

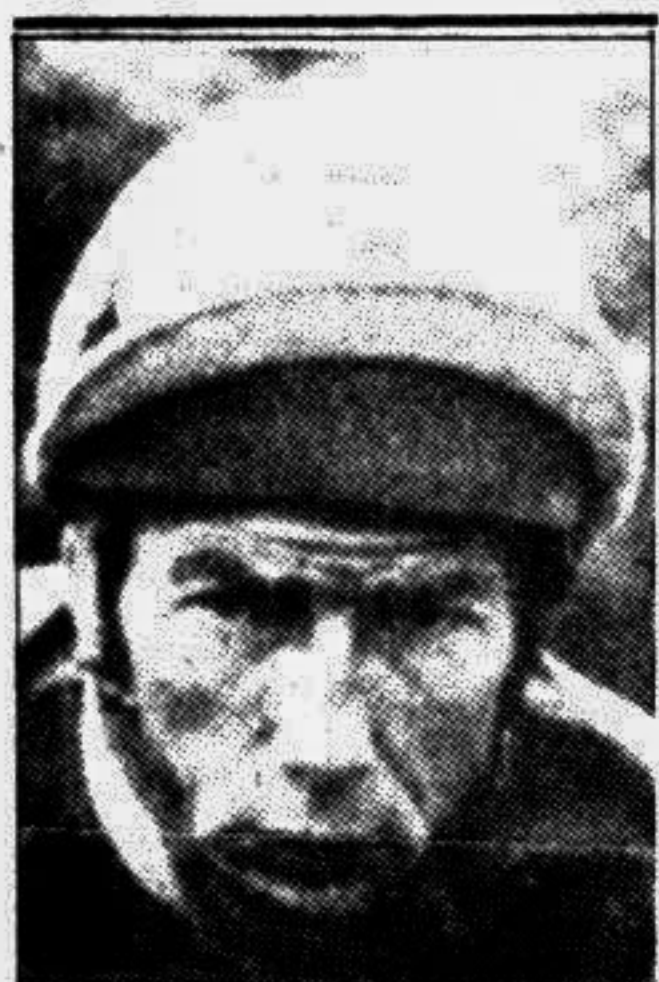
Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT there have been some great cheats among champion American athletes...

SPORTS TALK



Lester Piggot (British jockey, 1970) You lose the habit of eating, really...

Sports

WHIZZ KID

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

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-8.

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Oct 13, 1995)

- 1. How many Grand Slam tennis tournaments are there? 2. Sri Lankan cricketers recently beat...

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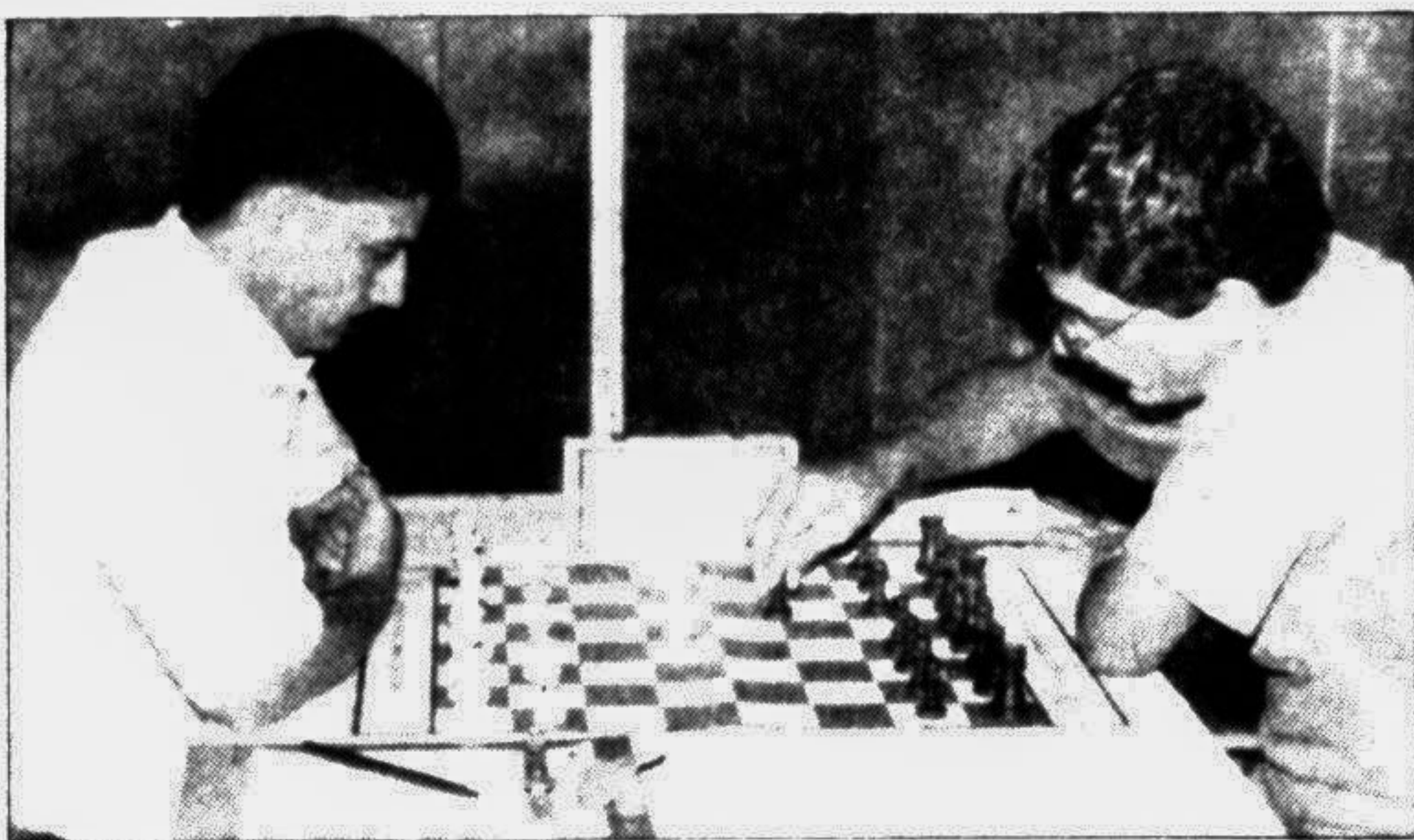
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Rahul Shetty of India making his first move with black pieces against his Pakistan counterpart IM Mahmood Lodhi in the opening round of 12th Beximco QM Hassain chess tournament on Sunday.

Zia sails, Lodhi fails

Sports Reporter

IM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh made a promising start in the 12th Beximco QM Hussain International Masters' chess tournament on Sunday...

Pfister's prediction

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh's German football coach Auto Pfister made it clear that the country should not hold lofty hopes for the forthcoming South Asian Federation (SAF) Games...

Middlesbrough lure Juninho

LONDON, Oct 8: Brazil midfielder and footballer of the year Juninho is to join Middlesbrough from Sao Paulo for 4.75 million pounds...

Venables a true Brit

LONDON, Oct 8: Terry Venables said today he had been offered a large sum of money to break his contract as England coach...

Asian shooting Honours shared on Day Six

JAKARTA, Oct 8: China and South Korea shared the glory on the sixth day of the Asian Shooting Championships...

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN.

CRYPTOQUIP

VNL TYLXUCUL, MOYDRCT MNPUL ERIS VLRUCKJ, SRJ OGWPD JGRI EYJ JMYXUJ

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: ON A TRIP ACROSS THE VAST, TREELESS PLAIN, I TOLD THE DRIVER TO STEPPE ON IT.

Today's Cryptiquip clue: L equals R The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another...

Jatrabari KC Pioneer soccer champs

Sports Reporter

Jatrabari Krira Chakra annexed the Pioneer football league Championship on Sunday when they outplayed Spandan Club 2-0 at the Rajuk ground.

Both the goals were scored by Saded Hossain who ensured Jatrabari's victory by conversions in the 15th and 29th minutes.

The win gives Jatrabari an unassailable 27 points from a full quota of nine matches.

The defeat for Spandan flings them out of a possible runners up slot as they have only 17 points from nine outings.

Spandan's exit ushers in hope for Gulistan KC (19 points) and Kashaituli Sporting Club (18 points) who will meet tomorrow for their last match of the league.

In another match at the same ground, Rainbow Sporting Club swamped Swadesh Samaj Kalyan 10-0, thanks to a hat-trick from Abul Hossain who notched from goals between the 15th and 35th minutes.

The other scorers for Rainbow were: Sadeep Das (3rd and 39th) Khokon Das (9th and 50th), Jahangir Alam (37th) and Bahlul Hossain (55th minute).

MSC to play in chess league

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club will participate in the First Division chess league for this season, says a press release of Bangladesh Chess Federation on Sunday.

Mohammedans, who are likely to organise their team with two Grand Masters, of this sub-continent, achieve the scope to play in the league instead of Bobby Fischer Chess Club who have sold out their ownership to the traditional club last week.

GMCC nets from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Cricket nets of Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club will begin at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium from tomorrow at 3 pm.

Players have been asked to report to cricket Secretary and Manager Shahnurul Kabir Shaheen.

Anand: The trail blazer

BOMBAY, Oct 8: Viswanathan Anand appears to have failed in his bid to clinch the Professional Chess Association world title...

Chess Association world title, but his challenge has rekindled interest in chess in the country that claims to have invented the game, reports Reuter.

"If he (Anand) had become World Champion, chess would probably be the most popular game in the country," said International Master and

Azhar leads from the front

RAJKOT, India, Oct 8. A strokeful century by Mohammed Azharuddin and Rahul Dravid's

145 not out sent the New Zealanders on a leather-hunt on the second day of the three-day match here today, reports AFP.

Riding on the centuries by the third wicket pair and a half century by left-handed Robin Singh, BCCI President's XI made 399 for six wickets in reply to the New Zealanders' first innings total of 366 for five declared.

Azharuddin's 39th first-class century gave notice to the visitors of the hard task that lies ahead in the three-Test series against the Indians beginning October 18.

Azharuddin, who hit 15 fours, fell to the left-arm spinner Mark Haslam, stumped by the visiting team's captain Lee Gernon when he missed the ball on charging down the wicket soon after he had reached his century.

His teammate, Dravid, 22, could have played himself into a spot on the squad for the first Test with a patient, technically correct century.

After Azharuddin's departure following the 173-run partnership stand, Robin Singh — who played in a

one-day international for India in 1989 and is hoping to stage a comeback — shared a 121-run partnership with Dravid.

The New Zealanders, who enjoyed themselves immensely on the opening day of their tour-opener had to do without the services of the off-spinner all-rounder Shane

major supporting role to the fast bowler was disappointing.

Doull was unable to gain assistance from the pitch and was unfortunate to see Ajay Jadeja being dropped at short midwicket by substitute Roger Twose shortly before the opener fell to a catch behind the wickets off Aaron Gale.

Did not bat: A Vaidya, P Vaidya, N Hirwani

Fall of wickets: 1-24: 2-65: 3-238: 4-249: 5-370: 6-392

Bowling: O M R W Morrison 21 5 65 2 Doull 26 5 89 1 Gale 24 3 104 2 Haslam 24 4 121 1



AZHARUDDIN..... 100

Thomson.

The 26-year-old Northern Districts player was confined indoors with an upset stomach.

Morrison bowled impressively in bursts but slipped into a defensive mode after Azharuddin took 10 runs off one over, while Simon Doull, who was expected to play a

Will Steffi be arrested?

FRANKFURT, Oct 8: Steffi Graf, who is under investigation for tax evasion, faces possible arrest following lengthy questioning by state prosecutors two days ago, Der Spiegel magazine said Saturday, reports AP.

Meanwhile, Focus magazine of Munich said that Graf's main sponsor, German automaker Opel, a General Motors subsidiary, may cut its sponsorship of the world No. 1 tennis player, but Opel Chairman David Herrman denied that.

In a radio interview with Mitteldeutsche Rundfunk, Herrman said that Opel saw "no reason" to cut its business ties with Graf, who he said is "only a victim" of the tax case.

"Steffi Graf is a wonderful person," Herrman said. "We are very proud of the business relationship between Opel and this sports figure."

Focus said Opel supervisory board member, Hans-Wilhelm Gaeb, was critical of Graf's alleged ties with the Netherlands-based marketing company Advantage International and its manager Philip de Picciotto.

Gaeb suspects Picciotto or Advantage International may have had something to do

with questionable transfers of millions of marks in sponsor payments, Focus said.

Mannheim state prosecutor Peter Wechsung confirmed Friday that Steffi Graf was called in a day earlier for a day of questioning, but that thus far there were no grounds to arrest her.

Jailed in Mannheim in investigative custody.

Peter Graf allegedly failed to report some 50 million marks (35.2 million dollars) of his daughter's earnings over a period of several years, and used Advantage International to funnel the money out of the Germany.

Focus said that Advantage International had ties to Union Bancaire Privee, a bank in Geneva, Switzerland, which is run by Philip de Picciotto's uncle, Edgar de Picciotto.

Authorities in the United States and South Africa are investigating Bancaire Privee employees for money laundering and gold smuggling, Focus said.

The magazine quoted Opel's Gaeb as demanding that Philip de Picciotto prove "that the company managed by him is not involved in tax manipulation and illegal money transfers."

Gaeb wants to prevent any association of Opel's name with Advantage International, Focus said. "Consequently, Steffi Graf must decide between Picciotto and Opel."

Excerpts of the Spiegel and Focus reports, that are to appear in their Monday editions, were provided early to other news media.



STEFFI GRAF

However, the Hamburg-based Spiegel said that after Mannheim prosecutor Bettina Krenz questioned Steffi Graf, the results were given to district court judge Helmut Bauer to determine her status in the case.

"I foresee another application for an arrest warrant," Spiegel quoted Bauer as saying.

Steffi Graf's father and manager, Peter Graf, who was arrested in August, and tax advisor Joachim Eckardt, are

Commonwealth champion, Pravin Thipsay. "Nevertheless, to be number two in the world is a great landmark."

Since the game was exported to the Middle East and eventually to Europe five centuries ago, chess has aroused little interest in India, with the likes of cricket and hockey stealing the limelight.

Indeed, before the challenge, Anand was more likely to be asked for his autograph in Moscow or Madrid

than Madras," Dev Angshu Datta said.

But in a nation short of world-famous sportsmen, Anand, at 25, is being recognised on the international acclaim he is bringing to India.

In contrast to the controversial, hot-headed Russian, Anand, affectionately referred to as "Vishy", became the darling of the international chess community because of his boyish charm, wit and fine sportsmanship.

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Bulgaria's Jordan Lechkov (R) goes past Eduard Abazi of Albania during a European Championship Group Seven qualifier in Sofia on Oct 7. Bulgaria won 3-0.

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