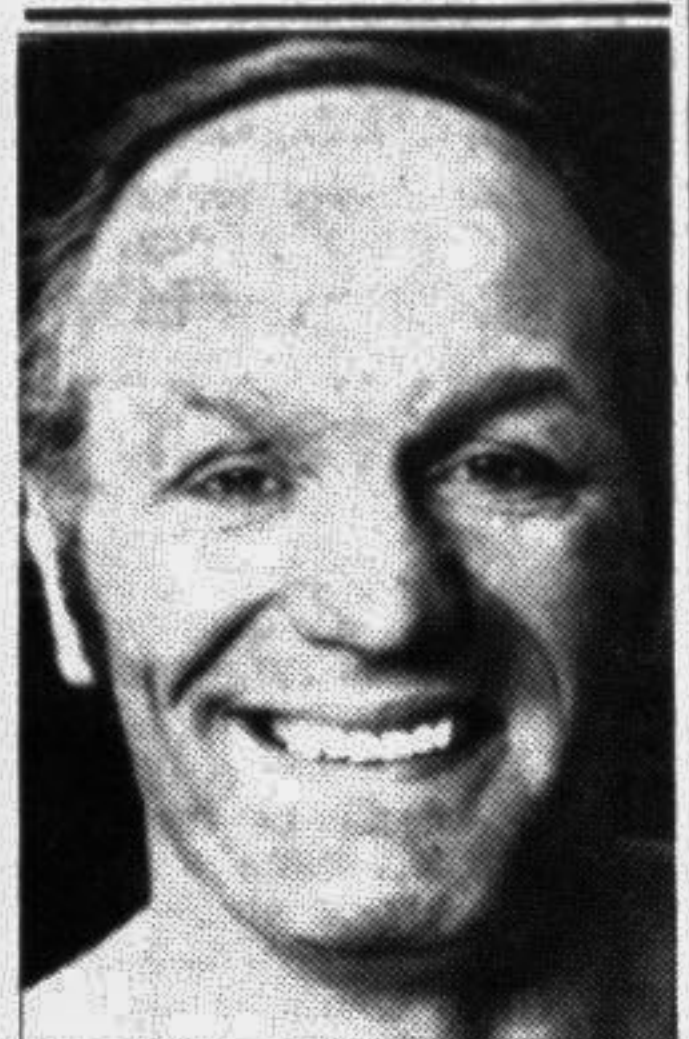


Column One  
SPORTS TALK



**Henry Cooper**  
(British heavyweight champion, 1970)

"The thought never enters my head. I know there have been tragedies, but it's like a man driving a car. If he worried every time he got behind the wheel that he might kill someone going along the road then he would never drive."  
On dying in the ring.

**DID U' KNOW?**  
(The Professor does)

**T**HAT it's always news if somebody hits a big one with the cricket bat. We have heard balls being thrown out into the stands, some over the stands, some onto the road, a few breaking the windows across the street and so on. But, can you even guess the distance of the longest shot? 37 miles. No, I am not feebling.

This happened in July 1876 in Hull, England. While scoring 126 for United South against United North, a shot from WG Grace landed in a railway truck. The ball was found when the train next stopped — in Leeds.

WG Grace was one of the most colourful cricketers of all times. There is a rule in cricket which prevents the batsmen hitting the ball with their hands. Grace once used this rule to his advantage when batting for Gloucestershire against Surrey at Clifton in 1878. On this occasion the ball accidentally lodged itself in a fold of his ample shirt. Grace started running, and continued for several runs until a group of fielders dragged him to a halt.

"If I had removed the ball," explained Grace, "You would have given me out for handling the ball, so what do you expect me to do?"

Three runs were eventually agreed upon. While he never broke the rules it was marvellous what he could do with them.

I hope this does not mean that in the forthcoming season, our batsmen take the crease in the baggiest of oversized shirts.

**Sports**  
**WHIZZ KID**  
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday)

**Sports WHIZZ KID competition-6**  
Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Sept 29, 1995)

1. Who won the Wimbledon women's singles title a record nine times?  
Graf Berti Navratilova

2. How many times have Brazil won the football World Cup?  
3 4 5

3. Where is Eden Gardens situated?  
Calcutta Bombay Delhi

4. Who is the only Bangladeshi chess Grand Master?  
Rezaul Zia Nazim Moshir

5. Jansher Khan is famous for playing which sport?  
Cricket Squash Hockey

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**Bangladeshis fare fairly in Asian karate**

Bangladeshi men and women showed commendable performances in the second Asian Karate competition held in Manila on September 18-25, reports UNB.

Seven participants who reached the semifinals are — Sebrina Nazim Zili, Chowdhury Farhana, Rani Padamsi, Roushan Lal Das, Shahnewaz Jinnah, Alin Islam and Mahfuzur Rana.

**East End end in defeat**

Sports Reporter



Dhanmondi Club sprinkled salt on the celebration of Lifebuoy First Division football league champions East End club when they handed them a lone goal defeat in their final league encounter Thursday afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

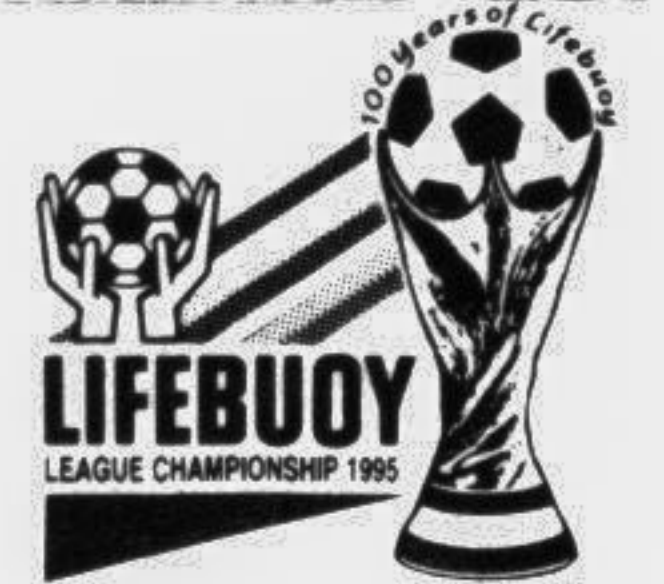
On a virtually unplayable ground at the big bowl caused by a late afternoon shower, Dhanmondi defender Narayan slotted the all-important match winner when he diverted home a corner 21 minutes into the second half.

The defeat did not have any bearing on the Gandaria-based club who have already confirmed their title victory and promotion to the elite group next year along with runners-up team Bangladesh Boys Club. East End earned 34 points from 18 matches while Boys have 29 points from 17 matches.

On the other hand, Dhanmondi raised their col-

lection to 25 points from 18 matches which keeps them third in the standings along with Victoria SC.

East End's striker Liton Khan was the cause of further debacle for his team when he was given marching order for fouling Dhanmondi's midfielder Dolon in the seventh



minute of the second session. The old-town outfit, who were relegated to the Second Division way back in 1986, returned to the top flight in 1981 but this in their maiden entry into the elite group of top ten since the inception of the two-tier Senior Division football leagues in 1993.

**WARI HOLD AGRANI**

In the day's lone Premier League match, Agrani Bank Sports Club and Wari Club shared points with a goalless draw in the evening.

With the draw both teams completed their league campaign this year.

Agrani Bank closed their account with 20 points from 18 matches and joined Arambagh in the fifth position while Wari, who's relegation to First Division next year is certain remained at the bottom of the standings with 11 points from 18 matches.

**LEAGUES POSTPONED**

Meanwhile both Premier and First Division football leagues have been postponed for a day due to unplayable condition of the grounds caused by seasonal rain. All the matches, which were scheduled for today will now be held tomorrow at the same time and place. The remaining fixture will be shifted bodily.

**Pakistan's weary week**



**B**ERLIN, Sept 28: Two goals in five minutes midway through the second half earned the Netherlands a 2-0 win over World Cup holders Pakistan in the Champions' Trophy on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Jacques Brinkman acting captain in the absence of Marc Delissen and the recalled Taco van den Honert were the marksmen.

Brinkman seized on to a Pakistani deflection in the 51st minute to beat goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed with an opportunist shot from the edge of the circle.

Honert added the second with a perfectly placed flick shot into the top corner of the net.

**Pakistan's defeat leaves them with much to do if they are to make Sunday's final. They had the chance to join Australia and Germany at the top of the table but are now two points adrift with two group matches to play.**

The Dutch beaten in their previous two games, moved into third place by winning but have only one more pool game to play against India on Saturday.

**Pakistan should have put the match beyond their opponents reach long before the Dutch scored. They failed from four corners in the first 45 minutes.**

**Dutch goalkeeper Ronald Jansen made three fine saves early in the second half to prevent Pakistan captain Shahbaz Ahmed.**

Mukesh clear in the inside left flank and he drove his shot past stranded Simon Mason in the England goal.

England took just three minutes to reply through newcomer James Wallis, a second half substitute. Wallis popped up as a centre forward to turn in a free hit by Nick Thompson.

Four remarkable saves by Mason denied India a second goal immediately after the equaliser while England winger Chris Mayer squandered a later chance.

**INDIA, ENGLAND SPLIT POINTS**

India and England failed to improve their positions at the foot of the round robin table when they drew 1-1 in the evening's other floodlit match.

After a goalless, poor quality first half, India broke away to take the lead in the 52nd minute through right-winger Mukesh Kumar.

A well-judged pass by centre-forward Dhanraj Pillay put

**STANDINGS**

Standings in the 17th men's Champion's Trophy at the Olympic Stadium here after Wednesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Country	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Australia	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Germany	3	2	1	0	5	0	5
Holland	4	2	0	2	4	5	4
Pakistan	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
India	3	0	2	1	3	7	2
England	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

**Diego comes & Diego goes**



**B**UENOS AIRES, Sept 28: Older and heavier but as arrogant as ever, Diego Maradona is set for yet another highly-publicised comeback.

The stocky Argentine ball wizard ends his 15-month ban for doping at last year's World Cup finals when he turns out for his beloved Boca Juniors against the South Korean national team in Seoul on Saturday, reports Reuter.

"When you have a true love of the game, a comeback is always possible," said Maradona last week, while on a 10-day training stint at a Uruguayan beach resort that brought him up to what he described as mediocre condition.

While Argentines are still excited by the prospect of another look at his dazzling skills, they are increasingly reluctant to tolerate his constant wild outbursts and erratic behaviour.

"On a soccer field, he is a genius. But on a personal level, the guy is mad, he is rotten," said a football fan.

"I'm tired of having this guy pumped up constantly," said another.

**It is Maradona's fourth comeback since, at the age of 31, he was banned in 1991 for taking cocaine while at Napoli.**

He has been written off many times only to bounce back determined once again, in his own words, "to be a protagonist."

Maradona often said over the years that the ideal end to his career would be to play again for Boca Juniors, who he helped win the Argentine First Division title in 1981 before embarking for Barcelona.

**He is unlikely to come close to his brilliant form as a 21-year-old when he played 40 games in one season at Boca Juniors and scored 26 goals.**

But, having watched Boca

make a poor start to the current season, Maradona has not been silent, despite seldom turning out for team training, he publicly insisted that anyone wanting to play for Boca "will have to seat hard and be a real man..."

He said that he would also resume his flawed coaching



**DIEGO MARADONA**

career if Boca's trainer Silvio Marzolini were forced to resign. "If they don't let me, I'll quit," he warned.

Maradona, who during his suspension delved unsuccessfully into coaching, had hoped to join Boca as player-trainer. But the club had already appointed 1960s star defender Marzolini, under whom Maradona played in 1981.

The outburst was brushed off by a Boca official. "Diego is volatile. He changes his mind from one day to the next."

Despite two surprisingly good games at the World Cup a year ago before he tested

positive for a cocktail of stimulants, football fans are unsure of what to expect from Maradona, who will be 35 on October 30, this time round.

Frustration, if he finds it hard to deliver, could spill over into the kind of behaviour that marred his brief coaching spells with Deportivo Mandiyu and Racing Club, where the results were dismal.

He was ordered off the bench on numerous occasions, most notably for throwing water at a linesman who did not respond quickly enough to one of his queries.

If Maradona's previous comebacks are anything to go by, then this one could end up on a bad note.

His return from his first worldwide ban ended with his being sacked by Sevilla just before the end of his one-year contract with the Spanish Club that signed him in September 1992.

His Argentine domestic comeback with Newell's Old Boys, towards the end of 1993 was short-lived, ending after just seven games when he was sacked for repeatedly missing practices.

When the press, sensing the definitive end of a soccer delity, sought him for comment outside his weekend estate in the suburbs of Buenos Aires, Maradona crouched behind and maroon Mercedes, and fired an air rifle at the journalists.

Four injured reporters lodged charges against him. His lawyers are now fighting a four-year jail sentence recommended by the state prosecutor.

**Akram back for one-dayers**

**ISLAMABAD, Sept 28:** Fast bowler Wasim Akram, who missed the Sialkot Test due to a shoulder strain, is said to be fit and is expected to play when Pakistan take on Sri Lanka in the first of the three-match one-day series on Friday at Gujranwala, reports Reuter.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who could not play at Sialkot because of a knee problem after performing well in the first two Tests, is to appear in the match along with opener Saed Anwar, who also was absent.

In the Sri Lankan camp, three players have arrived from Colombo to strengthen the touring team. They are all-rounder Ruwan Kalpage, wicketkeeper Rumesh Kaluwirathana and medium-pacer Eric Upashantha.

Meanwhile, a former chairman of national selection committee today urged the Pakistan Cricket Board to order an inquiry into the home defeat by team's defeat by Sri Lanka in the just-concluded Test series.

Waqar Hasan said in a statement that the inquiry should be assigned to a committee of three "independent" experts.

The cricket authorities have been sharply criticised after Sri Lanka beat Pakistan in the final Test at Sialkot this week to clinch the three-match series 2-1.

**Faisal earns a point**  
Sports Reporter

Bangladesh junior national champion Adnan Faisal earned one point after the third round of 34th World Junior Chess Championship which is now being held in Germany.

According to a press release of the Bangladesh Chess Federation last night, Adnan lost his first and third round ties to Australian Wallace John Paul (rating 2345) and Slovakian Manik Nicholas (rating 2340) respectively, but won his second round match against unidentified Georgian.

German IM Roman Slovjani is leading the meet with full three points while Indian qualifier Avijit Kundu has 1.5 points in the 13-round Swiss League competition.

**Div II chess**  
Sports Reporter

Uttara Chess Club kept their lead intact in the Second Division chess league after the end of third round on Thursday.

In the round they beat Golden Chess Club by 2.5 points to 1.5 points and raised their tally to 10.5 points from three rounds.

Despite losing the third round, Golden Chess Club remained second in the table jointly along with Touch Stone Club who drew 2-2 with Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha.

Both Golden and Touch Stone have nine points each to their account.

Results of other matches were: Jagorani Club beat Khaiequzzaman Chowdhury School 3-1, Surja Bathi defeated Azampur Kishore Eleven 3-1, City Chess Club outplayed Friends Chess United 4-0 and Tongi Chess Club trounced Jatrabari Krida Chakra 4-0.

**Ngugi's return delayed**

**NAIROBI, Sept 28:** Kenyan cross country runner John Ngugi insisted on Wednesday he would not make his race comeback in Edinburgh this weekend, despite assurances to the contrary by his British agent, reports Reuter.

Former Olympic champion Ngugi, who has been out of action for 27 months because of ban imposed for refusing to take a random dope test, told Reuters he would not run a 10-km event round the City of Edinburgh on Sunday.

**fitness royale**



with rani padamsi

**W**ORKING at something can often be unpleas-

ant, and therefore it requires a lot of discipline. Playing, on the other hand, is fun and easy. Playing at

overall conditioning exercise for your heart, lungs, circulatory system and legs. You can hardly do enough, if you take the trouble to build up your endurance slowly. Others



**ALIA & SWEETY**

fitness is called sport or athletics, and it can be a lot of fun.

Some people don't like competitive sports. But it isn't necessary to engage in sport on that level to get the physical and psychological benefits of athletic play. Every athletic skill is to some degree unique.

Not everybody is good at everything, but the more kind of sports you get involved in, the more of your physical potential will be realized. You wouldn't know till you try it.

Before you play, remember it's important to learn all the rules beforehand to avoid accidents and injury. Most of all, you don't want to make a fool of yourself.

Running and skipping rope are probably the best

good aerobic exercises include bicycle riding and swimming. Do not forget to wear proper footwear. If you want to loose weight then you must include aerobic activity

in your workouts. It's an absolute must for all athletes. It builds speed, stamina and endurance. You have to learn to know yours body and it's limitations. I can only advise and guide, but only you can feel, endure and push it to it's limit. Learn to listen to your body. As you progress, your own awareness will also increase.

For this week's exercise, lie down straight on your side. Someone must hold your legs or you can tuck them under your bed or sofa. Keep your hips tucked in. Lift up your body sideways, pulling your stomach in and breathing out as you go up. Once you are comfortable with extended arms, then fold them across your chest and repeat. Breathe in as you come down. It works on your thighs and especially on the sides, right below the waistline. Repeat the exercise for both left and right sides.

Here's a tip: One way of eating less and yet feeling satisfied is by chewing each mouthful 25 to 30 times.



**ALIA**

— Star photo

**Litmanen lights Ajax up**



**LONDON, Sept 28:** European cup holders Ajax Amsterdam scored three times in the last 10 minutes to crush Hungary's Ferencvaros 5-1 in Budapest and maintain their 100 per cent start to their Champions' League campaign on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

But there was no fairytale start for Aalborg, the Danish club admitted to the competition following the expulsion of Ukraine's Dynamo Kiev last weekend for attempting to bribe a referee in their opening Champions' League game two weeks ago. Aalborg went down 2-0 at Porto.

After the second round of matches, Porto lead Group A, with four points, while Spartak Moscow lead Group B, Juventus lead Group C and Ajax lead Group D, all three with a maximum haul of six points.

Finland striker Jari Litmanen led Ajax to an ultimately convincing win over Ferencvaros with a hat-trick as the Dutch side chalked up their 13th consecutive European Cup match without loss.

Teenager Patrick Kluivert, scorer of the goal that beat Milan in last season's European Cup final, and midfielder Frank de Boer added the others for the Dutch team who beat Real Madrid in their opening match two weeks ago.

Ferencvaros, 3-0 victors over Grasshopper Zurich two weeks ago, matched the champions until the closing stages when Ajax ran riot in front of their goal.

Litmanen, who scored six European goals last season, put Ajax ahead after 57 minutes with Elek Nyilas equalising with a penalty two minutes later.

But Ajax regained the lead in the 67th minute through Kluivert and added three more in the last 10 minutes with an 80th-minute penalty from Litmanen, an 85th

minute strike by De Boer and Litmanen's third two minutes from time.

In the other Group D match, Real Madrid beat Grasshopper 2-0 to end a run of three successive home defeats at their Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Chilean international Ivan Zamorano scored both goals in the 68th and 89th minutes.

While Ajax were the highest scorers on the night, there were also convincing wins for Juventus, who beat Steaua Bucharest in a Group C match featuring two former champions 3-0, and for Panathinaikos, who beat French champions Nantes 3-1 in a Group A match in Athens.

Polish striker Krzysztof Warzycha, who scored five in a Greek League match on Sunday, bagged two more for Panathinaikos who were effectively playing their first Champions' League game of the season as their opening match against Kiev has been

expunged from the records following Kiev's disqualification.

While Warzycha was scoring twice for the Greek side, Rui Barros netted both of Porto's goals in their Group A match against Aalborg, who seemed largely out of their depth against the Portuguese side managed by former England coach Bobby Robson and were content just to defend.

Barros struck just before halftime to ease Porto's nerves after the Portuguese champions had struggled to break down the resolute defence of the Danes.

The 25,000 crowd began to get restless after repeated attempts by Porto to find a route to goal were blocked by the strong tackling and efficient organisation of the Danes.

But while Robson was enjoying a successful night, Norwegian part-timers Resenborgh beat Blackburn Rovers 2-1 in their Group B match, the English title holders' second Scandinavian humiliation in successive seasons.

Staal Stensaas, set up by a neat pass back from teenage substitute Steffen Eversen smashed a blistering left-footed drive past Blackburn keeper Tim Flowers four minutes from time to give the Norwegians an unexpected but deserved victory.

Blackburn crashed out in the first round of the UEFA Cup last season beaten by part-timers Trelleborgs of Sweden.

In a thrilling Group C match in Scotland, Ian Ferguson equalised 18 minutes from time as Rangers, who twice fell behind, scraped a 2-2 draw with Borussia Dortmund in their Group C clash.

Juventus, inspired by Alessandro Del Piero, made it two wins in two European Champions' League games with their emphatic victory over Steaua the 1986 European champions.

Twenty-year-old Del Piero, who scored in the 3-1 win at Germany's Borussia Dortmund two weeks ago, made the first goal in the 35th minute when his cross on a counter-attack set up the strike by midfielder Di Livio.

Four minutes later Del Piero cut to his right from the far corner of the penalty area before curling the ball over the outstretched fingers of Romanian World Cup goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea.

**Leonardo Antlers' livewire**

**TOKYO, Sept 28:** Brazilian international Leonardo scored two goals for the third consecutive match to give his Kashima Antlers a sparkling 2-0 home win over the Urawa Reds in J-League action on Wednesday night, reports Reuter.

In front of a crowd of 16,000 in Kashima, the 26-year-old Leonardo displayed superb skill to score only eight minutes into the match, and added another goal in the 66th minute.

Compatriot Alcindo Sartori also scored twice as front-running Verdy Kawasaki blanked Sanfrecce Hiroshima 3-0 in Fukuoka for its fourth straight victory.

The two-time J-League champions retained the top spot in the 14-team competition with 10 wins against two losses.

In Nagoya, French midfielder Franck Durik scored the opener in the 12th minute and striker Takafumi Ogura scored twice, lifting Nagoya Grampus Eight to a 4-0 victory over Bellmare Birsutsuka.

In Tokyo's National Stadium, Argentine striker Ramon Medina Bello got both as the Yokohama Marinos defeated JEF United Ichihara 2-0 for their sixth consecutive win.

Medina Bello's second was a well-placed header from a cross by midfielder Takahiro Yamada.

Playing in Kobe, substitute forward Yoshika Matsubara scored the winner in the closing minutes as Jubilo Iwata fought back from 2-0 down to beat Gamba Osaka despite the absence of Italian striker Salvatore Schillaci, the league's top scorer. Schillaci missed the match because of a leg injury.

**Romania hold world champs**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 28:** A young Brazil team, dubbed "the future of Brazilian football" by coach Mario Zagallo, drew 2-2 against an equally untested Romanian selection in an international soccer friendly Wednesday, reports Reuter.



The players and officials of the East End Club who became champions in the Lifebuoy First Division football league, will compete in the Premier League next season. — Star photo

**Maradona isn't Korea's promoter**

**SEOUL, Sept 28:** Diego Maradona, who will return from his latest drug suspension here Saturday, will not be a special envoy for South Korea's champion to secure the 2002 World Cup finals, officials said, reports AFP.