

Ernest Hemingway

(US author) We, in games, are not fascinated by death, its nearness

and its avoidance. We are fascinated by victory, and we replace the avoidance of death by the avoidance of defedt. It is a very nice symbolbut 'it takes more coiones to be a sportsman when death is a closer party to the game."

TOn why bullfighting never became popular in the US

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT golf was the butt of Limany a joke when Ershad was President of Bangladesh. It was said that many cued to be at the sprawling Kurmitola greenery to be in close proximity with the man who had the panache of solving problems based on personal relationship. Perhaps all this was half

the truth. Ershad has long since gone but the cue I hear now extends from Kurmitola to Postagola

Worldwide, golf has always been at the centre-stage. The first allusion to golf was in 1457 when it was banned by the Scottish Parliament (along with football), so that the people would not be diverted from their very necessary archery practice. It's someting like banning satellite TV so that you and watch BTV. Bah! However with the signing of a peace treate Grant 502 with their main antagonist England, the Scottish citizens were freed from the military duties. And, so prospered golf

Actually, BTV produces so many non-programmes, delves out that much rubbish in the news, repeats so much nonsense that one is compelled to switch it off. Or. maybe ask the shop to deliver a TV in which there is no BTV. And, so prospered satellite TV.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday).

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-6

V. Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Sept 29, 1995)

Who won the Wimbledon women'

singles title a record nine times? Evert Navratilova How many times have Brazil wor the football World Cup? Where is Eden Gardens situated

Who is the only Bangladeshi chess Grand Master? Reefat Zla Niaz Morshed Jansher Khan is famous for playing which sport? Cricket Squash Hockey

Class:..... Roll No:....

Atletico, Espanol keep the pace

Phone: (if any)

MADRID, Sept 25: Atletico Madrid and Espanol maintained 100 per cent records at the top of the Spanish First Division with wins over Sporting Gijon and Real Sociedad on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Atletico, who lead the table on goal difference, beat Gijon 2-0 at home while Romanian striker Florin Raducioiu scored his fourth goal of the season to give Espanol a 1-0 away win

against Sociedad. International midfielder Juan Vizcaino put Atletico ahead in the opening minute in the Vicente Calderson Stadium and seven minutes after the interval Bulgarian Lyuboslav Penev added the second from the penalty spot.

Column One | Sr Leagues resume today

Sports Reporter

tions of both the sports The Lifebuoy Senior Division football leagues resume today at the Dhaka Stadium after a day's unscheduled

The two leagues, the Premier and First Divisions. were suspended for a day yesterday due to a confusion over the availability of the much sought after national arena by the organisers, the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA).

The big bowl, which is administered by the National Sports Council (NSC), is shared by both DMFA and the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) as the venue of top-level competi-

Div II chess begins today

Sports Reporter

The Second Division chess league 1995 gets underway at the NSC chessroom at 3 pm today. Twenty-two teams have entered the seven round Swiss League competition. organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF).

Members of the participating teams have been requested to be present at the venue by 2.30 pm sharp.

Suffice to say the top two finishers of the tourney will qualify for the First Division league next year.

ing attitude. DMFA, who were allotted the ground early this year. were supposed to hand it over to BCCB on September 15. But due to several unforeseen stoppages, DMFA on Sept 30 and the could not wrap up their Mohammedans-Rahmatganj



schedule for the season by the specified date. Earlier this month BCCB had agreed to delay the handing over till September 25, a day after the Abahanicrucial Mohammedans encounter.

On Sunday (Sept 24) DMFA had requested the cricket authorities to extend their lease by five more days but their appeal fell on deaf ears. However, after yet another round of lobbying by football officials yesterday BCCB finally agreed to postpone their claim to the stadium till the end of the

After yesterday's developments, visibly grateful DMFA officials expressed their heartfelt appreciation of the compromise and thanked

BCCB for their accommodat-

Most of the matches of the two leagues will now be played at the Dhaka Stadium, including the crucial Abahani-Muktijoddha game

game the day before. In today's matches, both of the First Division. Dhanmondi Club take on Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at 4:30 pm while Sadharan Bima KS face Police AC at 6:30 pm. Both the matches will be played at the Dhaka Stadium.

The Premier League resumes with the Brothers Union-Rahmatganj game tomorrow at the same venue.

BHF reception

The Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) will accord a reception to the national boys and girls handball teams today at the Dhanmondi Womens Sports Complex, reports UNB.

Bangladesh finished runers-up in both boys and girls groups of the sixth Commonwealth youth championship that was help last month at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium.

The tournament organisers have also arranged a reunion of officials of the first ever Commonwealth handball meet in the country.

The reception is at 6 pm.

Newcastle restore lead ative talents.



25: Les Ferdinand took Newcastle United back to the top

of the English Premier League by scoring both goals in a 2-0 home victory over Chelsea on Sunday. reports Reuter.

Newcastle had briefly surrendered top spot to Manchester United, who moved a point clear with a scoreless draw against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. But Kevin Keegan's squad

charged to the front two points ahead despite Keegan publicly wondering if his side could perform well in the absence of Peter Beardsley after their III defeat at Southampton two weeks ago.

The duestion was left unanswered when Beardsley returned for last week's drubbing of Manchester City.

But with Beardsley now out for a month after a knee operation and Frenchman David Ginola hobbling off

lova completed

a fine sprint

double at the

All-African International me-

et on Sunday and predicted

a future focus for sprinters.

eclipsing Sestriere in Italy.

men's 200 metres in 22.38

seconds to add to her South

African all-comers 100 met-

res record of 11.01 on Satur-

day at Johannesburg's newly-

completed athletics stadium.

better than Sestriere because

you have the benefit of alti-

tude without the winds you

there," said Privalova.

"I think this stadium is

get in the mountains over said.

Privalova won the wo-

reports Reuter.

Johannesburg could become

early with a thigh injury. Chelsea's strong defending seemed a difficult obstacle

But Ferdinand showed just why Keegan splashed out six million pounds (9.24 million dollars) to buy him with the emphatic opener just before the interval.

for Newcastle to break down.

And when the striker blocked a Dmitri Kharine clearance back into the Chelesa net for his ninth of the campaign at the start of the second, Keegan's side were headed back to the top despite never getting close to

With the masterly Ruud Gullit orchestrating Chelsea's five-man defensive array. Newcastle's game just would not flow in the opening period.

And when Ginola departed from the fray in the 17th minute there was yet more pressure on the home side to show they could win despite missing their two most cre-

Privalova's prediction

the meeting will fall after the

Olympics I think a lot of ath-

letes will be coming because

they'll be at the peak of con-

Norredine Morceli (1500

metres). Frankie Fredericks

(200 metres), Samuel Matete

(400 metre hurdles) and

Maria Mutola (800 metres)

also lived up to their reputa-

tions, winning their events

fast 3:39.01 to win the 1500

metres by a distance despite

suffering from flu. "I only

made the decision to race

two hours before, so I'm very

happy with my time," he

Another runaway winner

Algeria's Morceli ran a

with minimal fuss.

Sergei Bubka (pole vault),

"I'll definitely be coming

G. Sept 25: Rus- back next year and because 400 metre hurdles. He too

The game was meandering to the break when Ferdinand struck. Keith Gillespie picked up on the right and attacked with Erland Johssen, getting to the dead-ball line and pulling back to the near post.

Ruel Fox should have collected but missed to throw the chelsea backline off balance and Ferdinand needed no second invitation, turning in an instant to crack home off the underside of the bar.

With Gullit looking to augment the Chelsea attack. Newcastle were looking far from convincing. But that all change in the 58th minute.

Ferdinand outstripped Gulfit as he raced onto Hislop's long ball, although Kharine was clearly the favourite.

his clearance against Ferdinand's body and could only hold his head as he watched the ball bounce off the striker and into the net.

was Zambia's Matete in the

was not wholly race fit, but

hours in immigration."

visa for South Africa and

that's where the problem

came. Getting up and sitting

down in an airport for five

hours is not really the ideal

not to have cleared six me-

tres in the pole vault. He

failed three times at 6.05

metres and said that the

landing area for his pole left a

pointed not to have South

Africa's Okkert Brits, who

chose not to compete, as a

Bubka was also disap-

Bubka was disappointed

preparation for a race."

lot to be desired.

rival.

"I was held up for five

"I was told I didn't need a

for different reasons.

Matete said.

about Asian athletes Sports Reporter

BAAF quiet

Three athletes supposedly represented Bangladesh at Jakarta Asian Athletics meet

which concluded on Sunday. However, the country men have been kept in the dark regarding the performance of the two men and a woman. A coach also accompanied

the team. The Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation has not

bothered to inform the press beyond the team's departure for Jakarta a couple of days before the meet opened on 20 September.

Federations funded by the public exchequer should have the decency, if not the responsibility, of keeping the nation abreast with the activities of our sportsmen abroad. The BAAF has failed miserably on this count. Sports enthusiasts have appealed to the National Sports Council to question BAAF on the silence.

Arbachakov annexes WBC crown

TOKYO, Sept 25: Undefeated Yuri Arbachakov, Russian who fights out of Japan, defended his World Boxing Council flyweight title Monday with a 12-round unanimous decision over challenger Chatchai Elitegym of Thailand, reports AP.

There were no knockdowns as Arbachakov, fighting before a near capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Nippon Budokan, made his seventh defense of the title he won from Muanchai Kittikasem of Thailand on June 23, 1992, in Tokyo.

Judge Chuck Hassett scored it 116-112, Tony Castellano 116-114 and Rudy Ortega 117-113, all for Arbachakov. All three judges are Americans.

Arbachakov, had predicted a first-round knockout, but he and Chatchai, the WBC's No-1 flyweight contender, opened the bout with cautious probing.

In the first five rounds, Arbachakov landed a series of straight punches to Chatchai's face and body. Chatchai unleashed a series of hard uppercuts and hooks.

Chatchai stopped his early circling and began frontal exchanges of blows.

The champion jolted

the flyweight limit after being 100 grams (3.54 ounces) overweight on his first try showed no effects in the fight of having to shed the weight quickly.

Arbachakov, winner of the 1989 World Cup amateur boxing championship in Moscow, is the first fighter from the former Soviet Union to win a professional world title. Arbachakov, from Tatshtagol in Russia, signed a professional contract in

The victory brought his record to 21-0 with 15 knockouts. It was Chatchai's first defeat against 20 victories, including 15 by knock-

pounds (50.8 kilograms.).

Bianchi. Fiori's reflexes offered a brief respite to Cagliari's vet-

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The highest scorers they had an opportunity to

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AST week I wrote about

the misses of sure goals,

and mentioned why that happens very often. But this

time I shall talk about why

the percentage of oppor-

missed

tunities to shoot at goal are

Shooting is not only the

most exciting part of football

it is also the most important

part of attacking play. Too

often we are satisfied with

Some consider it one of the mysteries of life as to why players don't shoot when they are in a position to do so. There is no mystery about it. Some teachers and coaches are to blame in the first place for encouraging and praising players for their unselfish play. Where scoring

goals is concerned unselfish

for missing. One cannot have it both ways. The facts on the percentages are, that a player will miss many more times than he will score.

If we look at this year's Premier League Aslam of Abahani has showed his good attitude in taking shots at goal and has placed himself as the top scorer for his



Aslam, one of the most prolific scorers of Bangladesh, does it in style.

having created scoring opportunities and not sufficiently dissatisfied with our inability to convert chances into goals.

It is a fact, that at every level of football a high per centage of opportunities to shoot are missed, by that one means that the shot is never taken. The number of goals scored would rapidly increase if all players shot for goal on every occasion when

that players who are praised when they pass the responsibility for shooting for that on most occasions is what unselfish play is, will continue to be irresponsible and will continue to lack aggression in their finishing. Players in shooting positions should accept their responsibility. That responsibility is. not only for scoring but also

players do not win matches.

It should be understood

also adversely criticised Ranjan for missing scoring opportunities but one thing for sure I can say that he is the man who always placed himself in shooting position. Readers must have noticed one thing Ranjan missed most of the scoring opportunities, but because of his good shooting attitude has so far scored highest number of goals for his team.

Mohammedan fans have

Juve surrender top slot free-kick gave his side their are what soccer is about" still



Valerio Fiori's superb goalkeeping inspired bottom-of-thetable Cagliari to

hold Juventus to a scoreless draw on Sunday night that left the champions two points adrift of Serie A leaders AC Milan, reports Reuter.

The failure of Juventus strikers Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli to capitalise on a series of first-half chances left Milan, 3-0 winners over Atlanta, top on 12 points and the only side with a 100 per cent record after four matches.

Juventus lie joint second on 10 points with a resurgent Napoli, whose 2-1 win over Inter cast a shadow over the future of coach Ottavio

eran coach Giovanni Trapattoni, winner of six league titles at Juventus from 1976 to 1986 but without a single point after his first three matches in charge at Cagliari.

On three occasions in the first 45 minutes the underrated Fiori saved Cagliari with breathtaking saves from Vialli and Ravenelli before denying Michele Padovano in the dying seconds. While Juventus sent a life-

line to their old coach, Inter's Bianchi found little mercy at Napoli, the club he led to a league title in 1987.

With Inter now 11th in the league and president Massimo Moratti's warning that "The results on Sunday

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ringing in his ears. Bianchi might take comfort from the dramatic turnaround in Napoli's fortunes. At least one Italian coach's

job looks secure for the immediate future. Blame for Parma's humili-

ating 3-0 defeat at Sampdoria last weekend was laid squarely at the feet of coach Nevio Scala. Against Fiorentina, Scala

responded by dropping his three-man frontline in favour of the 4-4-2 tactic that has taken his side to three European finals in the past three seasons. The result was a 3-0

whitewash and a commanding performance from European-footballer-of-theyear Hristo Stoichkov.

The Bulgarian opened the scoring in the 35th minute, rifling home a right-foot shot Francesco Toldo's near post before starting the sweeping end-to-end move that led to Massimo Crippa's second five minutes later.

Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta, who opened last season with a goal in a record 11 straight matches en route to leading the league with 26 goals, has yet to score for Fiorentina.

Former Italy defender Antonio Benarrivo added Parma's third to remove the question mark handing over the club's title hopes.

The pressure also eased on Roma's coach Carlo Mazzone after substitute Daniel Fonseca's deflected

first victory of the season -1-0 at Cremonese. For Silvio Berlusconi vic-

tory is not sufficient.

Despite watching his team thrash Atalanta and move into first place in the league, Milan's owner, who invested a small fortune this summer in bringing the likes of Roberto Baggio and George Weah to the club, was clearly not satisfied.

"Milan won well but entertained only in part," the former Italian Premier said. A rare goal from Frenchman Marcel Desailly,

only his third in 47 league appearances opened the scoring at the San Siro before Weah took over. The Liberia, with three goals in his first three Serie

A appearances, again stole the limelight, setting up first Baggio, then unsettled Paolo that cannoned in off di Canio - linked with English Premier League Blackburn — for two goals in the last 10 minutes.

Lazio dropped to fourth on eight points after letting slip a 2-0 halftime lead against Udinese by conceding two goals in the last 20 minutes and having striker Pierluigi Casiraghi sent off.

In the season's first incidence of the fan violence that plagued the league last year, Vicenza goalkeeper Luca Mondini was struck by an object thrown from a section of the stands occupied by fans of Padova. Mondini stayed down for a few minutes but remained in the match. Vicenza won 2-1.

BUET soccer

Sports Reporter

The Faculty of Civil Engineering retained the Vice-Chancellor Inter-Faculty seven -a-side football championship of BUET when they defeated Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering 4-2 in the final played at the BUET ground on Monday.

ted two for the winner. For the losers. Mizan Jr and Yousuf were the scorers. Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dipak Kanti Das gave away the trophy and distributed sweets among all the

Asad and Suvan scored a

goal apiece while Nazrul net-

participants. Shooting instructors course

> **Sport Reporter** An IOC solidarity coachers'

course for shooting trainers got underway at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan yesterday. Jute Minister and president of the federation ASM Hannan Shah inaugurated the programme.

About twenty-five instructors are participating in the week-long course, organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT TERRIFIC BABY FOOD COMPANY, ALL CHIEF EMPLOYEES WERE WHINED AND DINED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y 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.

Russian Irina Privalova outruns Nigerian rival Christy Opara to win the women's 200-metre in the all-African invitational athletics meet in Johannesburg on Sunday. Privalova clocked 22.38 seconds. - AFP/UNB photo

But the Russian crashed

From the sixth round on

Chatchai several times with punches to the face in the last two rounds. Chatchai, who needed a second try Sunday to meet

Japan in 1989.

Both Arbachakov and Chatchai weighed 112