set a Japanese national record en route to winning the 100-metre backstroke in 1:02.72. Claudia Poll of Costa Rica.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter
Spondan KC defeated Nababoy Sangha by 2-0 in one of the five Pioneer Division football league engagements at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.

Khokan opened the scoring in the 28th minute while Monsoor doubled the margin eight minutes before the 60 minutes scheduled time for the winners.

Results of the remaining matches are as follows:

Venue: RAJUK ground
Angels Club-0; Digonta Mojlish-0
Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha-2 (Kamruzzaman, Mohiuddin); Kawan Bazar Progoti Sangha-1

Venue: Bashabo ground
Prokash Eleven-1 (Russell); Khilgaon Jubo Sangha-0

Venue: Mirpur Outer Stadium
Kashaituli Samaj Kalyan Parishad-2 (Abed, Alamgir); Nababganj Krira Parishad-0.

the defending champion in the 200-metre freestyle, has been battling bronchitis and laryngitis since she got here Monday but still managed to finish third in 2:00.46.

Her coach Francisco Rivas tried to convince her to return home Wednesday but she persuaded him to let her swim the 200 and see how she felt afterwards. She has withdrawn from Sunday's 800-metre freestyle but she plans to swim the 100 and 400-metre freestyle.

Poll was treated at a hospital Tuesday night. She is taking antibiotics.

"I'm in no condition to swim," Poll said. "But I like to compete and I wanted to swim. I want to be here. They didn't break my meet record so I am still happy."

The biggest surprise of the night was the failure of American Olympians Melvin Stewart and Summer Sanders to make Thursday night's finals.

Stewart, 26, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist and former world record holder in the 200-metre butterfly, was the third fastest American in the event and did not qualify for the championship final. Only the top two swimmers from each country qualify for the championship final.

Sanders, 22, 1992 Olympic gold medalist in the 200-metre butterfly, also failed to make the final. She was the fifth fastest American in the event and finished eighth in 2:14.74. Sanders is coming back after nearly a two-year absence.



Susan O'Neal of Australia is on her way to setting a new championship record in the 200-metre butterfly of the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Atlanta on August 10. O'Neal clocked 2:07.29. — AFP/UNB photo

Poor old Illingworth!

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 11: England, already without two of their top players because of fractured bones, received another blow on the opening day of the fifth Test against West Indies on Thursday when spinner Richard Illingworth suffered a broken finger, reports Reuter.

Left-arm slow bowler Illingworth, sent in as night-watchman shortly before the close, had his right index finger broken after being struck by a ball from fast bowler Courtney Walsh.

England spokesman Richard Little said: "Richard is very unlucky. He was telling me that in his whole career he had only had a broken thumb — and now, in his last two Tests he has suffered cracked bones in his hands."

At Edgbaston in the third Test, Illingworth sustained a broken left knuckle when hit while batting, causing him to miss the Old Trafford match.

The one consolation is that the break is not to his bowling hand and Little said it was hoped he would still be able to bowl.

England are already without opener Alec Stewart because of a broken finger and middle order batsman Robin Smith through a fractured cheek bone.

West Indies have also been hit by injuries in the six-match series — currently level 2-2 — with batsman Carl Hooper and Jimmy Adams ruled out by fractures and strike bowler Curtly Ambrose by a shoulder injury.

Rakib takes solo lead

Sports Reporter
Defending champion Abdullah-al-Rakib of Narayanganj High School took the solo lead with full eight points defeating Shakil in the eighth round of the tenth Bata schools chess tournament at the NSC chessroom yesterday.

Seven players are jointly in second position securing seven points each. They are: Enamul Hossain Rajib (St Gregory's), Mahfuzur Rahman and Shakil (Magura High School), Nazmul Haq (Barnamala Adarsha High School), Firoz Ahmed (Narayanganj IET School), Sabir Ahmed (Nabokumar Institute) and Ibrahim Hossain (Armanitola High School).

Four players are in the third position with 6.5 points each.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:
Brothers Union vs Agrani Bank SC (4.30 pm, Dhaka Stadium)
Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Rahmatganj MFS (6.30 pm, Dhaka Stadium)

Lifebuoy First Division football league:
PWD SC vs Police AC (5 pm, Mirpur Stadium)

Pioneer Division football league:
Dilkusha SC vs Goran Barnali Sangsad (2.30 pm, Bashabo ground)
Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha vs Dhaka Junior SC (4 pm, Bashabo ground)

Tenth Bata schools chess tournament:
(NSC chess room)

Lotus-Kamal Second Division Qualifying Cricket:
Udayachal vs Lancashire (Dhanmondi cricket stadium)

Windies 25 for no loss at stumps Hick dominates Day 2



NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 11: West Indies reached 25 without loss in reply to England's commanding total of 440 on the second day of the fifth Test at Trent Bridge today, reports AFP.

England resumed on an overnight total of 227 for four before a superb century by recalled Graeme Hick (116 n.o.) capitalised on Mike Atherton's 113 the previous day.

Kenny Benjamin was West Indies' most successful bowler, returning figures of five for 105.

The not out batsman at the close were nightwatchman Richard Illingworth on eight and recalled Graeme Hick on six.

The total must have been much less than Atherton hoped for when England were given first use of a perfect batting pitch but the three West Indies fast bowlers gave nothing away, between them conceding only just over two runs an over.

Benjamin was the pick of the trio, ending with two for 36 from 18 overs while Bishop had one for 41 from the same number. For once, Courtney Walsh failed to take

Leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj, one of four changes in the West Indies team, was the most expensive with his 24 overs costing 77 runs.

But the England batsmen never managed to dominate the bowling and both openers could have fallen before lunch.

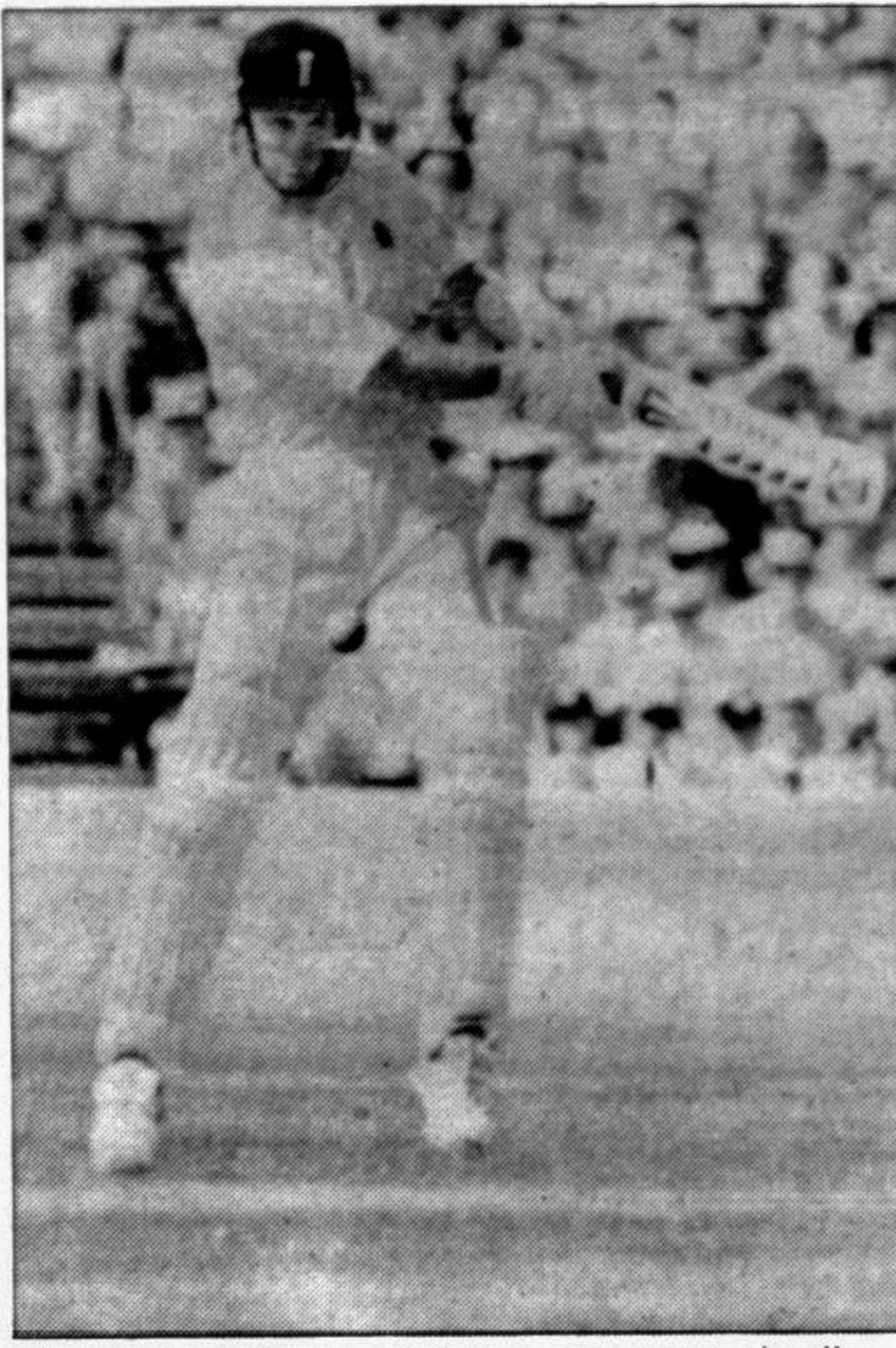
Knight, who managed only an edgy 17 in the first session, survived a leg before appeal that looked desperately close, while Atherton had a stroke of fortune when an inside edge off Benjamin shaved his off-stump and went for four.

The West Indies pacesman was finally rewarded when Knight inexplicably padded up to a straight ball which would have taken the off-stump.

Atherton reached his century from 216 balls and including 15 boundaries but soon afterwards fell to a superb piece of fielding by Dhanraj who swooped in from mid-wicket and with an underarm flip hit the stumps to run out the England captain.

Crawley, seeking to make sure of his Test place, again failed while Thorpe, hero of England's fourth Test win which levelled the six-match series 2-2, gave Browne, preferred to Junior Murray behind the stumps, a simple catch.

On such a good batting surface, England will be looking for a total well over 400 and much could depend on Hick, recalled after being dropped for the Old Trafford Test.



England's Graeme Hick mistimes an attempted pull on the second day of the fifth Test against the West Indies at Trent Bridge yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the fifth Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge on Thursday:

ENGLAND: First innings
N Knight lbw b Benjamin 57
M Atherton run out 113
J Crawley c Williams b Benjamin 14
G Thorpe c Browne b Bishop 19
R Illingworth not out 8
G Hick not out 6
Extras: (b-4, nb-6) 10
Total: (for four wickets) 227
Fall of wickets: 1-148; 2-179; 3-206; 4-211

Bowling (to date):

	O	M	R	W
Walsh	26	4	61	0
Bishop	18	5	41	1
Benjamin	18	7	36	2
Dhanraj	24	2	77	0
Arthurton	4	0	8	0

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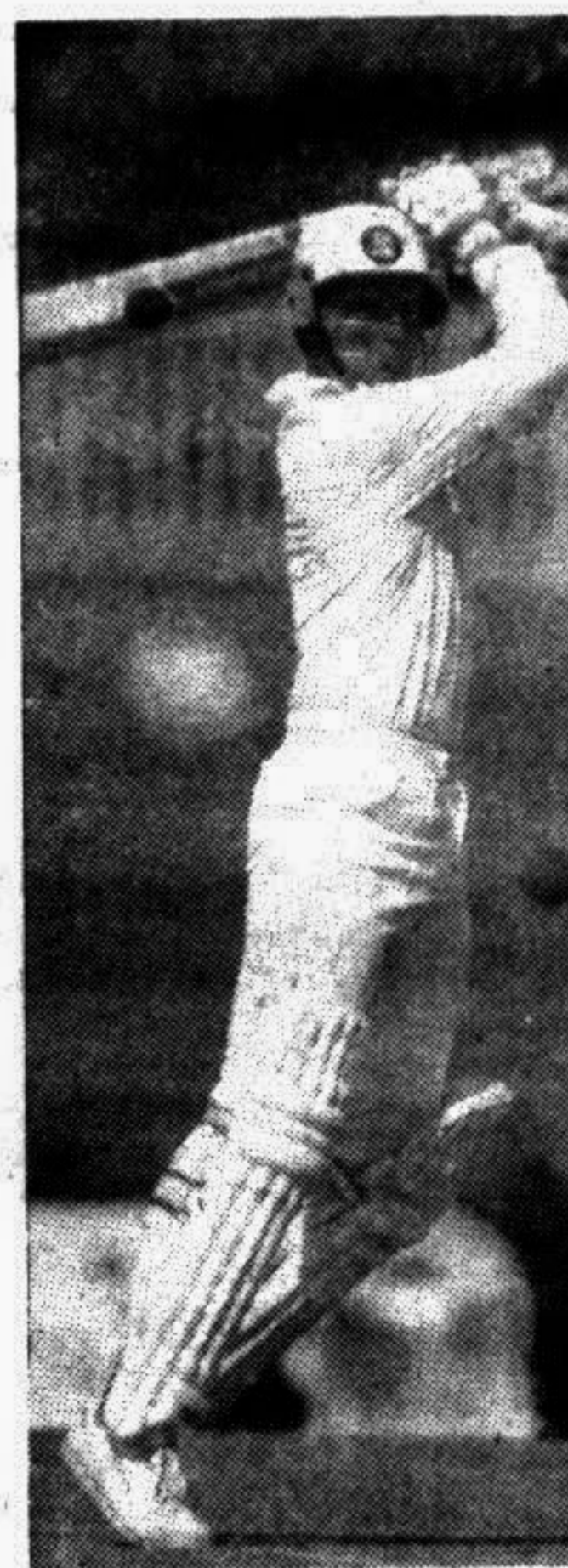
ACA takes BCCI to court

GUWAHATI, Aug 11: The row over non-allotment of a World Cup cricket match at the Nehru Stadium here had its echo again in the district session court here today, reports PTI.

The Assam Cricket Association (ACA) had filed a suit in the court and prayed for an injunction restraining the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) to carry out its decision of holding matches in Patna, Cuttack and Delhi and not in Guwahati.

The ACA contended that if Guwahati was denied a match for lack of infrastructure, Patna, Cuttack and Delhi should also get the same treatment as those centres also lacked basic infrastructure.

The ACA contended that the BCCI decision was based on the Indian report filed by Ravi Shastri. The report, it said, was "false and untrue."



ATHERTON ... 113
a wicket but was almost as economical, sending down 26 overs at a cost of 61 runs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Tender, sensitive flesh
6 Ties
11 Podiatrist's case
12 On horseback
14 Gorge
15 Hemingway's Santiago, e.g.
16 Favorable
17 Afghanistans capital
19 Expert
20 Err
22 Groove on
23 Skelton's Kaddish-hopper
24 Serf
26 Popular takeout cuisine
28 Josh
30 Pair
31 Ivy, for one
35 Different
39 Count (on)

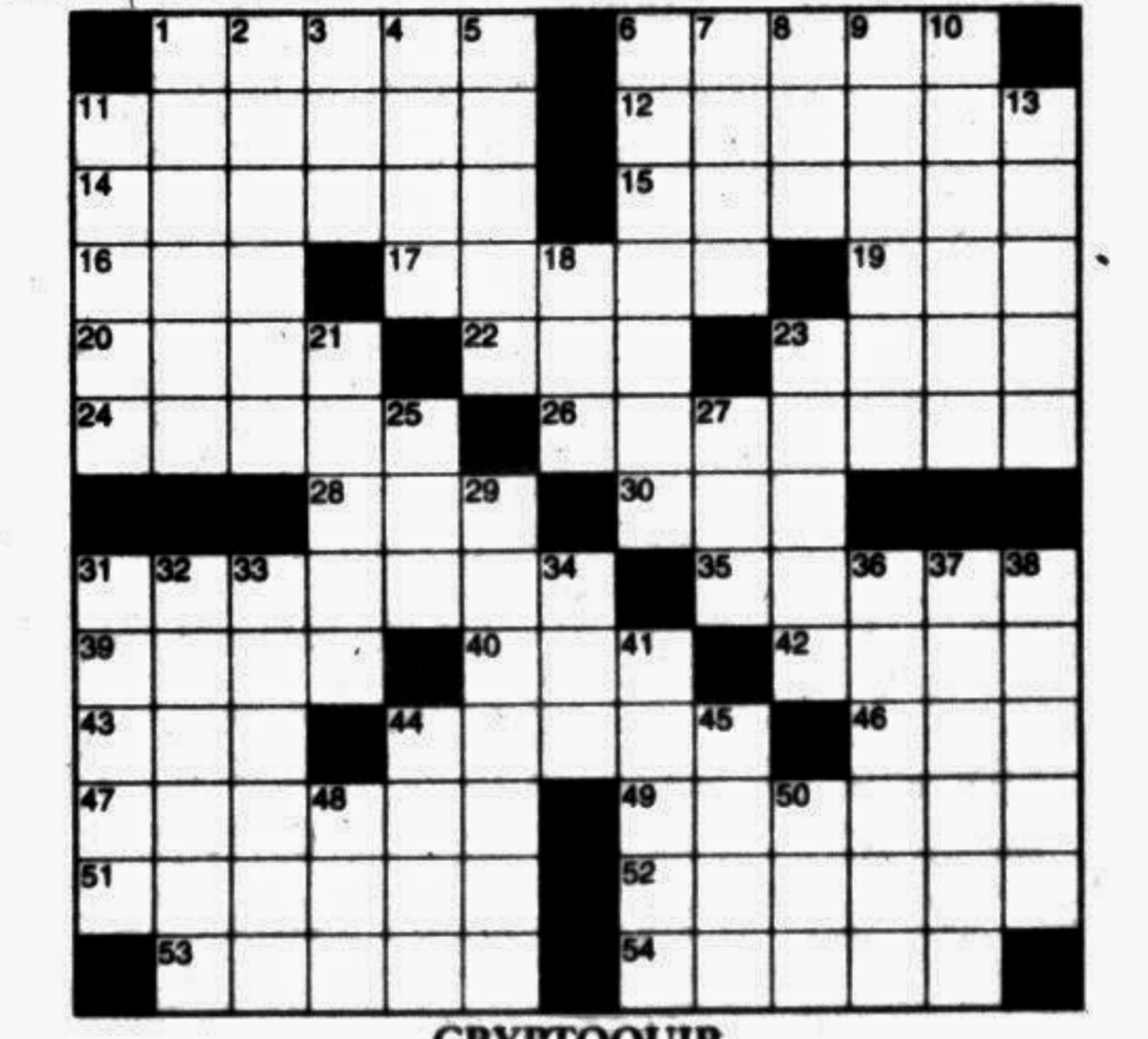
40 Craze
42 Hangover?
43 Copper head
44 Chose a target
46 Sports-caster
47 English-Welsh river
49 Pooch
51 Large, heavy hammer
52 Promptly
53 Hair net
54 Enormous

DOWN
1 Gore's predecessor
2 Reveal
3 Sundial notation
4 Bean
5 Massage
6 Deluge's antithesis
7 Streamlet
8 Put together
9 Nun's headcloth
10 Clothes
11 Impertinent

13 Aphorism
18 Pen name?
21 Gumbo's horse
23 Ben's bill
25 Lagniappe
27 — Jima
29 Specified
31 Insensitive
32 Insurrectionists
33 Gridiron group
34 Push forcefully
36 In possession of
37 Prove
38 "Born-again" Frenchwoman?
41 Transfer
44 Jason's craft
45 Info
48 Tokyo, once
50 Postal Creed word

Solution time: 28 mins.

R	A	M	P	S	O	A	P	E	R
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CRYPTOQUIP

CTWK JPUWK G XTEPXW,
VEHA CEDSISQ.CPHW
JGVRSWDH GUEPI RWA.
APKJ GA SEHH UWJGH.

Yesterday's Cryptquip: AFTER A MUCH-NEEDED HAIRCUT, WOMAN LEFT THE SALON CHEERFULLY DISTRESSED.

Today's Cryptquip clue: U equals V

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.