

Column One

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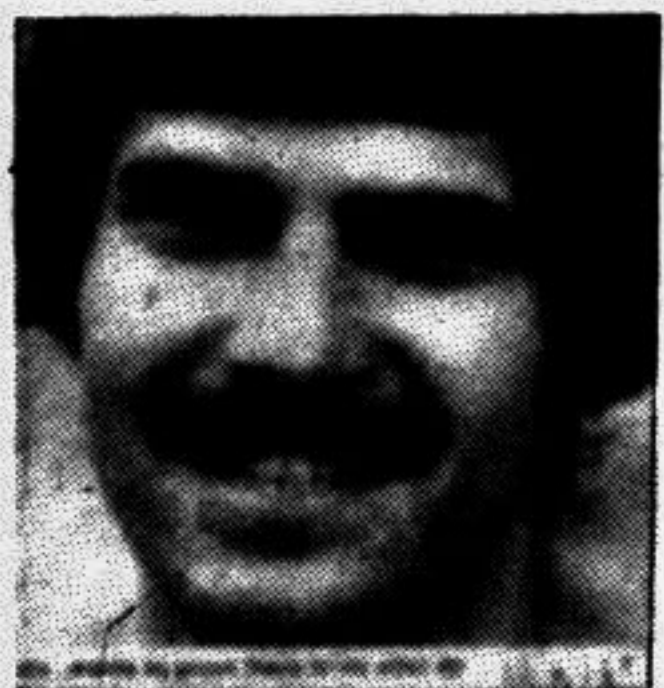
(The Professor does)

THAT the Wimbledon Championships was launched in 1877 by (would you believe it?) the All England Croquet Club in Wimbledon, who were short of money and decided what better way to raise cash than to run a championship using the then new and fast-becoming popular game of lawn tennis.

More than a hundred years later, Wimbledon is one of the most popular sporting events in the world. And, Tawfiq Aziz Khan paid a shilling many times over to enter the stands in 1995.

Perhaps the Wrestling Federation can host a 'gollachut' competition and try everybody's luck. Both Wimbledon and Wrestling begin with a W.

SPORTS TALK



Mark Spitz

(US Olympic swimmer) "Having a speech writer would be definitely too plastic. I just try to remember six key words before every talk". (1972)

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Rules:

- 1. The Sports WHIZZ KID Competition is a property of The Daily Star.
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4. Entries should be posted or hand-delivered to Sports WHIZZ KID competition, The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205.
5. No other contact should be made with The Daily Star regarding the matter.
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7. The first five correct entries drawn shall be declared as the Sports WHIZZ KIDS of the week.
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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-I. tick the correct answer

(Competition closes: 8 PM, August 25, 1995)

Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options for sports trivia.

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SA cricketers crush Lankans

KURUNEGALA, Sri Lanka, Aug 20: South Africa's under-24 side registered their first tour win by defeating Sri Lanka's under-24 by eight wickets on the final day of the second Test here today, reports AFP.



An unidentified Indian defender watch helplessly as Naqib (not in the picture) of Muktiyoddha scores his first goal during their exhibition football match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Muktiyoddha rolled up the Indian pre-Olympic team 3-0. — Star photo

Muktis maul Indians

Sports Reporter

The visiting Indian Olympic team had to pay through the nose in their first overseas exposure when the star-studded Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kriya Chakra handed them a crushing 3-0 defeat in the first of the two exhibition matches at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a rather one-sided affair, Muktiyoddha's robust striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib struck twice while speedy winger Mamun Joarder scored the third as the last year's Premier league runners-up confirmed a facile victory even before the short whistle.

But the result hardly reflects Muktiyoddha's total dominance over an unimpressive Indian outfit, who are here in preparation for their Olympic qualifying matches against Pakistan and Oman in October.

Muktiyoddha, who led the first half 3-0, could have won by an even bigger margin had not the woodwork denied them on two occasions. In front of a 10,000 strong home crowd at the big bowl, Naqib put the winners into the lead as early as in the fourth minute. The opportunity-seeking national striker, after receiving a Gaus floater from the left, stabbed the ball home past an helpless Indian custodian Arpan Dey.

Mamun for Asian All-Stars Eleven

Sports Reporter

Mamunur Rashid — a Bangladeshi hockey player has been selected as one of the members of Asian All Stars Eleven, which will play three exhibition matches against the Indian national team at different cities of India later this month.

Mamun is the third Bangladeshi player to be included in this Asian elite group. Earlier, Jamal and Jumman of Bangladesh were in the Asian XI.

The exhibition matches have been arranged to celebrate the birth anniversary of Hockey wizard Dhyan Chand. The 17-member Asian All Stars Eleven, selected by the Asian Hockey Federation, comprises of four Pakistanis, three Indians, three Malaysians and one player each, from Kazakhstan, Japan, Oman and Bangladesh.

English Premier League

M United falter on Day 1

LONDON, Aug 20: Manchester United, who fell just short of a third consecutive title last season, crashed 3-1 at Aston Villa on the opening day of the English Premier League on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Forward Ian Taylor, new 3.25 million pounds (5.02 million dollars) midfielder Mark Drapper and Trinidad striker Dwight Yorke with a penalty, scored the three first half goals that sunk United.

One of United's raw youngsters, David Beckham, hit a consolation goal six minutes from time. Starless United were without the transferred Paul Ince and Mark Hughes, suspended Eric Cantona and Steve Bruce, injured Ryan Giggs and Andy Cole and in-limbo striker Andrei Kanchelskis.

Double crown for Mashuk

Sports Reporter

Mashuk clinched double crown at the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis tournament held at the club court yesterday.

In the singles final Mashuk defeated Dr Rashiduddin 6-3, 7-5 while the two singles finalists teamed up to overpower Shamim and Butto 6-3, 6-1 to claim the doubles title.

Meanwhile, Irshad Hossain prevailed as champion and Anisul Huq runners-up in the squash competition held during the celebration.

BCCB XI sans Nannu, Bulbul

Sports Reporter

Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Aminul Islam Bulbul will be left out of the BCCB Eleven which is slated to play in the All-Indian Moyn-ud-Dowla invitational cricket tournament, beginning in the Indian city of Hyderabad from September 2.

Both are now in England and did not report yet to the selection camp.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) will announce the 16-member squad for the meet today. The BCCB XI, which have been placed in one group along with four other local outfits, will play their first match against Maharashtra Cricket Association on September 3.

They will engage in their second group league match against State Bank of India on the following day while take on Indian Cement and hosts Hyderabad Cricket Association-B on September 6 and 8 respectively in their remaining matches.

In the 24-team tourney, top two finishers from the four groups will qualify for the quarterfinals. The BCCB XI is expected to leave for Hyderabad on August 28.

Meanwhile, the BCCB has received another invitation from India on Friday to take part in the Buchi Babu Cricket tournament to be held in Madras from September 16.

But the Board is yet to confirm their participation.

Mohsin Cup b'ball

Sports Reporter

Rangers A glided over Kurmitolla Young Star while Young Angels struggled to beat Flame Boys in the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Rangers A recorded a comfortable 53-36 win over Kurmitolla Young Star with Palash leading the winners charge caging the highest of 15 points.

Masud and Babu with eight points each were the other notable marksmen for the winners while Tasu scored 10 points for the losers.

In the day's second match, a fairly contested one, Young Angels prevailed over Flame Boys 57-51.

Saimon (19), Nizam (15) and Angelo (12) were the leading scorers for the Angels while Azad and Aziz caged 17 and 12 points respectively for the vanquished.

Germany stay on course

DUBLIN, Aug 20: Germany had to battle through a massed Polish defence to win 3-0 and maintain their challenge for a semifinal place in hockey's European Nations' Cup today, reports Reuter.

ROK Diego's first foe?

SEOUL, Aug 20: Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona is expected to play his first match after a 15-month ban in South Korea, the Korea Football Association (KFA) said today, reports Reuter.

"We and Boca Junior of Argentina signed an agreement to have a friendly match here. As far as I am concerned, Maradona will join the game to play against (the South Korea) national team," a KFA official said. "But details on the venue and day have not yet been decided," he said.

Malcolm, Tufnell recalled Onus on Oval experts



DEVON MALCOLM

LONDON, Aug 20: England went for the match-winning potential of Devon Malcolm and Phil Tufnell when they named their squad today for the sixth Test showdown against West Indies at The Oval, reports Reuter.

The recall of fast bowler Malcolm and left-arm spinner Tufnell were the most significant features in the party of 13 for the deciding match starting on Thursday with the series poised at 2-2.

Middlesex slow bowler Tufnell, overlooked all season, played a major role when England pulled off a series-squaring victory over West Indies at The Oval three years ago by capturing six for 25 in the first innings.

Twelve months ago, Derbyshire paceman Malcolm had second innings figures of nine for 57 when England beat South Africa at The Oval.

Malcolm has been out of favour since the first Test of the current series at Headingley.

"We are playing to win a Test series and that's what we've picked this squad for," said chairman of selectors and team manager Ray Illingworth. "It's a one-off, crunch game."

Malcolm and Tufnell return while left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, who has a broken finger, and all-rounder Craig White, in wretched form during the last two Tests, drop out of the 13 called up for the fifth Test that was drawn at Trent Bridge last week.

Tufnell is back on the international scene after a chequered career in which his record is littered with disciplinary problems.

Earlier this month he was fined and reprimanded by Middlesex after making an obscene gesture at spectators during a county championship match at Lord's.

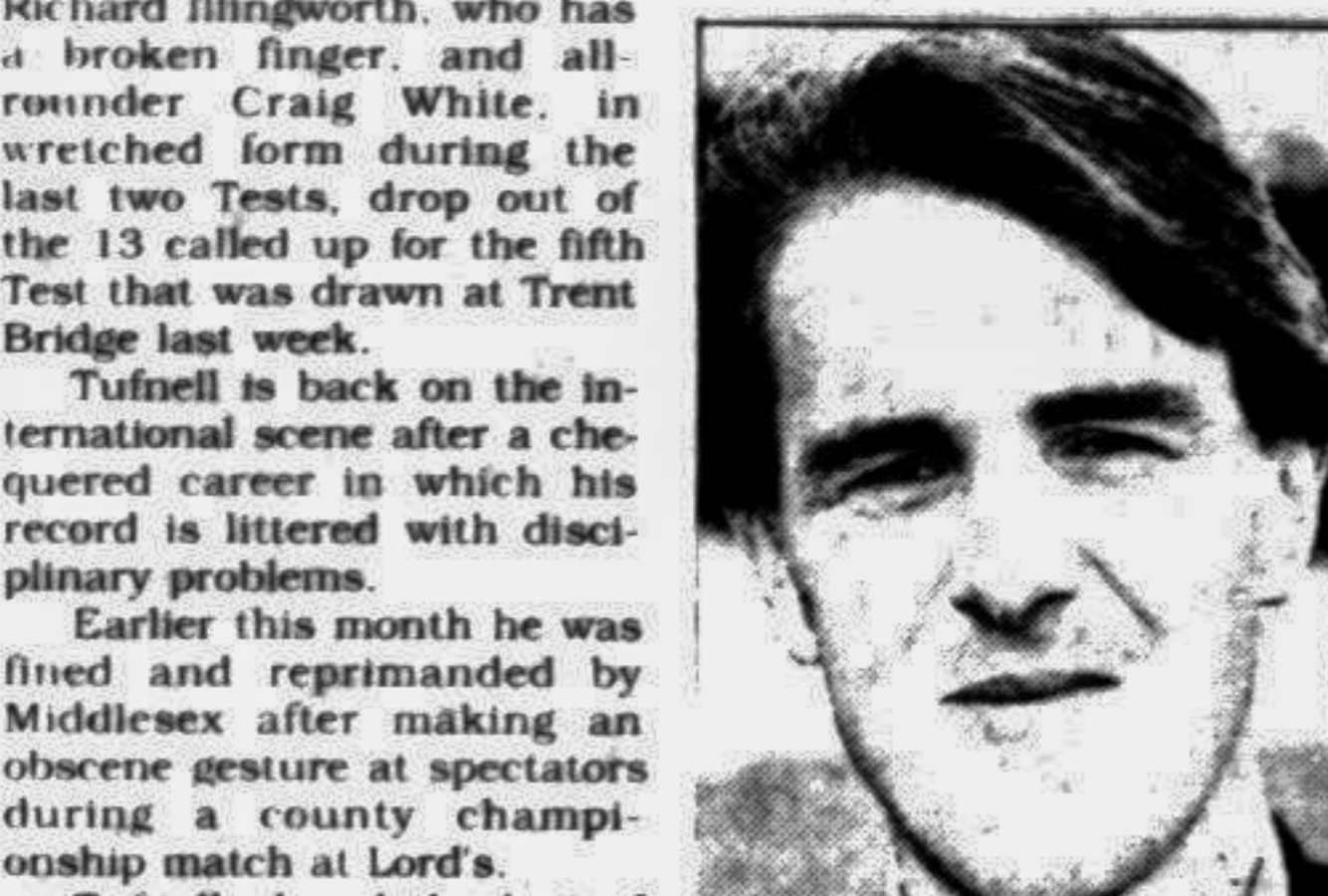
Tufnell played the last of his 22 Tests in the fourth Ashes match against Australia in Adelaide last January.

Malcolm has taken advantage of the extra pace and bounce of The Oval pitches in each of England's last three Tests at the ground.

He captured five for 94 against Pakistan in 1992, enjoyed a six-wicket match haul against Australia in 1993 and reached his peak with the demolition of South Africa last season.

SQUAD

Mike Atherton (captain), Nick Knight, John Crawley, Graham Thorpe, Graeme Hick, Alan Wells, Jack Russell, Mike Watkinson, Dominic Cork, Angus Fraser, Devon Malcolm, Phil Tufnell, Mark Ilett.



PHIL TUFNELL

Munton mops up Notts

LONDON, Aug 20: Pacesman Tim Munton claimed his second five-wicket haul of the match as Warwickshire crushed Nottinghamshire inside three days on Saturday and stayed well in contention to retain their County Championship title, reports Reuter.

Munton ended stubborn Nottinghamshire resistance to finish with five for 79 and a match return of 10 for 116.

The match had looked to be heading for a much earlier end when, after Notts resumed on 66 for four and still 182 runs behind, Colin Banton had his left arm broken after being struck by fast bowler Allan Donald.

But then a rousing stand of 151 between Paul Johnson and New Zealander Chris Cairns gave Notts hopes at least of forcing play into the fourth day.

Cairns blasted five sixes and eight fours in his 83, made off 103 deliveries, while Johnson raced to his first championship century of the season in similar style.

Donald eventually broke that partnership, after which Munton mopped up the tail with a burst of four for 19 in 24 deliveries.

That left Johnson unbeaten on 120, having hit 22 boundaries and a six during his 288-minute stay.

Warwickshire were left with a second innings target of 25 for victory, and openers Nick Knight and Wasim Khan dully obliged to give their side 24 valuable points.

Middlesex, who will top the table if they beat Kent, set the visitors a victory target of 347 at Lord's before reducing them to 37 for two at the close.

Mike Gatting's men made hard work for themselves in the morning session when they failed to enforce the follow-on, even though Aravinda de Silva was dismissed early on lbw to Dion Nash for 88.

England captain Mike Atherton moved to the brink of a record-equaling sixth Roses century but Yorkshire remain strong favourites for a 24-point victory at Old Trafford.

Atherton, who hit 61 in Lancashire's first innings, added a determined unbeaten 99 to guide them to the verge of equalling Clive Lloyd's tally of six centuries in Roses matches.

Agassi, Krajicek in final

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 20: Top-seeded Andre Agassi continued his breezy march to the final of the Volvo international tennis tournament Saturday, dominating veteran Mats Wilander 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals to extend his match-winning streak to 19, reports Reuter.

The unseeded Wilander, who beat two seeds on the way to the semifinals, lacked the firepower to threaten Agassi, the number one ranked player in the world.

Eighth-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands will battle Agassi for the 150,000 dollars first prize today.

Krajicek, taking advantage of fourth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov's missed opportunities and hot temper, took only 67 minutes to move into the title round 6-4, 6-4.

Wilander, a seven-time Grand Slam winner in the 1980s, struggled to hold serve throughout the match against the lethal returns of the 25-year-old Las Vegas.

"I think I was trying to play him one step above what I can really manage," said Wilander. "Maybe I was trying to get to the net too quickly. And when you're down, it's very hard to beat him — he's the best front-runner I've ever seen."

Agassi felt he could have played better. "I wouldn't call this an optimum performance, but I did feel in control of the match," he said.

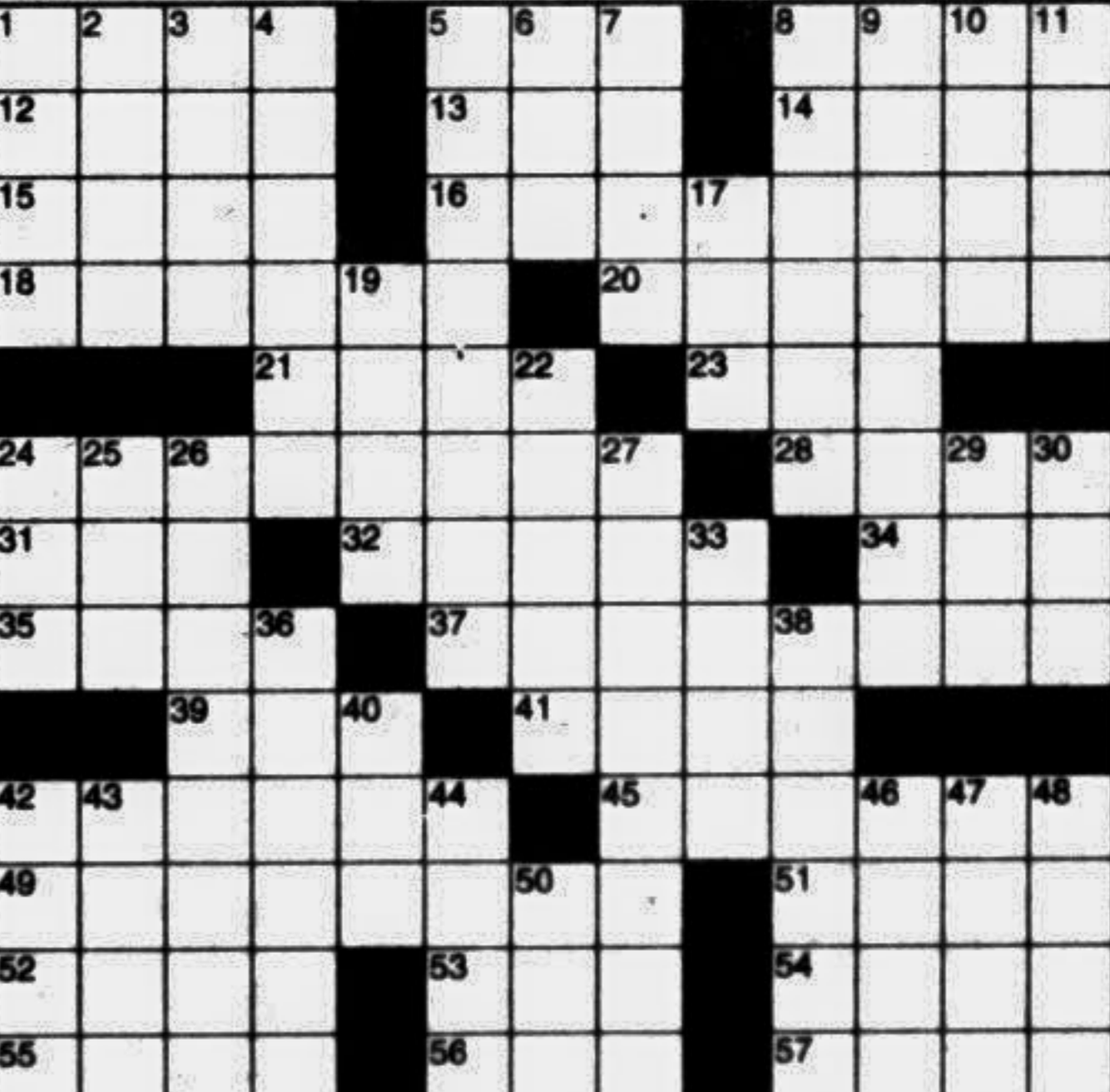
But that was the only solid threat the Russian made as Krajicek broke back in the very next game.

"It often happens when you get broken you concentrate better in the next game — at least it works for me," said the hard-serving Dutchman, who ousted second-seeded defending champion Boris Becker in the quarterfinals.

"I think my confidence is building."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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42 Some rings 45 "Forget Him" singer 49 Siberian sled dogs 51 Merriment 52 Finished 53 Tell tall tales 54 Charles Lamb 55 Hot stuff? 56 Adipose tissue 57 Grate DOWN 1 Timetable, for short 2 Never again? 3 Golden, to 17 Statute

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CRYPTOQUIP

ABRZDOR XBY RZEUIDP AZOU XZRF FZY PTERIN'Y ABZOY-RBUZOK QDPZEBI RNDBRQDOR. Saturday's Cryptoquip: FRANTIC FISHERMAN TOLD HIS DOCTOR, "I'M LOSING MY HERRING." Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals D. 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.