

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT this amateur professional matter is a very serious indeed. In 1898 an exhibition boxing match was held in Copenhagen between an amateur and a professional. After the fight the professional offered a glass of lemonade to the amateur, who accepted and was duly banned from amateur competition for having received material gain. Strange but true.

Our amateur players are taking more than a glass of lemonade. But, if we start banning them, we shall have to stop all our competitions. Instead, it would be proper to recognise their professionalism and frame rules accordingly. It is my hunch that the prevailing culture in Bangladesh of players being amateurs but reaping the benefits of a professional will one day put our players, federations and the nation in some sort of embarrassment, if not trouble.

The biggest beneficiary in the present state are the players and the worst are the clubs; the latter having to fork out huge sums to retain the services of players but who can do almost nothing if players behave non-professionally which they do every now and then.

SPORTS TALK



Jack Charlton
(England soccer player, 1965)

The only thing that put me on the right path was the realisation that I could now earn big money and I liked that idea.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-5

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Sept 22, 1995)

1. The highest Test innings score is by	Sobers	Lara	Hanif
2. The ruling body of world hockey is	FIH	WHF	IFH
3. The first Bangladeshi to cross the English Channel was	Bryon Dan	Abdul Malek	Mosharraf
4. The next soccer World Cup will be held in	Brazil	Japan	France
5. The current world chess champion is	Karpov	Kasparov	Anand

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Goran gets birthday blues

BORDEAUX, France, Sept 15: Top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia shook off a post-birthday lack of concentration to beat Czech Radomir Vasek, 6-4, 6-3, Thursday at the dlr's 400,000 Passing Shot tournament, reports AP.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain hands over the 17th national hockey championship trophy to the Dhaka University captain and coach after the final at BKSP ground, Savar yesterday. — Star photo

DU finally break the jinx

Sports Reporter

The title drought finally came to an end for Dhaka University as they overpowered a highflying Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) 3-1 in the final of the 17th national hockey championship held at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

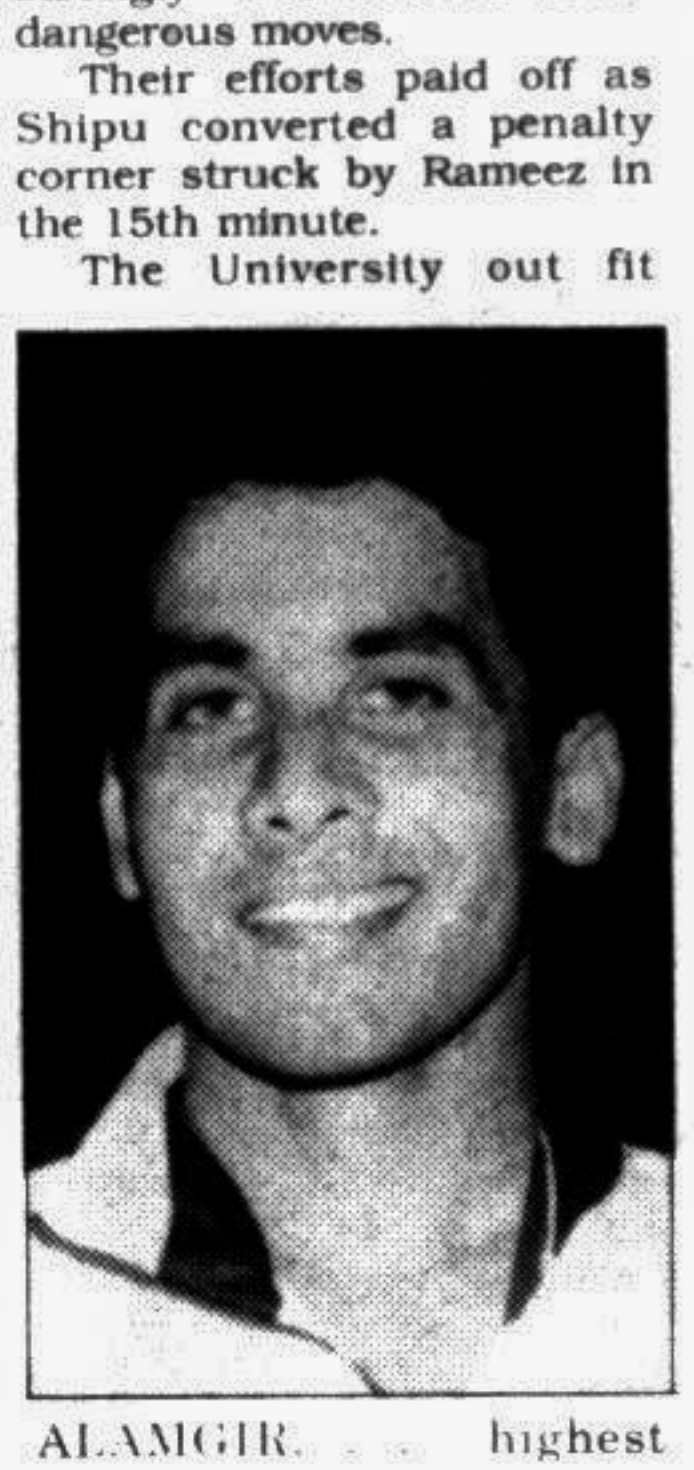
This was the first time that the university students have won the national title despite reaching the final on three previous occasions. It also was a sweet revenge for them since they lost in the final to the same opponents back 1990.

The game which was delayed for half an hour due to rain, started at a frantic pace with Dhaka University putting pressure on the hosts. They were rewarded immediately as the hard working right out Siam crossed inside the BKSP box where Alam coolly placed the ball in the net.

One goal down so early in the match, the BKSP boys, who were making their second appearance in the national hockey final came back strongly and created some dangerous moves.

Their efforts paid off as Shipu converted a penalty corner struck by Rameez in the 15th minute.

The University out fit



ALAMGIR, highest scorer

ranger up front.

To their credit the youngsters held on and nearly scored in the 25th minute when Nixon saved one off the goalline.

Nixon was again in the thick of things when he dodged past three defenders before passing to Alamgir who failed to make contact with the BKSP custodian completely beaten.

Dhaka University took the lead again the 33rd minute when Mamun blasted in a penalty corner that deflected off Bappi's stick into the BKSP goal.

Hardly two minutes passed after the start of the second session when University captain Alamgir scored a gem of a goal. He took the ball from Tutul, danced and swayed around four BKSP players before unleashing a thunder-like hit that rocketed into the net.

After conceding the goal, BKSP lost interest as Dhaka University dominated the match till the end but could not score any more goals.

When the umpire blew the final whistle the small contingent of University fans who made the exhausting journey all the way to Savar, invaded the pitch to congratulate the new champions, ten of whom had ironically played for the triumphant BKSP team in 1990.

Surprisingly enough Alamgir was one of the scorers for BKSP in that particular match.

Sampras beats McEnroe

INGLEWOOD, California, Sept 15: US Open champion Pete Sampras beat John McEnroe 6-4, 6-4 Thursday night in an exhibition match at the Forum, reports AP.

Sampras had the crowd of 7,753 laughing with his imitation of McEnroe during the 80-minute match. He wiped his brow with his shoulder and stared at the umpire when his service was called out.

"It's always fun to play John," Sampras said. "I know it's an exhibition, but you still want to go out and play well."

Sampras had 12 aces and the only two service breaks, while McEnroe began the match with a double fault and finished with five.

Sampras plays for the United States against Sweden in the Davis Cup next week in Las Vegas.

BJC's concern

TOKYO, Sept 15: Japanese boxing officials said on Thursday they are considering stepping up safety measures for boxers following the death last weekend of a veteran professional fighter several days after a title bout, reports Reuter.

A Japan Boxing Commission (BJC) official said the body would hold a health control committee meeting by early next month to discuss new safety measures to prevent a boxer's death from knockouts or technical knockouts in bouts or training sessions.



Khokon (C) of BKSP is challenged by Dhaka University's Ashiq during the final of the 17th national hockey championship at BKSP ground, Savar yesterday. The University team triumphed 3-1. — Star photo

Post-match reaction

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University's captain Alamgir Alam was satisfied by the way his teammates had beaten the inexperienced BKSP lads in such a convincing fashion.

Talking to this reporter, Alamgir said that he had a hunch the championship trophy would be theirs because his side was superior in technique and strength.

Alamgir, a former BKSP student and a national player added that the BKSP team performed creditably as a unit but lacked individual flair.

The University coach Nannu praised the team effort for their unique triumph.

BKSP's coach Nurul Islam acknowledged that the university team was too strong but said his boys fought bravely and reaching the final was a feat within its self.

The director general of BKSP Brigadier Ali Hassan expressed satisfaction at his boys performance and predicted a very bright future for them.

Jahangir Alam dropped from pool

Sports Reporter

National cricketer Jahangir Alam has been exempted from the national pool on Friday.

As per a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board press release, the selection committee of BCCB finally decided to delete Jahangir's name from the pool as the Biman opener pleaded to be considered only a specialist wicketkeeper.

Meanwhile, due to unavoidable circumstances the coaching camps for under-19 cricket players has been delayed by five days.

According to a separate press release the camp, which was supposed to begin yesterday, will now start from Wednesday morning at 7:30 am the Dhaka Stadium.

First wins for Germany, US

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Sept 15: Germany and the United States bounced back from a string of defeats to record their first victories Thursday in the Champions Trophy women's hockey tournament, reports AP.

Germany beat hosts Argentina 2-1 after Tanja Dickenscheid netted a last-gasp winner three seconds before the final whistle. The US beat Spain 3-2 in a quick and skilful match after taking a two-goal lead in the first half.

Argentina took the lead in the 11th minute through Vanina Oneto but soon lost control of midfield. German striker Nadine Ernsting-Krienke pounced on an error by Sofia Mackenzie to equalize shortly before the break.

Germany piled on the pressure and scored the winner almost in injury time after missing earlier chances.

The US notched up two points to climb to third in the standings thanks to a goal apiece from Kelli James and Tracey Fuches.

Spain squandered seven penalty corners in the second half and finally clawed back with a penalty stroke after 49 minutes from Maider Telleria.

Border decides to play on

BRISBANE, Sept 15: Former Australian cricket captain Allan Border has decided against retirement and will continue to play for Queensland in the 1995-96 Sheffield Shield season, he said Friday, reports AP.

Border had considered retiring after last season helping Queensland to their first Sheffield Shield victory in 70 years.

"Now that I've made the decision I'm going to give it 100 per cent," Border said. "I still think I can cut it with these younger players."

Two of Border's former Test teammates were Thursday named as members of the Australian selection panel.

Trevor Hohns was named as chairman of selectors, replacing Laurie Sawie, who has retired, while former Test vice-captain Geoff Marsh was added to the panel.



The Bangladesh Army basketball team which picked up the Pepsi 18th national title defeating holders Bangladesh Navy 80-76 after extra-time at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday. — Star photo

Army cagers clinch crown

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army dethroned nine-time champions Bangladesh Navy to clinch the Pepsi 18th national basketball championship crown at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

In an eagerly participated championship finale the soldiers came back from behind to edge past the sailors 80-76 after a nail-biting five minutes of extra time.

There was little to choose between the two services teams throughout the encounter with the sailors, winners of the last five editions of the meet, leading 37-35 at half-time. Army, the pre-match underdogs, nullified the two-point advantage after the breather with the scoreboard crediting 65 points to each team at the end of the stipulated time.

The breathtaking extra-time that followed was filled with some exciting display of attacking play as 26 points were scored in five minutes. The soldiers ultimately outscored the holders 15-11 to make their way to glory.

Selim caged the highest 19 points for the winners followed by Mizan and Shafi, with 13 and 12 respectively. For the vanquished outfit, national player Goswami was his byypical self scoring 36 points.

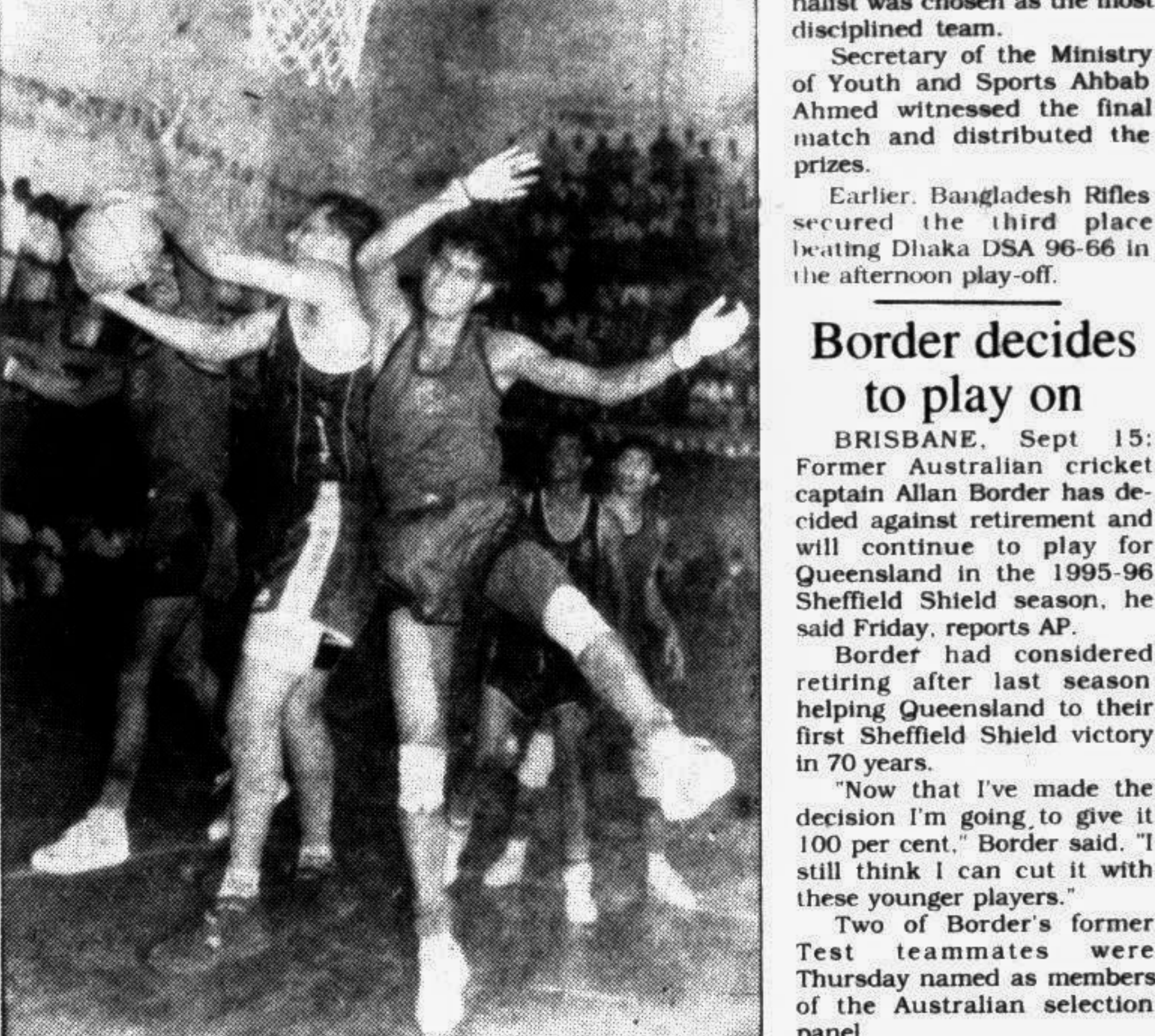
Lincoln of Dhaka DSA was adjudged the best player of the meet while Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), a losing semifinalist was chosen as the most disciplined team.

Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Ahab Ahmed witnessed the final match and distributed the prizes.

Earlier, Bangladesh Rifles secured the third place beating Dhaka DSA 96-66 in the afternoon play-off.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1976:	Dhaka University	Barisal DSA
1977:	Barisal DSA	Bangladesh Army
1978:	Dhaka University	Bangladesh Army
1979:	Dhaka Metro	Dhaka DSA
1980:	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka University
1981:	Dhaka University	Bangladesh Army
1982:	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Rifles
1983:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Army
1984:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Army
1985:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Rifles
1986:	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Army
1987:	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Navy
1988:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Army
1989:	Not held	
1990:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Rifles
1991:	Bangladesh Navy	Dhaka University
1992:	Bangladesh Navy	Dhaka University
1993:	Not held	
1994:	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Rifles
1995:	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Navy



Action from yesterday's Pepsi 18th national basketball championship final between Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Army played at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium. The soldiers overpowered the defending champions 80-76. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Door-frame part
- Fudge on the expense account
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- Brilliant in color
- Without delay
- Singer

DOWN

- Mono-logue fragment
- Entrance... to this
- Plead
- Barbecue locale
- Fermi's bit
- Lair
- Diocese
- "Arrive-derci, —"
- Astringent
- Chokes
- Sealed
- Actor
- Alastair
- 60 x 80, for a bed
- Newhard or Hope
- News-
- Solution time: 27 mins.

ANSWERS:

1 Door-frame part: THRESHOLD
 2 Fudge on the expense account: RECEIPT
 3 Put your feet in your mouth: SHOE
 4 Garfield's pal: OZZIE
 5 Noshed: GORGED
 6 Kansas city: MO
 7 Jamaica's capital: KINGSTON
 8 Too confident: OVERCONFIDENT
 9 Seine summer: BATHING
 10 Yon bloke: THAT GUY
 11 Frauds: SCAMMERS
 12 Status: REPUTATION
 13 Story of a lifetime: MEMOIR
 14 Roughly: APPROXIMATELY
 15 Intricate: COMPLEX
 16 Finished: COMPLETED
 17 Pugilistic ploy: BOXING
 18 Annoy: BOTHER
 19 Add sucrose: SWEETEN
 20 Brilliant in color: VIBRANT
 21 Without delay: INSTANTLY
 22 Singer: PERFORMER

CRYPTOQUIP

Z J C R J N R G D A X G I R X G
 R N C X C R N X G R N Q X J B X E
 X D J R C I X A C Q Z J E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SECOND-IN-COMMAND AT SAVVY HARDWARE COMPANY WAS ITS VISE PRESIDENT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals N

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.