

Column One SPORTS TALK A.S.H.E.S.

Curtain falls on Dhaka gala

The week-long sixth Commonwealth youth handball festival concluded at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday with a colourful ceremony...

From thanksgiving speeches by the organisers somewhat marred the beauty of the ceremony. After the closing declaration by chief guest Communications Minister OH Ahmed...

Another attractive feature of the nearly 40-minute ceremony was a performance by 41-member women Ansars band.

Kazal rocks Reefat

Sports Reporter The second day of the Open rating chess championship was marked by an upset result when an unheralded Kazal Mahmud of Farashganj Sporting Club handed international Master Reefat-bin Sattar a shocking defeat...



Post-final reaction

Soon after winning the girls gold, Indian coach Mahinder Pal told newsmen: 'I am very happy to win the first ever international gold in the history of Indian handball...' reports UNB.

Kazal, playing with black pieces, adopted the too familiar Sicilian defence to beat his illustrious Biman opponent in the 38th move. It was a stunning defeat for Reefat, the unbeaten national champion.

Renowned folk singer Farida Parveen rendered a Lalou geeti while popular vocalist Abida Sultana presented the farewell song written by Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman and set to tune by renowned music director Samar Das.

Another folk artist, Abdur Rahman Bayati led a group of eight singers and entertained the audience with a folk song.

Obituary in "The Sporting Times", London

In affectionate remembrance of English Cricket, which died at the Oval 29th August 1882. Deeply lamented by a large circle of Sorrowing Friends and Acquaintances RIP.

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT because badminton can be physically demanding as well as a leisurely pastime, it is enjoyed by fierce contestants as well as by men and women throughout the world...



The victorious Indians with the boys' trophy of the Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship after the final yesterday at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium. — Star photo

After clinching the boys gold, Indian Manager Amulya Das told newsmen: 'We are much more happy to win gold in both boys and girls groups.'

Asian carom congress Sept 6

Sports Reporter The first Asian Carom Confederation congress is going to be held in The Maldivian capital Male from September 6-8.



The Indian contingent pose with all that was stake in the Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship after the finals on Wednesday at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium. — Star photo

Soccer with shame

Sports Reporter Victoria Sporting Club and Shantinagar made a mockery of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association's (DMFA) policy towards match-fixing when they played to a cordial one-all draw in the second match of the Lifebuoy First Division at the floodlit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

An 'animal' affliction

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 30: An advertisement by a sportswear manufacturer, claiming its football boots are 'more animal than an Argentine defender' has been the victim of a misunderstanding...

Bima beat Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter Sadharan Bima Kriya Sangha moved into the second position in the Lifebuoy First Division football league with a 2-0 win over Dhanmondi Club at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.



The jubilant Indian girls cheer their manager after clinching the title of the Sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Stadium on Wednesday. — Star photo

Platt won't play against Colombia

LONDON, Aug 30: England captain David Platt is to undergo surgery on Thursday to repair a torn cartilage in his right knee, reports Reuter.

Gunners, Forest split points

LONDON, Aug 30: Nottingham Forest's new striker Kevin Campbell hit his first goal for eight months to secure a 1-1 draw against his former club Arsenal in the English Premier League on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

ENG-WI TEST SERIES AVERAGES

Table with 10 columns: Player, T, NO, R, HS, AVE, 100s, 50s. Includes England batting averages for M Watkinson, G Hick, J Russell, etc., and West Indies batting averages for B Lara, C Browne, etc.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition for schoolchildren. Sports WHIZZ KID competition-2. Tick the Correct Answer. (Competition closes: 8 PM, Sept 1, 1995)

Pele for punitive measure

SAO PAULO, Aug 30: Pele, Brazil's extraordinary sports minister, called on Tuesday for jail sentences for rioting soccer fans, TV Globo reported, reports Reuter.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Third degree?, 4 Kin of a ketch, 8 Aftermath, etc. Includes a Cryptoquip section at the bottom.