SPORTS TALK



Adolf Hitler,

(Former German head of state)

"No other sport is equal in building up aggressiveness, in demanding lightning-like decision, and in toughening the body in steely agility. Naturally in the eyes of our intellectuals this is regarded as wild. But it is not the duty of a race-Nationalist state to breed colonies of peaceful aesthetes and physical degenerates." (1923, on box-

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT the World Cup football is the world's premier sporting tournament, attracting more worldwide interest than any other event. For a single event, the record of the most popular game must belong to Le Mans 24 hour Grand Prix d' Endurance, being held since 1923. Crowds in excess of half a million watch the annual event in France. Also one of the sporting event to be witnessed by the largest number of live spectators is the Tour de France with following in excess of 18 million who line up the route for period of twenty three days every year.

This I thought is a good was to get into the record books. Why not organise a Teknaf-Tetulia bicycle race, a sort of Tour of Bangladesh? Millions and zillions of in terested Bangladeshis would line up on both sides of the road for as long as it took the last competitor to reach the finish line. I think about a 100 million people might ac tually watch. Actually, we have no imagination.



Sports WHiZZ KID

competition-2. Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 PM,

Sept 1, 1995)

ball team?

How many players in a hand-

What game is Old Trafford famous for? Football Cricket Tennis Which game is not an Olympic event? Badminton | Kabaddi | Water Polo Which game uses the expression "Checkmate"? Checkers Chess Chor Chor

Of which game is the world body called FIFA? Fencing Football Volleyball Name :......

Class : Roll No : . . .

Follow-up of flag incident

Phone: (if any)

FUKUOKA, Japan, Aug 29: Organisers sought Tuesday to recall programme books for the World University Games that contained what they said was an unapproved design for the Taiwan delegation at the games, reports AP.

The new programme showed a Taiwan flag with just the letter "U." for University Games, centred in a circular design. The flag in the programme being recalled, in addition to the "U" design, carried the words "Chinese Taipei" in both Chinese and English.

China complained that the design had not been ap-

proved in advance. But it does not object to Taiwan competing in international sports events and joining some international organisations under the name "Chinese Taipei."

Column One MSC amble over Arambagh

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan

comfortable 3-1 win over

Arambagh Krira Sangha in

one of the two Lifebuoy

Premier football league

matches held at the Dhaka

win the DMFA and Federation

Cup champions, not only re-

duced the gap with the

league leaders and arch-rivals

Abahani from five points to a

resonable two, but also took a

sweet revenge against

served the first stunner in

Mohammedans' all-win re-

cord this season by holding

the black-and-whites to a

one-all draw during their

first leg engagement on July

pointing draw by an other-

wise winning force was so

devouring that Mohamme-

dans lost their rhythm. Their

agony multiplied when they

played to a goal-less draw

with lowly Wari Club, in their

match followed by a 1-2

defeat at the hands of Bro-

But, witnessed by a near-

packed audience at the big

bowl last night, with Ranjan

returning to his form and the

Russian striker Andrev Kaza-

kov continuing his striking

prowess, Mohammedans sho-

wed signs of being a cohesive

In an up and down en-

counter Mohammedans, who

dropped their long-serving

defender Kaisar Hamid from

the regular eleven and set

Jewel Rana into his former

position as a central de-

fender, looked impressive

midfielder Nurul Huq Manik

With an ever energetic

The Bangladesh girls'

team avoided what would

have been a humiliating de-

feat when they struggled to

get past Great Britain in their

final league match in the

Sixth Commonwealth youth

handball championship at the

Mirpur Indoor Stadium yes-

made a hash of a command-

ing 16-9 lead at the breather

as they were outscored by the

Brits in the closing half but

managed to salvage a 27-24

have been very disappointing

Venables'

The British outfit, who

The local girls almost

from the word "go."

force after a long time.

thers Union.

The impact of that disap-

Arambagh had earlier

With this morale-boosting

Stadium on Tuesday.

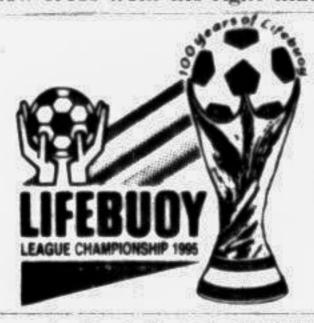
Arambagh.

playing like a spring chicken at the twilight of his career Sporting Club made most of and Arman providing him able support Mohammedans the recent deattack took its tool as the bacle of holders match moved on. But they Abahani Krira had to wait till the 45th Chakra as they bounced back minute for the lead through into the little race with a

their speedy winger Ranjan.

The Tangail booter with a lethal left foot, substituting a lack-lustre Panchinco Victor, blasted the net from the edge of the box with his pet foot after receiving a cross from

Although the referees report mentions Mohamme dans second goal in the 67th minute as suicidal, compli ments of Arambagh defender Faisal, it was Manik who created the situation with low cross from the right that



eventually deflected into the net off Faisal. It was the third 'own goal' in the league.

Mohammedans were all set to maintain a clean state on the day before Arambagh's Russian striker Matbiave pulled one back by cashing on a rebounder sixty seconds away from the final whistle.

However. Mohammedans Russian striker Kazakov had the last say when he scored his fifth goal in the league during injury time.

It was a beauty the way Kazakov, the most prized Mohammedan recruit, scored the goal. The fleet-footed forward, latching on to a Ranjan lob, chested the ball with great skill and before it could touch the ground, released a rainbow shot between two Arambagh defenders bemusing custodian Tony

The convincing victory may inspire Mohammedans but will remain a living nightmare for Kaisar Hamid. who after appearing as a substitute in the second half, was made to dance to Matbive's flute.

After having Kaisar in a one-to-one situation on two occasions, Matbiave gave the against defender a testing time with playful mirth. But thanks to an ever dependable custodian Ponir, who came to Mohammedans rescue on both the occasions.

With this win Mohammedans stepped into the second position with 27 points from 12 matches, two points adrift of league leaders Abahani Krira Chakra. On the other hand. Arambagh remain stuck to their previous collection of 11 points from a dozen outings.

Yellow cards: Ponir, Ruhul Amin and Arman (Mohammedans)

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Munna, Rupu (Parvez). Manik, Arman, Bade, Kazakov. Alfaz (Kaiser Hamid) and Victor (Ranjan).

ARAMBAGH KS: Shimul (Tony), Dabloo, Faisal, Chhoton, Anwar, Tushar, Roxy (Minhaz Babu), Yousuf, Jahangir, Matbiev and Shoyeb.

Referee: Amir Sharif (Malavsia).

BU-WARI DRAW

The other Premier Division match between Brothers Union and Wari Club ended in a 1-1 draw earlier at the same venue.

Rikta of Wari scored in the 10th minute while Nigerian import Chibuzor levelled the margin for Brothers in the 25th minute of the second

Brothers have 14 points from 12 matches while relegation-threatened Wari have six from the same number of outings.

with a determined display in

the second half. Towards the

end of the opening half and

throughout the latter session

of the game the Bangladeshis

looked totally out of sorts and

struggled to regain the

tempo they started the game

footed striker, ultimately

saved the face of chief coach

Ali Asgar and relieved the

partisan spectators with

twelve goals, including eight

top-scorer for Great Britain

while Tania took advantage of

Lynn Peacock was the

Rashada Khatun, the fleet-

Kumble nails | Lara rules England

LONDON, Aug 29: India's leg-spinner Anil Kumble bowled Northamptonshire to another spectacular victory on Monday to keep alive his side's ambitions of a first English County Championship title, reports Reuter.

Kumble claimed 5-43. taking his season's tally to 91, as Nottinghamshire, who totalled 527 in their first innings, crumbled to an extraordinary defeat by an innings and 97 runs at Northampton.

The result ensured Northants remain hard on the heels of Middlesex and Warwickshire who also completed victories on Monday Just 11 points separate the trio with three games to go.

Northants' batsmen will approach their potentially crucial fixture against Middlesex starting today in positive mood after rattling up 781 for seven, assisted by an unbeaten 114 from David Capel, the innings' fourth century-maker.

Like both their rivals, they have not been handicapped by Test calls and Kumble's signing has proved a masterstroke.

His duel with Middlesex veteran John Emburey over the next four days will be significant, the English offspinner having warned up with seven for 33 to clinch victory over Yorkshire by an innings and 25 runs at Headingley.

Defending champions Warwickshire also wrapped up their 11th win of the season in emphatic fashion, defeating Worcestershire by 10 wickets. They now trail leaders Middlesex by a slender five points.

HK Sixes cricket

Slater to lead Aussie squad

SYDNEY, Aug 29: Test opening batsman Michael Slater will lead a strong Australian side to next month's Hong Kong Sixes cricket tournament, reports

The dashing Slater will be one of five Test players named here today in a sixman squad for the tournament to be held in the British colony on September 30-October 1.

Australia lost to England in last year's final despite sending an understrength side because of a clash with Australia's tour of Pakistan.

The squad is: Michael Slater (captain), Matthew Hayden, Glenn McGrath, Brendon Julian, Greg Blewett and uncapped opening batsman Matthew Elliott, who recently toured England with the Young Australia side.

Around 10 nations will contest the tournament which will be decided in a five-overs-a-side format.

Longo fired

BRUSSELS, Aug 29: Belgian First Division club Cercle Brugge have sacked their Australian international defender Dominic Longo for theft, a club official said on Monday, reports Reuter.

"Longo has been caught stealing money from the club's cashbox" said Cercle Brugge director Filips Dhondt, who declined to give further details.

"He has been sacked for urgent reasons and is no longer wanted in our club," he added.

nings may have been like an appetiser but

Brian Lara later tucked into a feast of runs to show his appetite for big scores was undiminished.

against characteristically hostile fast bowling epitomise England's determination not to buckle under pressure.

All-rounder Dominic Cork was one of those who caught the fresh spirit running through the side, capturing a match-winning seven for 43



West Indies captain Richie Richardson holds aloft the Wisden Trophy while presenter David Gower looks on after the final Test of the six-match series against England ended in a draw at The Oval on Aug 28.

AFP/UNB photo

Lara's sublime batsmanship for West Indies was the abiding memory of a tough, right and tense six-Test series against England that ended 2-2 after a draw at The Oval on Monday, reports

The Trinidadian left-hander had the highest aggregate of any batsman in the series with 765 runs — Graham Thorpe's 506 for England was next best — at an average of 85.00. He struck three hundreds and three half-centuries. Well might Richie Ri-

chardson say of Lara at the end of the sixth Test: "He is the best in the world. "I'm delighted to be playing with him and to be his captain. Whenever, I watch him bat, it's just a delight."

Lara's batting was simply on a higher plane than that of any other player. It was not only timing, power and range of strokes that brought runs in vast quantities and at great speed but his impeccable placement of the ball.

Monday he felt his failure to make a second-innings century in the second Test at Lord's proved a crucial turn-

ing point in the series. "A 100 there might have meant a victory in the match and made it a different story

in the series," he said. As it was, West Indies lost by 72 runs in pursuit of their target of 296, England

squaring the rubber 1-1 with resolution and strength of character that subsequently enabled them to level the series again after going 2-1

The batting at Lord's of Robin Smith (61 and 90) and Graham Thorpe (52 and 42)

on his debut in the second Test, taking a hattrick in the fourth Test and ending the series as England's leading bowler with 26 wickets. England emerged with a

share of the honours despite injuries that ruled opener Alec Stewart out of the last three Tests and Smith out of the final two, and they now seek to consolidate on tour.

They go to South Africa in less than two months with captain Mike Atherton saying: "The last three or four years we've been very competitive at home and it's really abroad where we've struggled to travel well and adapt to conditions.

"Hopefully when we leave on October 18 we can have a good tour of South Africa and carry on the kind of rebuilding that's going on."

Atherton led from the front throughout the series his 488 runs at an average of 40.66 testify to his valuable contribution as an opener and he received a glowing In fact Lara said on tribute from West Indies manager We Hall.

Hall, who nominated Atherton as his England player-of-the-series, said: "For me the real test for any plaver, or captain, come when he is under pressure."

"He provided the defining difference to the result of the series both by his highly accomplished batting and his astute captaincy."

The six absorbing Tests saw West Indies regain a measure of pride immediately after their upset series defeat by Australia in the Caribbean but left Richardson a little disappointed at the result.

"I believe we've got a team

that was capable of winning this series," said Richardson. "We started off very well but probably could have.

we didn't bat as well as we "We go out and try our best and sometimes our best isn't good enough. But we didn't play to our full poten-

tial - I think if we'd played a

little bit better we'd have

won." Lara named West Indies' man-of-the-series, invariably stole the headlines but the touring team could reflect on a successful comeback by fast bowler lan Bishop and the emergence of opener Sherwin Campbell and wick-

etkeeper Courtney Browne. Bishop, out of Test cricket almost two years with two stress fractures of the back. returned with a remodelled action to finish as his team's leading wicket-taker with a series haul of 27.

Kenny Benjamin underlined the virtus of line and length with 22 wickets, Courtney Walsh was as tireless as ever and took his 300th Test wicket but West Indies had to wait until the Oval to see Curtly Ambrose at his best.

When Ambrose left the field early on the final evening to a rousing reception from the crowd, he went with a wave and a bow, almost as if bidding farewell on his last appearance in a Test

as the curtain came down on a compelling series.

with Lankan bowlers MORATUWA. Sri Lanka.

Aug 29: Star batsman Gerhardus Libenberg ran riot as South Africa trounced Sri Lanka by 95 runs in the first of two under 24- one-day internationals at the Moratuwa Stadium here Tuesday, reports AFP. Skipper Dale Benkens-

tein's decision to bat first after winning the toss paid off handsomely as the in-form Libenberg pulverised the

seven sixes and 13 boundaries in a magnificent display of demoralised the home side.

wickets in the first over itself. They were bowled out for 202 in the 45th over.

Scores: South Africa under 24:297 for five in 46 overs (G. Libenberg 170 not out, A Bacher 52, D. Benkenstein

44.1 overs (M. Jayewardene 68, S. Warusamane 30, N. Nawaz 27, U Fernando 20).

Winners of gold, silver and

Salako, Alan Shearer.

GENEVA, Aug 29: UEFA

Earlier this month the European soccer body asked Papin to explain the allegations after he was quoted by Italian newspapers as saying that Marseille bribed two AC Milan players to win the

Papin, who was playing for Milan at the time of the match, later denied having made the accusations. UEFA officials said he might be summoned to a UEFA disciplinary meeting this

"Following his written statement to the European Football Union (UEFA), Jean-Pierre Papin will not have to appear before the UEFA control and disciplinary committee, UEFA said in statement.

throughout the meet losing their previous encounter with the hosts by a massive

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh girls creep thru'



26-8 scoreline, surprised the 5.000 strong capacity crowd

new team LONDON, Aug 28: England coach Terry Venables Tuesday left off some familiar names in his squad for next week's friendly at Wembley

against Colombia, reports AP Absent from the team are players like Paul Ince, Les Ferdinand and Warren Brown. Venables did include some familiar names like Paul Gascoigne, Stan Collymore and Alan Shearer, although Gascoigne and Collymore may

miss the game with injuries.

TEAM David Seaman, Tim Flowers, Rob Jones, Gary Neville, Tony Adams, Steve Howey. Gary Pallister, Graeme Le Saux, Stuart Pearce. Steve McManaman, David Platt, Robert Lee. Jamie Redknapp, David Batty, John Barnes, Paul Gascoigne, Dennis Wise, Teddy Sheringham, Peter Beardsley, Nick Barmby, Stan Collymore, John

UEFA yet to summon Papin

said on Monday it would not "for the time being" summon French striker Jean-Pierre Papin to explain reports that he made new allegations of bribery against former European champions Marseille, reports Reuter.

1993 European Cup final.

Thursday.

house at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium on Tuesday in the first semifinal of the sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship against Pakistan. The crowd went on ecstatic as Bangladesh overcame a stiff Pakistan challenge to win 25-23.

Shouts of "Tui Razakar" roared across the gallery as the spectators revelled the memorable win.

The slogan was a refer-

charged up by a capacity

ence to the collaborators of the Pakistan junta in 1971 during Bangladesh's War of Liberation.

with thirteen eve-catching Tui Razakar! Earlier, in the morning

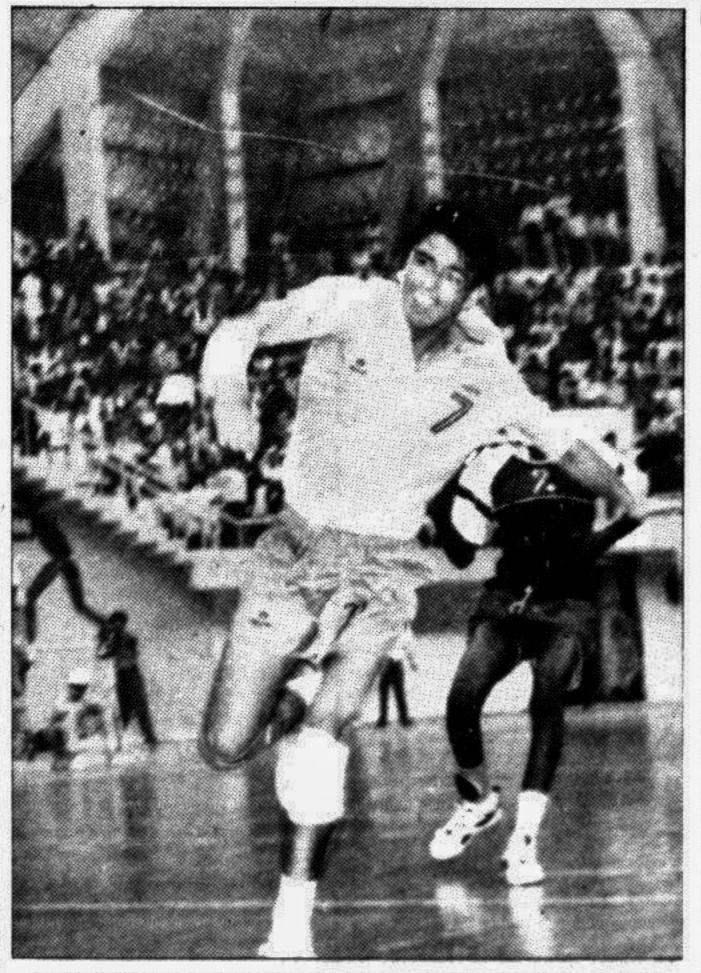
from penalties.

session, the Bangladeshi girls, fielding a second string Bangladesh Boys were team, lost to the Indians 24-16. The winners led 11-5 at half time. Kajal Devi the tall attacker, scored the highest seven goals for the India

the absence of the prolific Rashada and Swarna to score nine for the host team. Bangladesh saved their best players for the evening

> Meanwhile, the Indian boys thumped an over confident Nigerian side 31-14 in an overtly one-sided encounter. The Indians will now play the hosts in the final today.

match against Britain.



S Kounta of India was his team's leading scorer with six goals against Nigeria in yesterday's sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship encounter at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium. The Indians outplayed their opponents 31-14. - Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** night from a 43 Story 1 Pirate's

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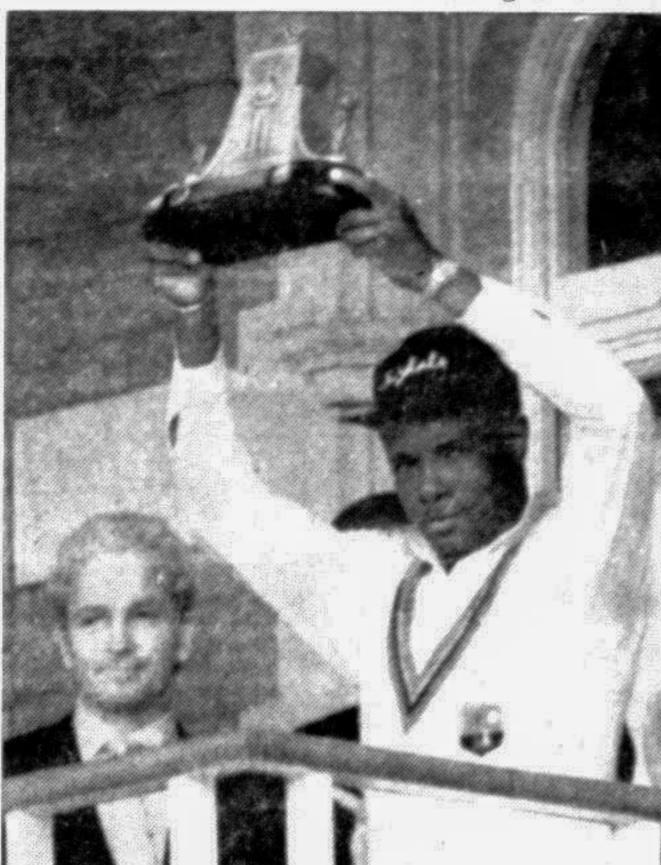
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CRYPTOQUIP

ZSNNTRVX, ZNX TRMW BVL TRHM NQSP JUW UNQPW. XQL Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU RUN OUT OF

FUEL FOR YOUR FIREPLACE, PLEASE TRY USING CATA-LOGS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals G

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.



in England. It was touching moment

Libenberg toys

local attack for an unbeaten 170 to help his side total a mammoth 297 for five in 46 Libenberg whacked 170 not out off just 114 balls including

stroke-making that completely Sri Lanka, having failed to bowl the allotted 50 overs. fared miserably when they took the crease, losing two

Only Mahela Jayewardene was able to withstand South Africa's fiery pace attack with a top score of 68. Shuan Pollock claimed two wickets while three batsmen were

Sri Lanka under 24:202 in

Reception

bronze in the Special Olympics held in the United States in July last were accorded a reception yesterday afternoon by the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) at its conference room, reports BSS.