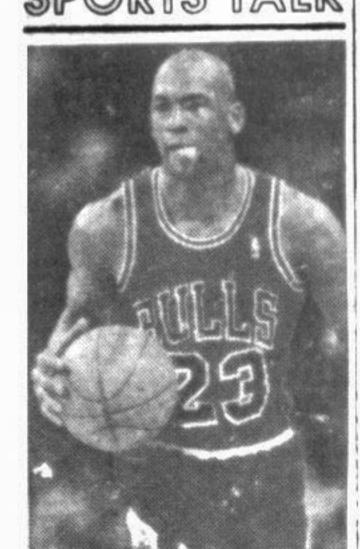
SPORTS TALK



Michael Jordan

(US basketball superstar) When you hire 12 Clint Eastwoods to do a job for you you don't ask them what bullets they're going to be putting in their gun."

On the row over which sponsors outfit to wear at the medal ceremony.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT in any competition I being the best is all that matters. Of course, there are values such as sportsman spirit and fair play. You don't have to climb the highest mountain to be the best climber of a meet, nor do you have to leap the farthest to win a jumping gold, and you definitely do not have to catch the biggest fish to be the best in an angling competition.

On Boxing Day (that's the day after Christmas) in 1950, 159 anglers staked their reputation at Walton-on-the-Naze. Of course, like in any other competition, they found the winner. He was E Curry of Bury St. Edmunds. day. Curry was rewarded with a 12 pound turkey and a carton of cigarettes. This was before the time of ADHUNIK and other anti-smoking campaigners. What did Curry catch? Well, it was a flounder which weighed 9 ounces. The other 158 competitors

caught nothing at all. Now, nine ounces are better than nothing, anytime.

Sports

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN Competition closes 8 pm Oct 13, 1995

1. How many Grand Slam | gained the top position with tennis tournaments are an overwhelming offensive

there? 2. Sri Lankan cricketers "Kiko" Narvaez scored after

recently beat Bangladesh India Pakistan 3. The decathlon cham pion competes in

5 events 10 events 15 events 4. The current World Cup hockey champions are Holland Pakistan Australia

5. What is Diego Marado- just moments before halftime na's middle name.

Santoga Armando Garcia

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KID competition.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 6: Mohammedan SC recorded their second consecutive victory after beating Power Development Board 2-0 in the CJKP Elite Paints First Division football league at the Niaz Stadium today, reports UNB.

Earlier, in their opening match on September 30, Mohammedans trounced

Bakalia KS 4-1. Sumon and Shafiqul sco-

red the goals in the first half.

Column One Nannu steals the show

Sports Reporter

With former na tional team skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu giving rise to the most talked

about transfer controversy in recent memory, the five-day long cricketers' transfers for the 1995-96 season came to an end on Friday.

An total of 266 cricketers vying to play in the twenty elite Premier and First Division clubs collected their transfer tokens from the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office during the scheduled transfer period. Of them, 225 players chose to change their allegiance to new teams.

Nannu's desertion of Abahani Krira Chakra to join his former team, arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club. and Abahani's resulting mudslinging, provided the only spark of excitement in an otherwise predictable duration of give-and-take.

The high-pitched drama regarding Nannu all started when he, amid protests from Abahani officials, signed for Mohammedans on October 1. the first day of the event. The signing immediately provoked a hasty press conference from the Dhanmondi outfit in which furious officials claimed that the prolific run-getter had promised them his allegiance to Abahani, but was forced to join their fellow joint league champions at gunpoint. Abahani officials went to the extent of threatening to boycott the transfer and, if necessary, all BCCB activities.

The following day Mohammedans denied the allegations in a counter press briefing, in which Nannu also spoke in their support.

But, after a day, the tension simmered down. Abahani brushed the huff away and participated in the transfer, and all that was gained out of the farce was Nannu's name appearing in newspaper headlines every

Nannu's inclusion was actually just a feather in the cap for Mohammedans, who, like

breaking a second half tie to

defeat Espanyol 2-1 and put

his team back atop the

Spanish League after the

sixth round of play, reports

place a week ago, Atletico re-

attack.

corner kick.

After falling to second

Atletico took an early lead

when striker Francisco

just five minutes Kiko's goal

came from a header after

teammate Diego Pablo

Simeone ricocheted the

header of his own from a

Although Atletico domi-

nated play for much of the

first half, Espanyol surprised

the home team by scoring

with a powerful left-footed

shot by striker Jordi Lardin

Cruz from beyond the penalty

game came in the 55th

minute when Espanyol de-

fender Sebastian Herrera was

thrown out for illegally bring-

ing down Atletico's Kiko as

the team's star striker was on

a fast break, dribbling

The turning point in the

MADRID, Oct 6:

Atletico Madrid

midfielder Mi-

linko Pantic sc-

ored on a direct

kick Thursday

last year, have formed the visibly strongest team of local

Although they collected only three new players namely national opener-cumwicket keeper Jahangir Alam, up-and-coming pacer Zahid Soleman and Nannu their greatest achievement was to hold on to their previous team. Apart from Sajjad Ahmed Shipon and Mohammed Rafique, who were released due to pool restrictions, virtually all of their highly acclaimed team. including national players Aminul Islam Bulbul, Selim Shahed and Hasibul Hossain Shanto, stayed back at the Motifheel tent.

Rafique, the wily left-arm spinner famous for his slogging, joined a formidable new line-up at Bangladesh Biman. Joining him in the flight were fellow national players - opener Athar Ali Khan from Kalabagan and pacer Anisur Rahman from the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC). On top of that, Biman managed to hold on to middle-order Habibul Bashar Sumon, allrounder Ziaur Rashid Rupam and ex-national star Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu. Although it is feared that they might have to pay dearly for letting go Enamul Huq Moni, for years their mainstay, they look to be Mohammedans' closet challengers.

Moni this year opted to join a relatively weak Abahani camp. Despite holding on to Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan and his teammates Naimur Rahman Durjoy and keeper Khaled Masud Pilot, they will have to look to foreigners, as usual, to throw a respectable challenge. They have, however, recruited a strong bunch of youngsters including Brothers Unions Rahul Naimur Rashid and Victoria's Shamsul Arefin Shihab - both of whom have trained at the prestigious MRF Pace Foundation of

Kalabagan Krira Chakra, last year's surprise arisers, have again formed a strong team, luring away Abahani's

pacer Saiful Islam Khan, his Bangladesh teammate Sharfuddowlah Saikot (GMCC). veteran opener Nurul Abedin Nobel (MSC) and promising wicketkeeper Atiar Rahman (Gulshan Youth). Former national captain Faruque Ahmed and opener Zahed Razzak Masum have also been

retained. Both Brothers and GMCC. although with several pool players in their ranks, look to be poor bets for the title. GMCC have been strengthened by Kalabagan's prolific run-getter Zakaria Ishtiaq and Biman's stumper Debashish Barua. They have retained opener Javed Omar Golla and pacer Mizanur Rahman Babul.

Brothers have to do with one of Mohammedans' two pool discards, Shipon, their own poolist Sajal Chowdhury, Victoria's Ziauddin Ahmed Shovan and Wari's Salauddin.

Premier new comers Agrani Bank, along with Victoria Sporting Club, have ensured that the league will not be an easy getaway for the top teams, with both teams including pool players in their line-ups.

Agrani Bank have roped in spinner Shariful Huq Plabon, veteran allrounder Golam Farugue Suru and pacer Zakir Hossain. Victoria, last season's Damal Summer runners-up, have allrounder. Al Shahriar Rokon, openers Sajid Hassan and Mehrab Hossain Opi and veteran pacer Khairuzzaman Babu at their service.

With the transfer season only just behind us, speculations about the outcome of the league and Damal Summer tournament have already begun. As of now, Mohammedans seem to be the best bet followed by Biman, Abahani and Kalabagan. But if the trend of the past few years are of any indication, foreign players will play a very important role in the final results. If that is the case again this year, then the season is still

wide open.

Atletico back to saddle Atletico, playing in front of more than 40,000 people at

their Vicente Calderon sta-

dium, has proved to be one of

in the shadow of their better

known crosstown rivals Real

Madrid, Atletico find them-

selves the team to beat with

five victories against just one

Espanyol dropped to second

place followed by Barcelona

lona rolled past Oviedo 4-1

on a hat trick by Jose Maria

Bakero, his first goals of the

Inter-services

athletics

The annual inter-services

athletic championship be-

gins at the Bangladesh Army

Stadium in Banani today, re-

the Army, Navy and Air Force

will take part in different

Div II cricket

transfers

Oct 25

Sports Reporter

ter-club cricketers' transfers

BCCB yesterday evening, the

transfer will continue for

three days and will end on

Sports WHiZZ KID-7

winners

1. Md Muzammel Hossain

University Laboratory

will begin on October 25.

October 27.

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Ans: Orange.

Ans: Weightlifting.

Ans: Cricketer.

Ans: 400 metres.

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5. MS Risalat

School

2. Sujjada Afroz

Nahar Tutorial

Dhanmondi, Dhaka

Scholastica School

4. Tamanna Nazneen

Scholastica School

Sports WHiZZ KID-7

correct answers

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2. "Clean and Jerk" is a

3. W G Grace was a famous

4. In tennis "deuce" means

5. One lap on an athletic

Engineering University

3. Mursheda Sharmeen

The Second Division in-

As per a press-release of

About 150 athletics from

Wednesday night, Barce-

and Compostela.

season.

ports UNB.

events of the meet.

In league standings.

Although playing for years

this season's surprises.

Force to play with 10 men, Espanyol fouled often trying desperately to stop Atletico's attacks.

straight toward the Espanyol

One such foul set up the Yugoslavian Pantic's perfectly placed direct free-kick which slipped just inside the left goal post in the 61st minute.

Pantic had nine shots on goal for the game.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter Painadi Agragati Jubo Sangha recorded a big win in the Pioneer football super league on Friday when they outclassed Swadesh Sangsad Club 10-0 at the Rajuk

ground. The match featured two hat-tricks by strikers Nazmul Haque and Mahmudul Hasan. who scored four goals. Amirullah, Arman and Shafique netted the other three goals

for the winners. In the day's other encounter, Rainbow Club and Uttara Club split points with

a 3-3 draw. Abul Hossain scored twice while Khokon added the other to Rainbow account. On the other hand, Akram Hossain, with two goals, and Ripon were the Uttara Club scorers.



Roberto Pompei (R) of Argentina's Racing Club and Wagner of Brazil's Gremio chase the ball during their South American Super Cup encounter in Buenos Aires on October 5. Gremio advanced to the second round after the first round return match ended 3-3.

AFP/UNB photo

QM masters chess begins tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The 12th Beximco Dr Quazi Motahar Hossain International Masters' chess tournament will begin tomorrow afternoon at the hall-room of National Sports Council under the auspices of Bangladesh Chess Federation.

About fourteen rated players including five International Masters from Bangladesh. India and Pakistan will vie for Tk 80,000 this year in a 13-round Swiss league competition. Addressing in a press

briefing last evening, Bangladesh Chess Federation secretary Mujibur Rahman said the draw will be held today in the evening and due to the hartal the first round will start tomorrow at 3:00 pm. The other rounds will begin everyday at 2:00 pm from Monday onwards. He also informed the press that the sponsors of the tournament Beximco group are paying Tk 350,000 including the prizemoney. The champion will be awarded with Tk 30,000

This year, as many as four countries — Indonesia, India, UAE and Pakistan - were invited for the meet of which only India and Pakistan responded and sent their slay-

From Pakistan two times former champion IM Mahmood Lodhi and IM Shahzad Mirza have already arrived in the capital on Thursday while four Indian players - IM Parama Sharma Mitrakanta. IM Sudhakar Babu, RB Ramesh and Rahul Shethy were scheduled to reach Dhaka last night.

The eight Bangladeshi participants are: Former champion IM Ziaur Rahman Saifuddin Lavlu, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Kayes Hasan, Ali Amjad Mintu, Khorshed Alam, Abdullah Al Rakib and Ziaul Kader Tuhin.

Defending champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar and FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman are not participating this time due to personal reasons.

Labrooy replaces Vaas

COLOMBO, Oct 6: Sri Lanka's star pace bowler. Chaminda Vaas is to miss the three-nation limited over cricket tournament in Sharjah next week and will be replaced by fast bowler Wendell Labrooy, cricket officials said today, reports AFP.

Vaas has been forced to skip the tournament due to a back injury he suffered during the recent tour of Pakistan.

Labrooy is the only newcomer in the 14-member squad picked for the Champions' Trophy Tournament in Sharjah from October 11 to October 20. Pakistan and the West Indies are the other two nations taking part in the triangular contest.

The Sri Lankan team fresh from a Test and oneday series win over Pakistan. is to leave for Sharjah on Monday.

SQUAD

A. Ranatunga (capt), PA de Silva, RS Mahanama, AP Gurusinha, C. Hathurusinghe. HP Tillekeratne, ST Jayasuriya, RS Kalpage, RS Kaluwitharana, K. Dharma sena, M. Muralidharan, E. Upashantha, W. Labrooy, P. Wickeramasinghe.

Hadlee for 'super Test'

Oct 6: Cricket legend Richard Hadlee on Friday proposed radical

changes in the game. including a World Cup for Test cricket to keep spectator interest alive in the fiveday game, reports AP. But two other former cap-

tains. Mike Gatting of England and Greg Chappell of Australia, disagreed.

Hadlee. New Zealand's greatest player ever, also predicted that an Asian country, likely Sri Lanka, will win the next World Cup tournament to be played in India Pakistan and Sri Lanka in February and March. The Sri Lankans "are one

of the most improved sides They are the most fancied to win the World Cup," said Hadlee at a Foreign Correspondents Association luncheon speech he shared with another cricketing great, Graeme Pollock of South Africa. The four cricketers are

here to play in the worldwide cricket Sixes tournament this weekend among 10 countries. Each team will play with six players instead of the normal 11. Pollock said he would put

his money on India winning the 1996 World Cup even

though the Sri Lankans are in top form after beating Pakistan on their own soil 2in a Test series and 2-1 in



RICHARD HADLEE

a one-day series last week. Hadlee, noting that oneday cricket had depleted

crowds at five-day Tests, suggested a World Cup for a socalled "super Test" to be held once in three or four But Chappell, at a separate

news conference, said: "I don't want to see cricket that way. I oppose fiddling, but some aspects can be fine tuned" Gatting made similar comments. At present, the nine

cricketing countries crisscross their Test matches by playing at different times of

the year and in differing playing conditions - not a good barometre for overall

supremacy. Hadlee said one match in a regular five-Test series could be played as a preliminary for the super Test. Bonus points could be awarded for outright victories, highest wickets taken or highest runs, providing incentives for teams to play more exciting cricket at least once during the series.

The two nations with the highest number of bonus points would then clash at the "super Test."

"How can you determine which is the best team in the world? Super Test is one way," he said, speaking at a fast clip, conjuring images of his deadly fast bowling that helped him scalp 431 wickets in Tests.

The outstanding allrounder, now 45, also has scored 3.124 runs in 86 Tests with two centuries. Hadlee later said that it

was the first time he has publicly aired the Test World Cup idea. Another inevitable change in the game, he said, is day and night Tests. Pollock, said he "basically

agreed" with Hadlee's suggestions. "That is the way to go," said Pollock, once regarded as the best batsman in the

Kasparov title-bound

6: Title-holder Garri Kasparov edged closer to victory in his

ess Association World Championship series with Challenger Viswanathan Anand after they agreed to a draw in their 15th game Thursday after only 16 moves, report

With five games remain-

ing, Kasparov leads 9 points to 6 and requires one win or two draws to retain his title. Experts said Kasparov's

latest victory all but ends Anand's chance to unseat "I think he probably gave

up his hopes to win the game," Kasparov said when play finished after only 40 minutes. "There are more games to go and he's still very dangerous." Kasparov

Kasparov plays with the advantage of white pieces in the 16th game Friday. In a game that started two

hours late because of an airconditioning failure in the players soundproof glass booth, Kasparov once again chose the sharp Dragon variation of his favourite Sicilian defence as he did in two previous games when he played with the black pieces. Play followed well-known routes into a double edged position where both players are expected to attack on opposite sides of the board.

But on the 14th move, Anand's lackluster continuation led to a trade of queens and a dead equal end game position.

"I understand people are disappointed in this result, but we are two human beings." Kasparov said. "I don't think it's easy for someone who spent two years of his life climbing and getting quite close" he said of Anand.

After nine games, Anand led the contest 5-to-4, but Kasparov came back with a dramatic run of four victories in the next five games.

SA's sweet strategy!

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 6: England's cricketers face an added menace on their tour of South Africa later this year jelly babies, reports Reuter. The South African team

will be gobbling the sweets at a rate of up to a dozen an hour - on doctor's orders. "Jelly babies are high in

carbohydrates and very good at replacing the nutrients lost in the field." United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher told a news conference on Thursday. National coach Bob

Woolmer, the former Kent and England player, endorsed the diet.

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Perla Ramirez of Mexico performs on the uneven bars

during the women's optional event at the 1995 World

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ELECTRIC LAMPS, SKILLED CANDLEMAKING TA-PERED OFF.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XWZBEW BLXPRZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WITH THE COMING OF

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals N

will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to