

Column One SPORTS TALK



Jeff Thomson (Australian fast bowler) "The sound of the ball hitting the batsman's skull was music to my ears."

DID U KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT volleyball and basketball were both innovated in the 1890s in an YMCA gymnasium to enliven the training sessions. Both games are closely related to Aztec and Olmec cultures of Mexico and also to some East Asian games. Volleyball also has a close relative in the German games of Faustball, in which teams punch a ball over a dividing rope. I am certain that our kabaddi has something to do with wrestling and that WWF (as seen on TV) is much inspired by our campus violence, only difference being that in the WWF version almost nobody gets hurt. Is it possible that the Roller Caster was developed after an American took a Dhaka-Aricha bus ride? Or that computer games were derived from simply driving escapades on Bangladesh roads? You've lost a life and you got only nine more. Sorry, you're dead. Do you want to play again?

WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Form for Sports WHIZZ KID competition-2. Includes questions about handball, football, and other sports.

Form for Name, Class, Roll No, School Address, and Phone.

Lankans in Pakistan

KARACHI, Aug 28: Sri Lanka skipper Arjuna Ranatunga said his team would fight to maintain their winning trend in the three-test battle in Pakistan, reports AFP. "We started winning against New Zealand last March and we want the winning trend going", Ranatunga said after arriving here late Sunday. Sri Lanka won their first overseas Test series in New Zealand earlier this year and are anxious to keep the run going. "We take the Pakistani team very seriously," Ranatunga said. "We have picked the best batsmen and bowlers for the longer matches while the side might be changed." Tour manager Duleep Mendis, a former Test captain, would not predict the outcome of the series. Newcastle overtake Leeds SHEFFIELD, England, Aug 28: French international David Ginola scored his first goal in English soccer on Sunday as Newcastle United beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 away to go to the top of the Premier League, reports Reuter.

Hosts going great guns

Sports Reporter

A highly motivated Bangladesh boys team will take on their Pakistani counterparts in the first semifinal of the sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium today. The match will commence at 3 pm. The high-flying Bangladeshis, buoyed by victories against holders Great Britain and a plucky Nigerian in their earlier matches, will be looking for their first appearance in the final of the ten-year-old competition and starts the match as firm favourites. Throughout their group matches the local boys have played with a high quality of handball displaying a perfect blend of speed, shooting skills and cohesion. Playmaker Swapan, the vice-captain, who played a pivotal role in both of their victories, will be again his team's linchpin in today's crucial match. The sharp-shooting Palash, skipper Akul and Rafique, who has shown his sheer brilliance in fast breaks, are also expected to live up to their mark. Much will depend on the sensational custodian Bappi

motivation is very high. While asked about their opponents, Rana said that Pakistan is overtly dependent on their No 10 (Zubair) who will be kept well under vigilance by the local defence. He mentioned that his boy's strategy will be to play an attacking game. Bangladesh captain Akul also expressed his hopes of winning the tie.



The Pakistani camp, on the other hand, is taking a less optimistic approach to the game. Their manager, Mian Amjad, said, their team is an inexperienced one and will try to give a tough time to the hosts. He admitted that Bangladesh will start as favourites to win the match but hoped that both teams

India and Nigeria will take part in day's other semifinals in the afternoon. Title aspirants India have been impressive all the way through and are still to lose a match in the tournament. Nigeria, on the other hand, scraped into the semis with a draw against Great Britain after losing to the hosts by the lowest of margin. The coaches of both teams assured this correspondent of their imminent victories. India coach Manjit Singh said, "If my team has good coordination, we will definitely win." He said, Nigeria is a team with good speed but lacks power and shooting skills. Danlami Aliwu, the Nigerian coach, said they would cash in on India's lack of speed in order to reach the final. The in-form Afolabi might miss the encounter due to injury, he added. Asked about the other semifinal, both Aliwu and Manjit tipped Bangladesh to come out as an easy winner. Meanwhile, the British coach Phil Church has accused the Indians of bringing over-aged players to the



Indian captain Kamla Devi (3), clad in the Bangladesh kit, is deprived of a goal by Lynn Peacock of Great Britain as Cheryl Thompson (L) looks on during a Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship game at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday. The Indian girls won 26-8. — Star photo

who seems to be growing in stature as every match goes by. The Pakistani outfit looks more like a one-man-team everyday, depending much on the talented Mohammed Zubair to score all their goals. Most of the other players showed a lack of technique and match temperament. Talking with newsmen last afternoon, the Bangladeshi manager Hasanullah Khan Rana said, "It we can play the way we have played in the last two matches, then I am 100 per cent confident of winning." Rana informed that his team has got no major injury problems and their spirit and

will display impressive performances. Amjad, who is also the director of sports of Punjab University, opined that the Indo-Pak dual was the only clean match of the tourney so far with no incidents involving mandrangling. He appealed to the Bangladeshis to keep in mind all the rules and regulations of the game and play according to the brotherly relationship that the two countries have. The Pak skipper Asim Rashid said Mohammed Zubair will be their key player in the match, and has consider Bappi and Swapan as the danger-man for his team.

competition. Talking to newsmen after the 5th place decider, Church expressed his surprise at the indifference of the organisers about the matter. Replying to a question, he said he is not in a position to lodge an official complaint as his team is not facing the Indians but added that he would have done so if he had the authority to. TODAY'S MATCHES Bangladesh vs India (girls, 9:30 am) Bangladesh vs Pakistan (1st semifinal, boys, 3 pm) India vs Nigeria (2nd semifinal, boys, 4:30 pm) Bangladesh vs England (girls, 6 pm)

Muktis stay on course

Sports Reporter

Star-studded Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra pulverised Agrani Bank 4-0 in the return leg of the Libebuoy Premier League encounter at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium on Monday. With this win Muktijoddha stay well on course raising their points tally to 26 from 12 matches, just three points adrift of league leaders Abahani Krira Chakra. Agrani Bank, who stood out in their previous encounter against Mohammedans found it difficult to cope with Muktijoddha. Tutul, the on-going league who made life miserable for the MSC

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A double Dutch debacle

Sports Reporter

DUBLIN, Aug 28: Olympic champions Germany retained their European Nations' Cup title when they defeated the Netherlands on penalties in the final, reports Reuter. The match was drawn 2-2 before Germany won 9-8 on Penalties. It was the second time in a year the Netherlands have missed a title on penalties. They lost to Pakistan 4-3 on penalties at last year's World Cup in Sydney. Their failure here again denied them automatic qualification for the Atlanta Olympics. Germany as Olympic champions are already qualified. The Dutch Dominated the early part of the final with shrewd attacking play and seemed to be coasting to victory when they took a 2-0 lead in the first half.

They wasted three penalty corners but Wouter van Pelt gave them the lead from their fourth with a high flick shot and Stephan Veen added a second, stealing in behind the German defence to touch in a free hit by Netherlands' other winger, Remoc Van Wijk. The Dutch had the misfortune to lose Walter Drenth, their centre back through injury 10 minutes into the second half. The Dutch were unable to re-establish their early dominance while Germany, who forced only two corners in the match, relied too much on individual sallies so neither side could set up another scoring opportunity. In the penalty session, the first series of strokes was drawn 4-4, the first sudden death series finished the same way, and the same players Bjorn Michel of Germany and Leo Klein Gebbink for the Netherlands both failed to score in both series. When the third series of strokes started, Becker scored for Germany but Marc Delissen, the Dutch captain, saw his shot fly off the crossbar and, with it Netherlands' title hopes disappear. The one consolation for Delissen was the award as player-of-the-tournament.

Brit boys finish last

Sports Reporter

The Hong Kong boys team came back from behind to pull off their first ever international win when they edged past holders Great Britain 19-17 in a thrilling encounter in the Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday. The British outfit continued their familiar habit of leading until the breather but ultimately coming out winless when they were up 10-8 at half-time. The victory enabled Hong Kong to finish fifth in the six team event while the defending champions finished last. Chi Hang Chung led the late revival by the British colony with nine goals while Siu Tong Ng scored three. Mike Hegarty topscored for the losers with five goals while skipper Kevin Lindsey added four. At the post-match press briefing a frustrated British coach Phil Church said, "I can't find any reason for my team to lose all three matches despite leading at half-time. He said that his team will do better next time. The pleasant Brit was a little disgruntled about the age of the Indians and commented, "Maybe, I should have brought older players." The Hong Kong coach said he was happy with his team's victory. Both the foreigners applauded the organisers for doing a great job. Meanwhile, the Indian girls' team, clad in Bangladesh colours, thumped the British girls 26-8. The winners led 13-3 at half-time in a match played in the morning. Ranjeet Kaur netted seven and Juliet Lawrence picked up five goals for the winners.

Farashganj's first win Sports Reporter Farashganj Sporting Club celebrated their first win in the Lifebuoy Premier league when the old towners beat their neighbours Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society by the odd goal in three in the first match at the Dhaka Stadium on Monday. In an up and down encounter between the two promotes in the Premier's league this year, Farashganj rode on their substitute Alamgir, who scored both the goals for his side's crucial win. After a barren first half, Alamgir put Farashganj on the saddle in the 70th minute with a powerful shot from inside the box. Alamgir, the most decisive change by Farashganj, struck his second goal four minutes later with yet another scorching drive into an open net. POLICE BEAT BADDA Away at the Mirpur Stadium, Police Athletic Club threw a spanner in the Badda Jagoran's works for promotion to the elite group when they handed the second-placed holders a shocking 1-0 defeat in the lone Lifebuoy First Division match yesterday. With this defeat Badda, who along with their last night's conqueror moved into the First Division this year, remained glued to the former collection of 18 points from 12 matches while Police raised their tally to 14 from twelve engagements.

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West Indies batsman Carl Hooper sweeps during his elegant innings of 127 on the fourth day of the sixth and final Test against England at The Oval on August 27. — AFP/UNB photo

Oval Test tamely drawn Wisden Trophy Windies'

LONDON, Aug 28: Despite the best efforts of a hostile Curtly Ambrose on Monday, England captain Mike Atherton led his team to a draw in the sixth and final Test with the West Indies, leaving an enthralling series tied at 2-2, report agencies. England needed to bat all day to save the Test and the series, and, when the captains agreed to stop play 30 minutes early, was 223, for four in its second innings, still 15 runs short of the West Indies' record first innings 692 for eight declared. Ambrose breathed fire into the West Indies' charge at victory when he took two early wickets in 12 balls and repeatedly found edges which fell short or wide of fieldsmen, as England chased 239 to avoid an innings defeat. But the pitch was too flat for the other bowlers to seriously trouble the batsmen and Atherton, helped by Graham Thorpe, 38, and Graeme Hick, 51 not out, steadied England to the draw. Ambrose limped off early with a slight hamstring strain with the figures of two for 35 off 19 overs. Resuming at 39 without loss, Jason Gallian and Atherton took the score to 60 when Ambrose, the only bowler all Test to find some life in the pitch, found Gallian's edge which Stuart Williams took at third slip. Four runs later, John Crawley opened the face of his bat to an away swinger from Ambrose and wicket-keeper Courtney Browne took the catch to give the match a dramatic turn. Atherton played a responsible innings and was the fourth batsman in the Test to be out in the 90s, caught down the leg side by Browne off Ian Bishop for 95 (Hick was out for 96 and Jack Russell for 91 in England's first innings, and West Indies captain Richie Richardson made 93). After its first innings total of 454, England thought it was in a position to win its first series against the West Indies since 1969. In the end, a slow and placid batsman's pitch made a draw inevitable. With the series tied, the West Indies retained the Wisden Trophy but Richardson was not entirely happy with the

result. The West Indies opened the series with a convincing nine wicket win in the first Test. England hit back to win by 72 runs at Lord's in the second and the form reversal continued in the third Test when the West Indies won by a huge innings and 64 runs. England won by six wickets in the fourth, and needed a world record final wicket stand by Mike Watkinson and

Richard Illingworth to save a draw from the fifth Test. Lara was named-man-of-the series for the West Indies and Atherton was given the award for England. Leaving the West Indies with only three pace bowlers, Atherton became the 17th English batsman to score 1,000 runs against the West Indies with his first four of the day which also brought up his 2,000th run as captain of England.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

CRYPTOQUIP O N F X I S I L X I K X N N I P T N X S F X I S N O S P J T W V P J T P W B P K S F I B O L M V W K W T X M B Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CRAVEN CAVIAR DEVOTEE WAS AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHAD ROE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals L 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.