DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT Olympics at one time was something like the sports meets of our schools, colleges, banks and corporations. For instance, at the second Olympics in Paris in 1900. the events were staged over a period of six months. There were no opening or closing ceremonies. There were no medals. Instead, useful gifts were given which included umbrellas, clocks and books. Whereas, participants in Bangladesh are quite content with the gifts, the same was the cause of much consternation among the Paris Olympians who were led to believe that they would receive, "valuable honorary prizes." There was so much furore over the umbrellas et al, that several years later medals were awarded. somewhat belatedly to the victors of 1900. There is no record whether the umbrellas were returned or not.

This example should in no way be used as a pretext to compel our banks and corporations, schools and colleges, to take back the pink towels. vellow "balteez," ceramic plates and tin glasses and give medals instead. Arre Bhai! That was the Olympics.

SPORTS TALK



Herbert Hoover

(Former US President, 1963) Fishing is the eternal fountain of youth. There is said to be a tablet of 2000 BC which says: "The gods do not substract from the allotted span of men's lives the hours spent in fishing."



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published every Saturday.)

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	Brazil	Japan	France
5.	The current world chess champion is		

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Karpov Kasparov

Ajax sail in style

AMSTERDAM, Sept 18: European Cup champions Ajax Amsterdam recaptured the lead in the Dutch First Division by thrashing Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 4-0 on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Ajax lead on goal difference from Tilburg, who beat Breda 1-0 on Saturday.

Feyenoord lost 1-0 to Utrecht to drop to fourth, five points behind Ajax.

Ajax began strongly and created a string of opportunities in the first half hour,

Nigerian striker Nwankwo Kanu heading against the crossbar in the 10th minute. Five minutes before the interval Marc Overmars had a

fine scoring opportunity when he got in close alone, but slipped and missed his chance. Five minutes into the sec-

ond half Ajax defender Frank De Boer nearly scored with a header but it was blocked by Go Ahead defender Dennis

Hulshoff on the line. The first goal finally came in the 56th minute, a series of passes involving defender Danny Blind, Kanu and Overmars being finished off by striker Nordin Wooter.

Pakistan need 194, SL 8 wickets

olumn Une Final act at Faisalabad

18: Sri Lanka and injury-hit Pakis tan were evenly poised at the end of the fourth day's play which left the home

team needing 194 to win with two crucial wickets down here Monday, reports At the close, Pakistan

were 58-2 in the second innings after Sri Lanka were all out in their second knock at 361. The tourists had made 223 in the first innings and Pakistan had replied with 333

Aravinda de Silva, with a grand century, and Chandika Hathurusinghe, who notched up a precious 83, salvaged Sri Lanka and kept alive hopes for their team, which is one down in the three-match

In the home attack. weakened by absence of top pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, the most successful was medium pacer Aaguib Javed with a haul of five wickets for 84 runs, including the wicket of Hathurusinghe. Pakistani Test debutant Saglain Mushtaq. whose spin has troubled Sri Lankan batsmen, claimed the vital wicket of De Silva

Commentators said Pakistan looked in trouble as their star batsman Inzamamul Haq was nursing a head injury while Wasim Akram, who has been a usual good contributor, was out for two weeks because of a shoulder problem.

The fall of the crucial wicket of captain Rameez Raja before the close of play Monday added to Pakistan's difficulties.

Officials said Inzamamul Haq, struck on the helmet by Sri Lankan paceman Promodya Wickremasinghe on Saturday, has remained off the filed and was likely to bat on the final day on Tuesday at number seven.

"Pakistan have always been a bad chaser in the fourth innings," said former

LONDON, Sept 18:

Kent ended a 17-

vear wait for Eng-

lish county crick-

et honours by wi-

nning the Sunday

League, despite being beaten

on the final day of the 40

overs competition, reports

team secured the trophy

while their match against

Warwickshire was still in

progress at Canterbury be-

cause the game involving

Both Warwickshire and

Worcestershire finished level

with Kent on 50 points but

Benson's side took the title

Women's hockey

Australia beat South Korea 4-

3 in the women's grass

hockey Champions' Cup final

on Sunday in a penalty

shootout after a 1-1 tie, re-

third place in the tourna-

resort of Mar Del Plata, de-

feating Germany 4-1 on

penalties after finishing the

game tied with no goals

and ended in the fifth place.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 18:

Captain Mark Benson's

Reuter.

was washed out.

ports Reuter.

scored.

national captain Mushtag 279

Mohammad De Silva, overnight 78. reached his 105 in 352 minutes off 294 deliveries. His masterly knock included 11

Pakistan took the second new ball at the start of play when Sri Lanka resumed their second innings at



AAQUIB . 5 for 84

overnight 174-2

In an early breakthrough. Aaguib Javed had Hathurusinghe caught by liaz junior at second slip after he had added only 16 runs to his overnight 67. Hathurusinghe hit 11 boundaries in his nearly six-hour stay.

When Sri Lanka were 212. Aaguib Javed sent out the first innings century-maker Hashan Tillekeratne for a

Another major success for Pakistan came 13 runs later when left-arm spinner Aamir Sohail took a return catch from captain Arjuna Ranatunga who could make only two. Ranatunga was out for nought in the first innings.

After lunch, De Silva was out 1bw to Saglain Mushtag when Sri Lanka were 240. Soon, Kumara Dharmasena was out at 49, caught behind the wicket by Moin Khan off another debutant Mohammad Akram when Sri Lanka was at

Kent end lean patch

by virtue of a better overall

Kent for most of their previ-

ous 17 barren years, said: "We

have all had that monkey on

our backs. I can't put into

worlds what this means to

county championship, and

I'm sorry about that. But

we've also won a trophy, and

at the start of the season I

think we would all have set-

tled for that combination.

ate for success today, and the

today, admittedly. But in re-

cent weeks we've had do-or-

die matches against

Lancashire. Worcestershire

and Essex and we won all

came in 1978 when they won

the championship and Ben-

game against Warwickshire

of other results, Kent pro-

performances of the season,

losing by five wickets with 10

Kent batsman to make a

spirited 51 from 48 balls to

Nigel Llong was the only

knowing victory would give

son and Hedges Cup.

Kent's last county honours

Facing their last league

"We didn't play very well

players were desperate.

"We're bottom of the

Benson, who has been at

run-rate.

me.

nearest rivals Worcestershire The supporters were desper-

those."

The United States took them the trophy regardless

Spain beat Argentina 2-1 significant impact, hitting a

balls left.

ment played in the Argentine duced one of their poorest

The last three Sri Lankan

wickets of Kumara Dunusinghe, Chaminda Vaas and Wickremasinghe were down after the addition of a valuable 83 runs.

Pakistan, starting their second innings, suffered an early blow from Chaminda Vaas who trapped opener Aamir Sohail 1bw for a duck SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the fourth day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today:

SRI LANKA: First innings 223 (H Tillekeratne 115) Aaquib Javed 3 34. Saqlain Mushtaq 3-74).

PAKISTAN: First innings 333 (Rameez Raja 75, Saeed Anwar 54, Inzamamul Haq 50: Muralidharan 5-68)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 174-2) Mahanama lbw b M Akram 10 Hathurusinghe c liaz Jr b Aaquib Gurusinha Ibw a Aaquib De Silva lbw b S Mushtag 105 Tillekeratne lbw b Aaquib Ranatunga c and b Sohail Dharmasena c Moin b M Akram Dunusinghe c M Akram b S Mushtaq 2 Vaas b Aaquib Muralidharan not out Wickremasinghe b Aaquib Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-7) 21 Total: (all out)

24, 3-200; 4-212, 5-225, 6 240: 7-279: 8-346: 9-354 OMRW Bowling 84 Aaguib M Akram 78 Sohail 36 11 S Mushtaq 5 liaz Jr Shoaib

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2

PAKISTAN: Second innings Saeed not out Sohail Ibw b Vaas Rameez c Tillekeratne b Muralidharan 25 Extras: (nb-3) Total: (for two wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-58 Bowling O M Wickremasinghe Muralidharan Dharmasena A de Silva

help his side to 166 all out.

Nick Knight (35) and Neil

Smith (55) shared a thun-

derous stand of 81 in little

more than 11 overs and

although five wickets then

fell for 46, Roger Twose (35

not out) and Dermot Reeve

(15 not out) clinched run-

ners-up spot by adding 40

forced to settle for third

place after rain ended their

innings at 145 for six with

2.5 overs remaining and a

subsequent storm halted

Glamorgan's reply at three

without loss from 10 deliver-

Tarango gets

a friend!

Recently-retired American

player Jimmy Arias has joi-

ned compatriot Jeff Tarango

in criticising French umpire

Bruno Rebeuh of showing

undue favour in matches and

of being too friendly with

certain players, reports AFP.

tions under oath and in a

letter to the Association of

Tennis Professionals (ATP)

and the International Tennis

Federation (ITF), according

to the fort Lauderdale daily

newspaper Sun-Sentinel.

Arias has made his accusa-

WASHINGTON, Sept 18:

Worcestershire were

for the sixth wicket.

Warwickshire openers

Bangladeshi athletes for Asian meet

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will not remain unrepresented at the 11th Asian Athletics Championships, beginning at the Indonesian capital of Jakarta from tomorrow. The Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF) has named three athletes and an official who are leaving Dhaka for the meet today.

SAF Games champion Bi mal Chandra Tarafdar, sprinter Boni Amin and woman sprinter Rehana Parvin will fly the Bangladesh colours at the Jakarta tracks. National coach, AC Chakma will be with the team as Coach-cum-Manager.

It is expected that the Bangladesh contingent will gain valuable experience in preparation for the Madras SAF Games in December.

Abdul Wadud Khan, vicepresident of the BAAF, will be the one-man delegation at the Asian Amateur Athletics general meeting to be held today to elect a new commit

Observers in Dhaka are perplexed why the Bangladeshi athletes are planning to arrive at the meet venue just a day before competition begins. The sincerity of all concerned is in question as the Bangladesh participation appears to be yet another half-hearted exercise.

Diego drums up support for players' union

PARIS, Sept 18: Backed by other leading world players. Diego Maradona announced plans for an international soccer players' union Monday with the aim of promoting and safeguarding players' rights, reports AP.

Maradona met with some of the top players of the sport, including Eric Cantona of France, Rai of Brazili. Liberian George Weah and Italian Gianluca Viali.

The Argentine star said the union's objective was to counterbalance the power of the sport's governing body.

"Our goal is not to battle with anyone," Maradona told a news conference. "It is only to unite the players.

The idea was first mentioned at the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico by Maradona and his teammate Jorge Valdano, now coach of Real Madrid.

AIDS apology!

HARARE. Sept 18: The Egyptian boxing team at the All-Africa Games has apologised for a report in an Egyptian newspaper saying some South African boxers had the AIDS virus, a spokesman for the South African nesian timber tycoon Bob squad said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

He said the written apology was issued after an Egyptian newspaper last week AFP reprinted a report printed in July that 33 South African professional boxers had been banned from the sport after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

The article was reprinted at the start of boxing events at the Games in Zimbabwe.

South African sports chief Mluleki George referred to the report on Saturday, saying it appeared some countries were jealous of the threat South Africa posed to their traditional domination of sport in Africas

ACROSS

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girls

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Players lack skill

retirement from active football as a player in 1979. I have Whereas technique is the iso-

be confused with the jargon of 'technique' and 'skill."

the present players do not train individually at all. Because they lack individual



Patrick Kluivert of Ajax Amsterdam (grounded) using his technique skilfully to score this goal against AC Milan in this year's final of the European Cup — Star file photo

continued to closely follow lated contact of the ball with the game, the tournaments, any part of the body, skill fection to execute the shots the leagues. In this way, I refers to the implementation during the game. The outretain my bondage with this game. Being a player myself. it is obvious that I compare the game of yesteryears with that of the present. It is true that that teams are able to provide improved perfor mance, both technically and in terms of formation. But what pains me is the individual performance of the present day players.

Some of the players have one or two good techniques But, their skill in the match situation leaves much room for improvement. Their ability to apply their pre-match know-how is far from satis-

of that contact in various ways and styles in the match situation. Famous players of the world have virtually played with one very good. technique. But, they were masters of their techniques When Pele was preparing himself for the 1970 World Cup, he was found doing the simple "push-passes" with a partner for most of the practice sessions

What I am driving at is the percentage of goals missed in one to one situation in this year's Premier and First Division league matches. One reason for the failure of players to convert sitters and Some of the readers may other opportunities is that practice, they lack the percome is disappointing for the player, his team, their supporters and football in gen-

My observation is that the ratio of misses is increasing because the present-day players are not working hard enough to improve their individual techniques. Perhaps they are satisfied with their performance, having made it to the big league. Perhaps they are content with themselves because the "giants" are eager to get them registered. And, those who are satisfied and content are perhaps of the view that do not need any lessons.

Fortune favours Forest LONDON, Sept 18: first half marked by horren-



Nottingham Forest moved in to the English Premier League's top six after punish

ing FA Cup champions Everton's poor defending for a 3-2 home victory on Crossley's alert save. Sunday, reports Reuter.

The win extended Forest's unbeaten league sequence to 19 matches stretching back to their defeat by Arsenal on February 21.

Yet they had to battle hard despite taking control in a

Hasan has AAAA's backing

JAKARTA, Sept 18: Indo-Hasan is expected to be reelected president of the Asian Amateur Athletics Association on Tuesday, reports

"From the track record of Bob Hasan I don't think he will have any problems with being re-elected," said Maurice Nicholas, the AAAA treasurer.

The association council is net to meet Tuesday ahead off the eleventh Asian Athletic Championships in the Indonesian capital.

Nicholas said Hasan was the right person to attract to prod in the second. sponsorship in an effort to make the championships stone while Paul Rideout more attractive and raise cheered the Everton fans sporting standards.

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dous Everton errors. Forest twice led by two

goals and should have been certain of the points long before Everton substitute Stuart Barlow was denied an 88thminute equaliser by Mark Everton, whose boss Joe

Royle labelled his defenders "naive at times" during the 3-2 Cup Winners' Cup win over Reykjavik on Thursday, could have conceded more than three goals.

Goalkeeper Neville Southall must have wondered what was going on around him on his 500th league appearance for the club.

When Craig Short tripped, trod on the ball and fell over after just two minutes, things looked ominous for Everton and it wasn't long before Forest cashed in on sloppy defending with two goals in four minutes.

Southall produced a onehanded save from a Jason Lee header, but when Everton failed to clear a Des Lyttle cross, it hit David Watson on the shin and glanced into the

Southall was again let down by his defenders in the 20th minute when he dived full length to save left-handed from Steve Stone only for Lee

He saved twice more from with an overhead kick tipped over by Crossley.

Rideout cut the arrears with a 61st minute header but Ian Woan restored the two-goal advantage three minutes later when he exploited time and space to smack a 30-yard drive beyond the despairing left hand of Southall.

Tony Grant set up a tight finish with nine minutes left he planted a precision cross for Rideout to head home.

But Crossley's late tip-over from Barlow denied Everton a point.

Korchnoi wins 'battle of sexes'

BEIJING, Sept 18: China's two-time women's chess world champion Xie Jun on Sunday lost to the former challenger for the world male title. Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland, in a match, which has been hailed as the game's battle of the sexes. reports AFP.

The 25-year-old Chinese admitted defeat 40 moves. the official Xinhua news agency reported from the match venue at Wenzhou. Zhijiang province in Eastern China.

The game, the third in a four-match series, lasted four hours. The first two games were drawn and the last will be played today.

Cricket comes to China

BEIJING, Sept 18 (Reuter): The 2,000-year treasure house of Chinese literature gained an additional gem on Sunday — the first translation of the rules of cricket into

the language. The translation appeared in the programme for the second Beijing international cricket sixes, and is the work of former Chinese hockey international Bruce Wang businessman Tony Fisher, Xiaodong.

est in the game during three years in Sydney from 1990, Australian Embassy team in new club a year.

game in China," said Wang in was won by a British team, I played the first time, I did Dragons. not know the rules, I just tried to hit the ball hard. It was fun."

watched bemused at the Indian and Pakistani teams in action on a field usually used for soccer. Working at a trading firm

in Sydney, Wang became a

proficient opening batsman

and medium-pace bowler

with the Waverley Club and

brought his love of the game back to China.

"Ithink cricket can catch on in China but a lot depends on the attitude of local officials," he said. "When I asked them, they said cricket was not an Olympic sport and that they did not want a national team."

Sunday's competition was the brainchild of British who sees China following the Wang developed his inter- example of Japan, which had no cricket until 1978 but now has nine universities and now plays for the playing and is adding one

A Japanese team played in "I want to popularise the Sunday's competition which a thick Sydney twang. "When who beat the Hong Kong

"I am keen to bring Chinese into the game and to add China to the list of Behind him, a few Chinese cricket-playing nations." Fisher said. "For Chinese, there is no problem physically and the mental strategy of it should appeal to them."

Wang and Fisher will ac-

company two senior Chinese

to see the Hong Kong profes-

sional cricket sixes tourna-

sports officials to Hong Kong

ment on September 30.

China has no local cricket team. All 10 teams in Sunday's tournament were foreigners, including sides from Hong Kong and South Korea and Beijing expatriates from Australia, Britain, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

They played on a special artificial pitch costing 1,600 dollars and flown to Beijing from New Zealand. "I do not understand the rules," said one Chinese stu-

dent. "But I think we could learn. It looks much like baseball." "Chinese are willing to try new sports. There are now three universities playing

rugby, a new game in China,

he said. In Chinese, rugby is called "olive ball" while cricket is called "board ball" in the mainland and "wood-ball" in Hong Kong, where cricket has a long history.

The first Beijing international cricket sixes in 1994 was won by the Hong Kong Dragons, an ethnic Chinese team, who defeated the Australian Embassy in the fi-

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ING A TOLL BOOTH. Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals M 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.

WEATHER, CHURCH'S BELL RINGER WAS BUILD-