DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT there has been competitions in taking snuff or "nashshee" as it is known in Bangladesh. Of course, we have had great snuffers, but we will never know if there was a potential champ among them, mainly because the sport(?) is longer practised. Snuff taking was at one time a serious undertaking an a world championship sport in Germany. The current world record stands at 53.02 seconds for snorting down an ounce of specified snuff. The sport is fairly dangerous for obvious reasons. Mishaps during competitions were common. Ruptures were not unknown, along with lost dentures, spectacles and the odd glass eye.

These unusual findings have got me started thinking whether we could give origin to a new sports competition. Now, let's see what do we really do well? Making "jhaal mooree," buying tickets of a big football game. travelling by rickshaw, canal crossing via "shakose"? Actually, with a bit of guts competitions of any sort can be started. All we need is some imagination.

SPORTS TALK



Aldous Huxley (British author)

"Like every other instrument man has invented, sport can be used for good and evil purposes. Used badly it can encourage personal vanity and group vanity. greedy desire for victory and even hatred for rivals, an intolerant espirit de corps and contempt for people who are beyond an arbitrarily selected pale."

From "Ends & Means."

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN The rules are published

every Saturday.

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US spikers clinch world GP title

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SHANGHAI, Sept 17: The United States beat Brazil in a five-game thriller to win the Women's World Volleyball Grand Prix final here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The American spikers took a flying start winning the first two sets 15-9, 15-10 with powerful smashes and strong blocking, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The Brazilians fought back aggressively to level things up taking the next two sets 15-4. 15-5.

Aussie, ROK in Champions' Trophy hockey final

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Sept 17: Jacqueline Pereira scored with one minute remaining to lift Australia to a 2-1 victory over Argentina on Saturday, sending them to a meeting with South Korea in the title match in the women's Champion's Trophy,

reports AP. Renita Fareel's disputed goal in the 48th minute drew Argentina even, after Karina Massota gave the Australian's the lead in 24th. The victory kept Australia's record unblemished (5-0-0) in the six nation event, and sets up a Sunday rematch of Australia's 4-2 victory on Wednesday.

Islanders capitalise on Akram's absence

SL set up stronghold

FAISALABAD. Sept 17: Battl ing half centuries by Chandika Hathurusinghe and Aravinda de Silva put Sri Lanka ahead by 64 runs at the close of the

DE SILVA.... 78 n.o third day of the second cricket Test against Pakistan on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The pair shared an unbroken partnership of 150, a Sri Lankan third-wicket record against Pakistan, to frustrate the home bowlers, who went wicketless in the last two essions of play.

At stumps Hathurusinghe was on 67 after 311 minutes with 10 fours. De Silva's 78 in 264 minutes included nine fours off 224 balls with Sri Lanka on 174 for two in their second innings.

Opener Hathurusinghe, who made 53 in the first Test at Peshawar which the tourists lost by an innings and 40 runs, was joined by Aravinda when two wickets had gone down with only 24 runs on the board as Sri Lanka faced a first innings deficit of 110 runs. Pakistan were all out for

333, adding 39 runs to their overnight total of 294 for eight within 50 minutes of the start of play.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan, with five for 68, was the most successful bowler for Sri Lanka, who made 223 in the first in-

Pakistan were handicapped by the absence of start fast bowler Wasim

BERLIN, Sept

17 (AP): When

Dortmond lost

to Juventus, th-

ey grimaced.

When Freiburg

and Kaiserslautern fell to

Slavia Prague and Slovan

Bratislava, they shook their

heads. When Bayern Munich

Lokomotiv Moscow, it was

losses in European Cup play.

three of them at home, has

sparked an avalanche of self-

criticism, blaming everything

from lack of discipline among

"Euro Cup disgrace!

The four losses in six

the young to overpaid profes-

Soccer — Will we soon be re-

duced to dwarves?" blared

the front-page headline in

the Bild, Germany's largest-

games, some to clubs in rela-

tively soccer minnow nations.

was extremely distressing to

a country that has won three

World Cups and 12 European

prominent and respected

soccer voices berated the

In Bild, no fewer than 11

circulation daily.

This past week's series of

too much.

sionals.

Akram who sprained his left shoulder and was ruled out of

the game for two weeks. The two Sri Lankan batsmen made most of Wasim's absence and treated a weakened Pakistan attack with disdain on their way to a partnership that broke the previous best of 85 between Siddah Wettimuny and Roy Dias in the 1985-1986 sea-

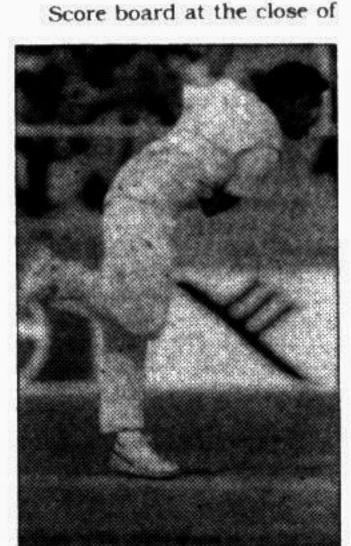
In the process Hathurusinghe and De Silva also attained personal milestones. De Silva completed his 3,000 runs in his 49th Test when on 35 and Hathurusinghe got to his 1,000 runs in his 20th Test on 40.

Earlier, Asanka Gurusinha. playing his 35th Test, also accomplished his 2,000 runs when on five before falling leg before to Aaquib Javed for

Paceman Mohammad Ak ram gave Pakistan an early break at 11 by having Roshan Mahamana adjudged leg before the wicket.

There was no further success for the home side as Hathurusinghe and Aravinda grew in confidence and Pakistan skipper Rameez Raja switched his bowlers in a bid to break the stand.

SCOREBOARD



MURALIDHARAN.5 for 68 the third day's play in the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka were on

SRI LANKA: 1st innings 223 (Hashan Tillekeratne 115: Aaguib Javed 3/34 Saglain Mushtaq 3/74)



HATHURUSINGHE. 67n.o.

Sohail b Muralidharan S Mushtag c Mahanama b Muralidharan

Total: (all out) Fall of wickets: 1-42: 2-109: 3-168: 4-214; 5-248; 6-288; 7-288: 8-291, 9-324; 10-

Bowling: Wickremasinghe Vaas Gurusinha Dharmasena Muralidharan Hathurusinghe De Silva SRI LANKA: 2nd innings Hathurusinghe not out Gurusinha Ibw Aaguib Javed De Sliva not out Extras: (lb-3, nb-4)

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-24 Bowling: 13 242 M Akram Aaguib Javed S Mushtag Sohail Ijaz Jr Shoaib

Sunday



Rameez c Samaraweera (subst) b De Inzamam b Gurusinha

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Mahanama Ibw b Muhammad Akram 10 Total: (for two wickets)

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World's clay court maestro Thomas Muster of Austria makes a forehand return during his semifinal engagement against Hungarian Sandor Noszaly at the Romanian Open in Bucharest on Sept 16 The world number three outplayed Noszaly 6-2, 6-2. AFP/UNB photo

Muster richer by \$ 189,000

BUCHAREST, Sept 17 Top-seed and French open champion Thomas Muster beat Austrian compatriot Gilbert Schaller in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 to win the Romanian Open here Sunday. reports AFP.

The World Number three needed just over one hour for the straight sets clay court victory and a pay day of 189.000 dollars.

In the semifinals Muster ended the giant-killing run of Hungarian qualifier Sandor Noszaly while sixth seeded Schaller beat Norway's Christian Ruud 6-3, 7-6 (7/5).

Steffi meets her father at last

BONN. Sept 17: World Number One Steffi Graf visited her father Peter in Mannheim prison last week. his lawyer Peter Slania told the Mannheimer Morgen newspaper, reports AFP.

Graf, who beat fellow number one Monica Seles in the recent US Open final spent 40 minutes with her father who has been incarcerated since the 2nd of



August for allegedly evading tax on his daughter's earn-

Graf. 26, broke down in tears at the US Open press conference after she was questioned about her father's predicament.

Graf senior, 57, is alleged to have only paid 10 million Deutschmarks (seven million dollars) since 1983 on his daughter's earnings of 177.4 million Deutschmarks (126 million dollars).

His daughter has now taken charge of her own business affairs.

Donald the wrecker-in-chief

County title Warwicks' stop the tears flowing Dermot Reeve said: "I can't



17. Warwicksh English County Championship

when they crus hed Kent by an innings and 105 runs at Canterbury on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Kent, able to field only nine batsmen because of in juries, failed to delay Warwic kshire's victory charge and folded for 124.

The furious pace of fast bowler South African Allan Donald was rewarded with four for 43 as Warwickshire sensed the kill. Donald took 89 first-class

wickets during the campaign, his best tally in eight seasons with Warwickshire. But he did not figure in last year's trophy hattrick, when West Indian Brian Lara was Warwickshire's foreign player. The South African, whose

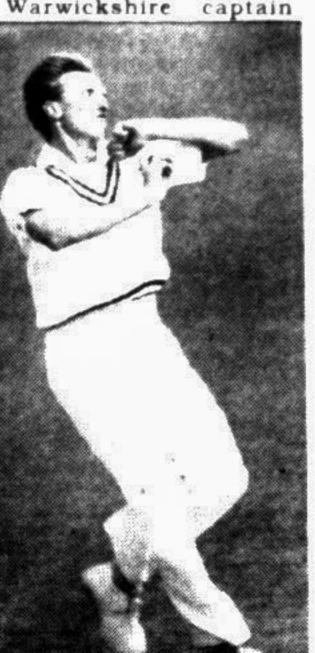
heavy Test schedule may prevent him from reappearing for the county, was in an emotional state after Warwickshire clinched their sixth crown in three seasons.

He said: "The rest of the players were saying thanks for what I have done when we left the field. It was very emotional anyway and it made it even more difficult to

Narvaez was se-

"It is one of the best moire retained the ments of my career and it means an awful lot to have won the championship with such a wonderful team, who are so enthusiastic in everything they do.

Warwickshire captain



DONALD ... 4 for 43

speak more highly of Allan. We've won seven away matches this summer and there have been a lot of anti-Donald tracks prepared along the way.

"But he's so quick through the air and such a fine bowler he's taken a lot of his wickets away form Edgbaston. "This season's champi-

onship win has been tougher to achieve than last year's. We've had to win 14 out of 17 matches — which I believe is the highest percentage of victories since the war. "And there's been a lot of

criticism that our pitches at Edgbaston have been the reason for our performances. Well, we've won just as many matches at home and in fact we have scored more runs per wicket - 38 - away from home than we have at Edgbaston. Six of our batsmen also

average 40 or more, which doesn't smack of bad pitches, and only two players have topped 1,000 runs for the simple reason that we've not batted twice too often."

Second-placed Middlesex had delayed Warwickshire's celebrations by beating Leicestershire by one run in the penultimate round.

The way they cheer up cer, including national team press had dubbed "The coach Berti Vogts. Dream Team" is 6-0-0 in the Former Bundesliga. Moenchengladbach great Afterwards, Bayern's man-Guenter, Netzer said today's agement said the team wasn't players were products of an used to rough-and-tough in-"alluent youth," living among

spend their time growing up learning the basic ball-hanwas beaten at home by dling skills. And they've abandoned the alleged German strengths fighting spirit, will-power

too many distractions to

and discipline. "If we start playing 'Brazilian' soccer, then we'll soon be second rank," Vogts warned.

"We lack creativity - internationally, respect for us is gone," said Juergen Grabowski, a member of Germany's 1974 World Cup champions.

Kaiserslautern fell 2-1 at Slovan Bratislava; and Freiburg dropped a similar 2-1 decision at home to Slavia Prague in the UEFA Cup. Italy's Juventus outclassed Dortmund 3-1 in the

Champions Cup. But the loss that stunned German fans most was Bayern Munich's 1-0 loss on Tuesday to Lokomotiv Moscow. The star-studded club that the

ternational play, while the players called the Russian victory lucky. "Sad, that excuses are sought. When Bayern complains they aren't interna-

tionally tough, that's laughable — they've got 10 or 11 national team players," said Effenberg. Stefan Moenchengladbach's star midfielder. Moenchengladbach managed to salvage some German

pride by winning 3-0 Thursday in the Cup Winners Cup against Sileks, a club from a small Macedonian town that did little to heal the earlier wounds. Werder Breamen also won

a UEFA Cup match against Glenavon Belfast 2-0, but it wasn't enough to still the critics.

that's where I see too many

run-down, overpaid average

players," said coach Max

"The national team reflects German football. And

Atletico still alone atop

ed top of the pace-setters Athletic Bilbao,

reports Reuter. have a maximum nine points from three matches, three Compostela on six.

well in the intimidating San Mames Stadium but this time they took the sting out of the young Bilbao side with confident and composed possession football.

Diego Simeone and elegant Spanish international play- hour, but sent his shot

MADRID, Sept 17: maker Jose Caminero con-Striker Kiko trolled the midfield, carving out several good chances for forwards Kiko and Luboslav Bilbao seemed overawed

> The Basque "lions" relied far too heavily on their young

Rajuvenated Atletico now striking partnership of Julen Guerrero and Joseba Etxeberria, who were closely ahead of Bilbao, Espanol and shepherded by the more experienced Roberto Solozabal

Atletico went ahead in the 16th minute, the tall Kiko heading in a near-post corner that goalkeeper Juan Valencia should have claimed.

further ahead on the half-

straight at Valencia. Bilbao's solitary chance

came when Guerrero centred for Etxeberria, but he headed over with the goal at his mercy.

sealed the points. Defender Geli Roura finished a flowing move with a hard shot which

late tackle from behind on Guerrero.

riority.

Mixed bag on venues



design that allows a sweeping

But coaches and players were very critical of the new field hockey stadium tested last month at Clark Atlanta University. Both the Clark facility and a twin field still under construction at nearby been designed to be converted later to American

An artificial turf was installed over a crowned subsurface that is slightly higher in the middle. The hump- boat for two to three hours

round match in the Atlanta the venues for Hockey Challenge Cup, the the 1996 Olym- coach of the losing Spanish pics from hundreds of women's team, Jose Brasa, international athletes who said the uneven surface will be competing in events caused the ball to bounce oddly. On of his star players Eight of the venues have was struck in the face by a been tried out, including five bouncing ball that broke her

"We are disappointed. We The major new Olympic would have thought that the venues, the 15,000-seat Aqu- pitch would have been much atic Centre, received high better," said International marks from swimmers and Field Hockey Federation secdivers and equally high praise retary general Els van Breda Vriesman. Officials concede they will have to build two new field hockey stadia.

from the main Olympic marina to reach the race course in the Atlantic Ocean. "The wind and the water

are very good. Everything else is awful," said French yachting coach Fred Herein, who echoed the views of most sailors from 53 countries in the Nationsbank International Regatta.

Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) said they would install a second marina composed of barges closer to the race course. But the design and capacity of the socalled "day marina" still are a matter of debate.

Earlier this month, the Humane Society of the United States wrote to International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch demanding the cancellation or relocation of the Olympic equestrian three-day event, a grueling

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Yesterday's answer 12-1

nt off but Atletico Madrid stay-Penev. Spanish League by the occasion, and created on Saturday with an impres- only one clear chance in the dull second half. Atletico sive 2-0 victory at fellow entire match.

Atletico have rarely done and Tomas Renones.

Yugoslav Milinko Pantic Argentine powerhouse should have put the visitors

Twenty minutes into a

Valencia could only parry to a grateful Penev, who converted with his usual simplic-Minutes later, Atletico were reduced to 10 when Kiko was ordered off for a

But Bilbao, to the frustration of a capacity 46,000 crowd, failed to take advantage of their numerical supe-

current state of German soc-Merkel.



cup titles.

organisers have even surface. received mixed reviews about

from spectators for an open view of the Atlanta skyline.

football stadia

ATLANTA, Sept backed design has created 17 (Reuter): Atl- havoc for field hockey players anta's Olympic seeking a true roll on the un-After last month's closing-

built specifically for the cheek bone.

Athletes praised the new rowing venue at Lake Lanier, a 38-year-old, man-made lake about 51 miles (82-km) from Atlanta, and the Georgia International Horse Park, about 40 miles (64 km) east Morris Brown College have of Atlanta in suburban Rockdale County.

But yachting competitors

complain about the design of

the Savannah venue, which

requires sailors and their

boats to be towed by motor-

Officials of the Atlanta

A major problem for Olympic organisers may be Atlanta's notorious heat and humidity. Temperatures for several of this summer's events hovered near or above 37 Celsius.

combination of dressage, endurance and stadium show jumping.

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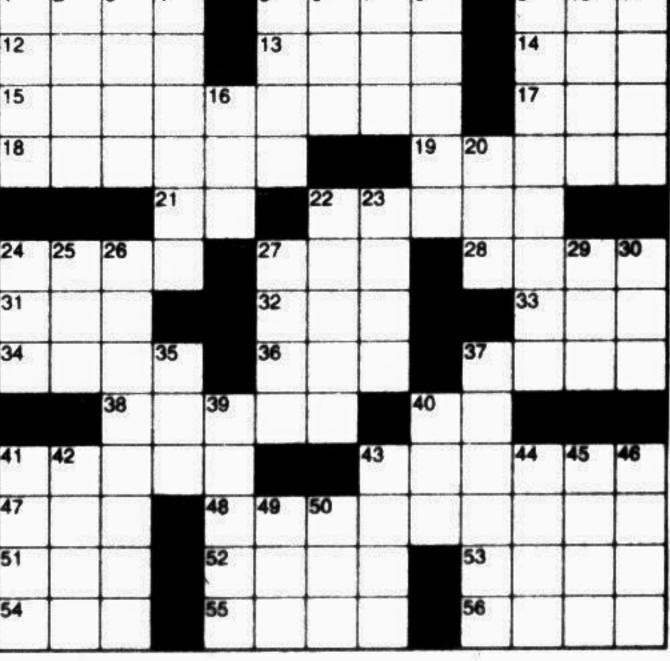
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals C

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 tious? -?" locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.