

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT television now plays a vital role in detecting trouble-makers among spectators. Close circuit television has been successfully utilised to trace Liverpool hooligans involved in mob violence at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels during their team's match against Juventus. Several Liverpoolians were punished by courts where video films were used as strong evidence. There are other examples. In Europe, almost all major football grounds today monitor matches on CCTV.

Well, so much for catching crooks in the crowd. What about players? In the 1981 German League championship, Hamburg's star international striker Hrubesch, known as "The Monster" even to his fans, elbowed an opponent unmercifully in the stomach, undetected by the referee. However, the Monster's ungentlemanly behaviour was televised the same evening, and the German FA asked for a copy of the film. Hrubesch subsequently became the fifth German professional footballer to undergo trial by television. He was fined £700 and banned for eight weeks.

So, you see there is a very good reason why we insist that BTV should televise Dhaka football matches. There would be less scope of manipulation across the table, disciplinary committee members will have fewer reasons to resign, guilty players and referees will not be able to lie blatantly (as they often do) because there will be this BTV video clipping. Or, is this precisely the reason why BTV is not televising our football matches, for fear of catching culprits red-handed?

SPORTS TALK



George Orwell

(British author)
"Serious sports has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words it is war minus the shooting."

From 'The Sporting Spirit', 1945

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday.)

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	Hanse
2. The ruling body of world hockey is	FIH	WHF	IFH
3. The first Bangladeshis to cross the English Channel was	Brogen Dan	Abdul Malik	Mosharraf
4. The next soccer World Cup will be held in	Brazil	Japan	France
5. The current world chess champion is	Narpar	Kasparov	Anand

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BUET soccer

Sports Reporter

The Second Vice-Chancellor Dipak Kanti Das inaugurated the meet. All the five faculties are taking part.

The following were Thursday's results:

- Faculty of Civil Eng-1
- Faculty of Engg-1
- Faculty of Mechanical Engg-1
- Faculty of Architecture & Planning-0
- Faculty of Mechanical Engg-2
- Faculty of Engg-0
- Faculty of Civil Engg-1
- Faculty of Electrical Engg-0



Abahani's Romanian recruit Lorentui (L) tries to take possession of the ball with two Brothers Union players closing in on him during yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium. —Star photo

Abahani bruise Brothers

Sports Reporter

The notable incidents in the first-half were two futile attempts cracking against the wood-work. Brothers Union's diminutive striker Don was the first to blast an edge-of-the-box pile-driver that rebounded off the cross-piece in the 21st minute. Abahani's fleet-footed winger Jahangir was the next to get a perfect denial in the 40th minute when his blistering low right-

ties four minutes later when Aslam, who had earlier scored a dazzling hat-trick in his side's previous match against Wari Club, glanced a fierce Sergei low-drive on the target. It was Aslam's eighth goal in this year's league.

However, it would have been Munna's fifth goal had not his powerful grounder rebounded off the near post. Striker Aslam, who seems aging with agility, then spoiled an easy sitter in the 78th minute when he hammered a 10-yarder straight to the hands of helpless Brothers custodian Kawsar.

On the other hand Brothers, who surprisingly pulled out their midfield playmaker Bakhtiar and striker Aamer Khan shortly after the second half, got the only realistic chance of a lead in the 55th minute through their substitute Dulal. But Abahani owed to a brilliant save by custodian Dhanu, who tipped Dulal's 30-yarder over the bar much to the relief of the sky blue supporters.

Yellow card: Partha (Abahani)

TEAMS
ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Soheli Reza, Munna, Partha, Shamim (Swapan), Vladimir, Sergei (Ali Mansur), Lorentui, Aslam and Jahangir (Farhad).
BROTHERS UNION: Kawsar, Bakhtiar (Dulal), Ripon, Mizan, Saroj, Bernard, Aamer Khan (Mamun), Christopher, Kabir, Don and Chibuzor.
Referee: Kamaruddin (Malaysia).

Another BCCB XI foul up

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board BCCB Eleven made an ignominious exit from the All-India invitation tournament on Thursday when Indian Bank handed them a crushing 63-run defeat in their three-day quarterfinal held in the Indian city of Madras.

BCCB XI, who enjoyed a one run lead in the 90-over first innings, scoring 267 for nine against 266 of Indian Bank, saw their hopes evaporate in the face of a savage Indian attack during the 40-over second innings.

Indian Bank, who set the field at fire during their stipulated 40-over, amassed a mammoth total of 222 for nine with promising Indian youngster Amal Mazumder plundering 54 and Test discard Atul Bedade hammering 33 off 10 only 19 deliveries. Opener SC Bhat with 38 and K Srinath, who chipped in with 29, were the other notable willow-wielders for the winners.

India bank on Bhupathy

NEW DELHI, Sept 21: India sprang a surprise today by naming Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathy for both the singles and the doubles in the Davis Cup World Group play-off tie against Croatia, reports AFP.

The Indians broke the trusted pair of Asian Games gold medalists Paes and Gaurav Natekar to accommodate the big-serving Bhupathy for the crucial doubles in the three-day tie starting here on Friday.

It will be the first Davis Cup doubles match for the 23-year-old Bhupathy, who played only the singles in his first two ties against Hong Kong and the Philippines earlier this year.

Croatia named world No 6 Goran Ivanisevic and Sasa Hirszon for both the singles and the doubles. Both teams have the option of changing their doubles combination an hour before the match on Saturday.

Paes, ranked 124, will take on No 369 Hirszon in the opening singles. Bhupathy faces Ivanisevic in the second singles, according to the draw made today.

Nat'l kabaddi team play Tangail Sept 29

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh national kabaddi team will play an exhibition match against Tangail District Sports Association team at the Tangail Stadium on September 29 next.

The match is part of its preparation for the forthcoming Seventh SAF Games to be held in Madras in December. The team is also likely to play two exhibition matches against Dinajpur DSA early next month.

Dhanmondi safe for now

Sports Reporter

Relegation-threatened Dhanmondi Club increased their chances of remaining in the Lifebuoy First Division football league when they defeated Police AC by two goals to one at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The winners led by a solitary goal at half time.

Both the teams are now equal on 19 points from 16 encounters but Police have a better goal record.

Cricket under experiment

MELBOURNE, Sept 21:

Eight-a-side cricket is being devised by Australian officials as part of a push to promote the sport in Asia, reports Reuter.

"We believe there is tremendous potential market for a modified form of cricket to complement the appeal of the traditional game," said Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive Graham Halbish today.

The national ruling body will stage the first super eights competition probably next May and June, Halbish said. Games will last about 90 minutes, compared with the current shortest of one day, but the exact format will be announced later.

Matches will be staged across northern Australia, where the climate is suitable for cricket during the southern hemisphere winter.

The ACB, which hopes to expand the format to Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia, is conducting a feasibility study to determine if super eights matches can be played in Asia in 1996, Halbish said.

Super eights, involving up to 12 teams, will feature Australian Test and Sheffield Shield cricketers, he added.

BTV bluffs football buffs

Sports Reporter

Despite repeated appeals by the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), there has been no response from Bangladesh Television (BTV) regarding the coverage of what remains of the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league.

BTV, which had earlier announced its plans to telecast live seven league encounters involving the top two teams of the country, Abahani and Mohammedans, is yet again living up to its reputation of ignoring the interests of its viewers and thereby depriving millions of football zealots nationwide.

TODAY'S FIXTURE

Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:
Arambagh KS vs Agrani Bank SC 6:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Lifebuoy First Division football league:
Bangladesh Boys vs Sadharan Bima KS 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

fitness royale

with rani padamsee

GETTING in shape, strengthening your physique and becoming more beautiful is no big deal. Follow this column and use it to plan a daily, weekly and monthly exercise programme, giving as much time to beauty as you do to any other activity you enjoy — you'll reap double the benefits.

No matter who ever advises you — doctor, family or friends — will not be able to bring in the slightest change unless you, yourself decide that this is what you really want to do. So, you need to train your mind along with the body. Your will-power undoubtedly will play the key-role in your daily workouts.

Think of yourself with a splendid figure — narrow waist line, firmer bust and hips. Once you know your goal, your everyday efforts make more sense. For spontaneous motivation keep the picture firmly in your mind. Your will-power and sincerity will do rest of the job smoothly.

Keep a regular record of your weight and body measurements. Be honest in carrying out the programme. Point out your faults and take steps to amend it.

Pick up the pace of your exercise programme step by step. Don't forget to be warmed up first. Use aerobic exercise, which will help supply more oxygen to the cell, in this regard.

SIDE BENDS

See the picture. You can start it with anything even a broomstick. You can also use your imagination.

STANDING TWISTS
This sort of exercise will help build the muscles of the torso. Twisting of them against the resistance of the lower body will make the muscles stronger.

Stand with your feet apart, knees slightly bended to refrain the hips from turning. The stick will fix your arms at chest level and elbow with a bend. Keep your face up, twist your shoulder and upper body as far as you can without moving the lower part of the body. Then repeat it to the alternate side.

Start out with an ease, let the muscle relax and get used to the exercise.

Remember all the while to breathe deeply and slowly.

Final Test begins today Pakistan on thin ice

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More protests have been planned by the supporters during the five-day Test at Sialkot's Jinnah Stadium. The bribery storm broke earlier this year when Malik was named by three Australian players who alleged he had offered bribes to fix the result of matches.

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Also in the squad are middle-order batsmen Basit Ali and Zahid Fazal. Basit went on the ill-fated Pakistan tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe late last year and early this year.

The tour, marked by indiscipline and overshadowed by the bribery scandal, saw both Basit and vice-captain Rashid Latif announcing their premature retirement from international cricket.

Sino athletes shining through Wang waltz in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Sept 21: Wang Junxia virtually strolled to victory in her comeback to international competition in the 10,000m at the Asian Athletics Championships here today, leading another day of Chinese domination, reports AFP.

The former star of Ma Junren's Army of runners clocked only 33min 58.50sec, almost four and a half minutes outside her world record for the distance. But Wang still finished more than one lap ahead of second placed Tri Ash Hanadyanti of Indonesia.

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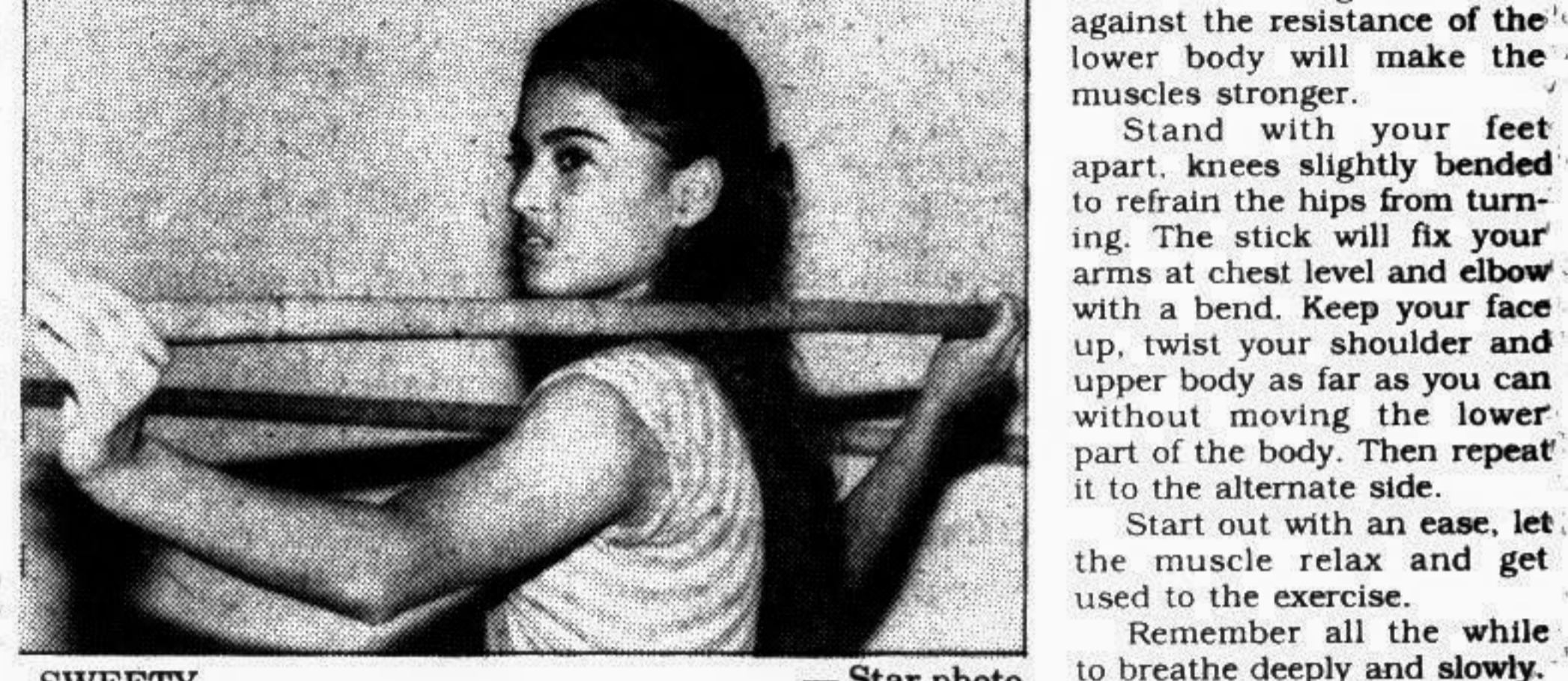
Wang added that the lack of competition, with only four runners taking part, could have dampened her competitive appetite. Last month she ran a 31:23.24 race in China, just 19 seconds outside the time that won Portugal's Fernando Ribeiro the world title in Gothenburg.

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Amy Frazier of the United States returns a backhand against Japanese Yone Kamio during their second round match of the Nichirei ladies tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Frazier won in straight sets 6-4, 6-4. — AFP/UNB photo

Ryder Cup on Star TV

STAR TV's 24-hour sports channel Prime Sports, has secured exclusive satellite and cable broadcasting rights to the 1995 Ryder Cup. Live coverage from Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York begins on Friday, September 22 at 6:00 pm (BST), says a press release.

York uncork Man. United

LONDON, Sept 21: Second Division strugglers York City caused the biggest upset of the season when they stunned premierships giants Manchester United with a 3-0 win at fortress Old Trafford in the League Cup second round first leg on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Holders Liverpool rarely impressed against First Division Sunderland at Anfield but ran out 2-0 winners thanks to goals by Steve McManaman and Michael Thomas, who came on as a substitute for 8.5 million pound striker Stan Collymore.