

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the Dhaka Stadium, outer included, has been used for all sorts of sports. Football, hockey, cricket, volleyball, basketball, athletics, tattoo show, free-style wrestling (Goga Pehlewan and Co.), boxing, wrestling, Kabaddi, handball and what not. However, thanks to some judicious planning by the National Sports Council Board, different games have been allotted their own space. Of course, the wrangling between football and cricket officials over the main arena continues, much to the nation's amusement. It is important to keep one sport separate from another. This was amply demonstrated in 1974 during the American Amateur Athletics Union indoor championships. The long jumper at this event, Olympic gold medalist Randy Williams, sprained his ankle by stumbling on a stone while jogging round the track to warm up. Shortly afterwards, a vaulter knocked a crossbar onto the track just in time to trip up the leading runner, Carmen Brown. Furthermore, as a pole vaulter was just taking off, the Starter of the men's relay fired his pistol. The vaulter slithered down his pole and collapsed in a heap. Come to think of it. We did better at the Dhaka Stadium (despite the crampedness) than the Americans.

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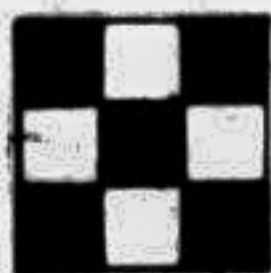
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IM Sudhakar Babu (R) of India pondering his next move against his Bangladeshi counterpart IM Ziaur Rahman during their yesterday's second round engagement of 12th Beximco QM Hossain International Masters tournament. Sudhakar won the match after 54 moves. — Star photo

Four Indians to the fore

Sports Reporter



The second day of the Beximco 12th QM Hossain international chess championship proved to be very successful for the four Indian players, who won their respective second round matches at the Chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

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Crowe redeems himself NZ-Board XI match drawn



RAJKOT, India, Oct 9: Martin Crowe hammered an unbeaten 101 as New Zealand's three-day opener against the Indian Board President XI's ended in a tame draw today, reports Reuter.

New Zealand declared at 251 for five at tea, leaving the Board President's XI a near-impossible task of scoring 219 for victory in a maximum 30 overs. The game was called off 30 minutes before the scheduled close with the Board-Eleven 69 for one.

Crowe and Stephen Fleming blasted the spin attack for 149 runs off 29.5 overs for the fourth wicket. Crowe, who failed in the first innings, hit 11 fours and two sixes to reach his 70th first-century.

"I was particularly impressed by the way Martin Crowe and Fleming faced the spinners today," Manager Glenn Turner told reporters.

"The valuable experience for our batsman included playing on a wicket that was taking a bit of spin on the last day."

Fleming looked set for a century when he was caught in the outfield by Utpal Chatterjee. He hit 16 fours and one six in his 72 off 93 balls.

New Zealand lost three quick wickets in the morning to the spinners Ashish Kapoor and Narendra Hirwani.

Bryan Young played an over the first ball Kapoor delivered in the innings and was greeted leg-stump.

Mark Greatbatch, who hit 138 in the first innings, started strongly, slamming six fours in his first 25 runs but then charged down the wicket to lift Hirwani and was stumped for 28.

Adam Parore was out to a spectacular diving catch by Robin Singh at extra-cover and New Zealand were 71 for three. But then Crowe and Fleming pulled the innings together.

Vikram Rathore, a candidate for the first Test against the tourists, made 39 in a first-wicket stand of 51 in the Board President's XI's second innings before he was caught by Crowe off Mark Haslam.

Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin was of the field throughout the day with a stiff neck.

New Zealand off-spinner Shane Thomson, who did not bowl in the first innings because of an upset stomach, had seven overs in the second but did not take a wicket.

He justified the second declaration, saying: "That was to give our bowlers, particularly Shane Thomson, some useful work in the field."

New Zealand next play a three-day match against Ranji Trophy champions Bombay, starting on Thursday. The first Test begins on October

18 Bangalore.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecard on the final day of the three-day cricket match between the BCCI President's XI and New Zealand here today.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 366 for five decl.

BCCI PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 399 for six decl.

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

B Young b Kapoor 9
M Greatbatch at A Vaidya b Hirwani 28
A Parore c Robin Singh b Hirwani 21
M Crowe not out 101

S Fleming c Chatterjee b Kapoor 72
S Thomson c Dravid b Kapoor 12
L Germon not out 0
Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-5) 8
Total: (for five wickets decl in 64 overs) 251

Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-44; 3-71; 4-220; 5-245

Bowling O M R W
P Vaidya 4 1 19 0
Robin Singh 2 1 8 0
Hirwani 23 4 81 2
Kapoor 21 1 82 3
Chatterjee 13 2 57 0
Jadeja 1 0 1 0

BCCI PRESIDENT'S XI: Second innings

V Rathore c Crowe b Haslam 39
A Jadeja not out 15
R Dravid not out 10
Extras: (b-4, nb-1) 5
Total: (for one wicket in 21 overs) 69

Fall of wickets: 1-51

Bowling O M R W
Morrison 3 0 15 0
Doull 3 0 13 0
Gale 4 2 5 0
Thomson 7 2 23 0
Haslam 4 1 9 1

Result: Match drawn.

SPORTS TALK



VB
Ian Botham (English cricket star) "For the last ten years, he has made living in the commentary box. Surely, you should have someone who still has his fingers on the pulse!"

(On the appointment of Ray Illingworth as the chairman of English cricket selectors.)

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

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? 4 5 6
- 2. Sri Lankan cricketers recently beat? Bangladesh India Pakistan
- 3. The decathlon champion competes in? 5 events 10 events 15 events
- 4. The current World Cup hockey champions are? Holland Pakistan Australia
- 5. What is Diego Maradona's middle name? Santiago Armando Garcia

Name:

Class: Roll No:

School Address:

Phone: (if any)

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: Friends Club posted their first victory in the CJKP Elite Paints First Division football league beating Bakalia Krira Sangtha by a solitary goal in their second appearance at the local Niaz Stadium today, reports UNB.

With this win, Friends Club, which drew one-all with neighbours Shatadal Club in the previous match, raised their collection to four points from two outings.

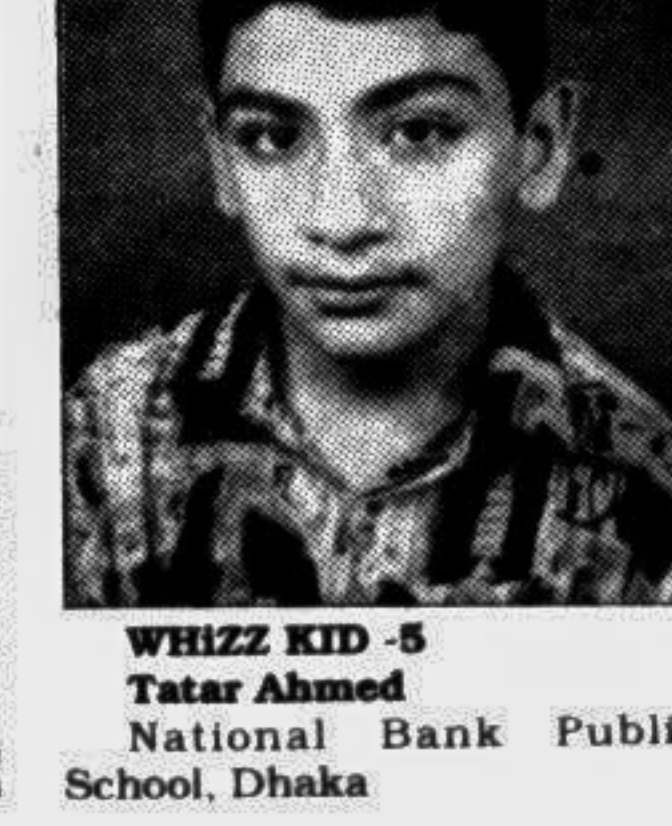
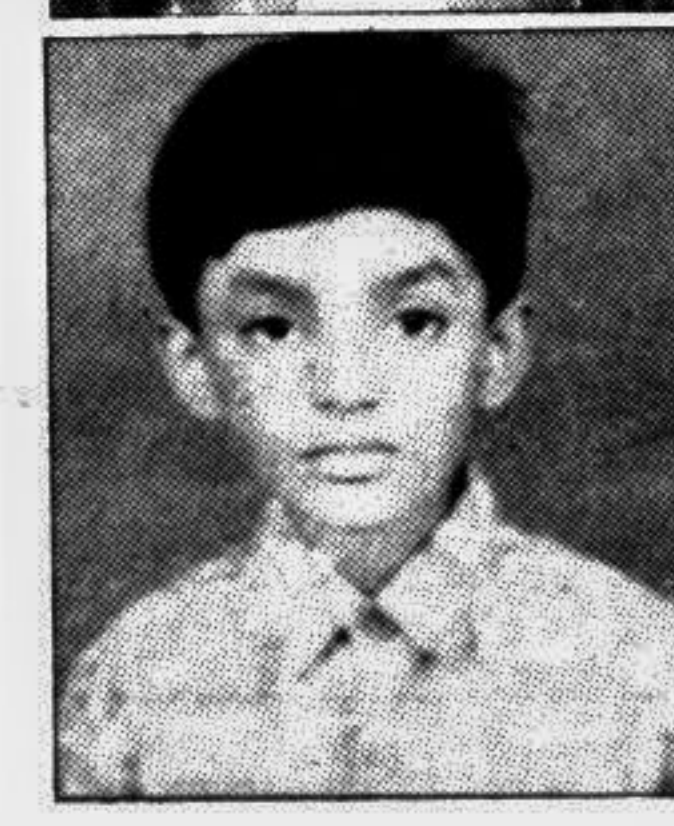
For Bakalia KS, this was their second successive loss in the league after a 1-4 drubbing by Mohammedan SC.

In the day's only match, Asad scored the match winner for Friends Club from a goalmouth melee in the 17th minute of the second half.

The winning margin could have been bigger for Friends Club if they had not spoiled some easy chances due to poor finishing.

WHIZZ KID-6 winners

- 1. Rahat Chowdhury BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka
- 2. Mufid Hossain Green Gems Int'l School Dhanmondi, Dhaka
- 3. Ahmed Tausif Ishtiaq, St Joseph High School, Dhaka
- 4. Md Ahsanullah BDR School & College Dhaka
- 5. Razim Mustafa Omi South Breeze School Dhanmondi, Dhaka.



WHIZZ KID-5 Tatar Ahmed National Bank Public School, Dhaka

Schools B'ball begins today

Sports Reporter

Saint Gregory's High School will take on BAF Shaheen School in the opening match as the third National King fan metropolis basketball tournament begins this afternoon at 3 pm at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium.

Ahbab Ahmed, Additional Secretary in charge for Youth and Sports, will inaugurate the 13-day tournament organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation.

About eight teams, divided into two groups, are scheduled to play initially on league basis. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals billed for October 20 while the final will be held on October 22.

There will be two matches played everyday. Today in the day's second match, Nabakumar Institution will meet Rifles Public School at 4:30 pm.

Last year's champions Bandura Holy Cross High School of Nawabganj in Dhaka district will not be allowed to compete this year as the tournament for the first time is restricted to the schools only in Dhaka city.

National Electrical Industries who are sponsoring the meet for the third successive year, will bear all expenses amounting to Taka 54,000. The following are the participants teams:

Group A: BAF Shaheen School, Saint Gregory's High School, Bangladesh Navy School and Rifles School and College.

Group B: Nabakumar Institution, Rifles Public School, BAF Kurmitola Shaheen school and Saint Joseph's High School.



TIPUS Tuesday TIPS

Goalkeeping

A goalkeeper has five main areas of responsibility the fifth of which is defending set plays. The remaining four areas which I shall explain today are:

- 1. Dealing with shots
- 2. Dealing with crosses
- 3. Supporting the defence
- 4. Distribution

(1) Stopping shots

The first objective for a goalkeeper in relation to stopping shots is to understand that he either holds the ball or knocks it away to safety. In order to be sure of

help close the amount of space for the attacker to shoot into. Of course, he must not come too far out of his goal, otherwise the ball is likely to be played over his head. But if the ball is outside the penalty area there is little risk in moving four or five yards off one's line.

(c) Goalkeeper against a forward clear of the defence

Sometimes a goalkeeper will find himself in the position where the defence is completely beaten and an opponent with the ball has a clear run at goal. The goal-

keeper must now narrow the angle still further.

(d) Move out quickly but under control

The time for a goalkeeper to move quickly is whilst the ball is outside the playing distance of the attacking player. If the attacking player is within playing distance of the ball, that is when he

could shoot at any moment, then the keeper should move with much more caution and ensure that he is sufficiently well-balanced to be able to move to counter any shot taken either side of him. If the goalkeeper is moving very quickly in a forward direction, at the moment the shot is taken, it will be impossible for him to make a lateral movement to stop the ball.

(e) Stand up do not dive in anticipation of the shot

Just as it was seen in the



Perfect position for a keeper: saving a spot kick. — Star file photo

holding the ball a goalkeeper should endeavour to get his body behind the ball. To clear it force must be applied.

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Steffi still in limbo

FRANKFORT, Oct 9: Tennis star Steffi Graf, who is under investigation for tax evasion, faces no immediate arrest, a prosecutor in the case said Monday, report agencies.

Mannheim state prosecutor Peter Wechsung said nothing had changed since Graf underwent lengthy questioning last Thursday, and there was no reason to arrest her at the present time, contrary to statements published in Monday's issue of Der Spiegel magazine.

A spokesman for Mannheim district court judge Helmut Bauer also told Monday that Bauer had told Spiegel that "another application for an arrest warrant" could be coming soon.

The prosecutor's office still considers Graf suspect in the case, which claims Graf's father and manager, Peter Graf, allegedly failed to report some 50 million marks (35.2 million dollars) of his daughter's earnings over several years.

Peter Graf and family tax adviser Joachim Eckardt are both in custody.

Steffi Graf's lawyer, Peter Danckert, also said there was no reason for his client to be arrested.

Danckert told SAT-1 television station Graf had been in Germany since the end of the US Open one month ago, and there was no danger that she would flee abroad.

The Mannheim justice department regards Steffi Graf as an "accomplice" to her father, the German

weekly Der Spiegel claims in a report to be published today.

The magazine quotes a document from the department investigating Graf's financial affairs that lists her as an "accomplice".

It adds the German Tennis Federation (DTB) had not declared Graf prize-money earned in domestic tournaments.

Graf's father Peter has been detained since August 2 while inquiries continue.

Meanwhile, due to the caught in a tangled web of tax evasion allegations, Graf faces loss of her million dollar contract with Opel, the German car-making subsidiary of General Motors, said Sunday.

Opel supervisory board member, Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, who is also head of General Motors Europe, said Steffi Graf's sponsorship contract would expire soon. It was worth an estimated 1.5 million marks (1 million dollars) annually.

"The four-year contract runs out at the end of the year, and the conditions to extend it don't exist at the moment," Gaeb told the German sports news agency SID.

Gaeb also said that his comments in an interview with the Munich-based Focus magazine, concerning Steffi Graf's ties with the US-based marketing firm Advantage International, and its manager Philip de Picciotto's, remain Opel's policy.

In the interview Gaeb, challenged Picciotto to prove that he wasn't tied in with manipulation of sponsor funds and illegal money transfers to avoid taxes.

Gaeb also said that comments in a radio interview Sunday by Opel chairman of the board, David Herman, who said he saw no reason to break with Steffi Graf, were made before Herman, who had just returned from a business trip, was brought up to date on the latest developments.

Gaeb told Focus he suspects Picciotto was involved in questionable transfers of millions of marks (millions of dollars) in sponsor payments. He also hinted it was done without Steffi Graf's knowledge.

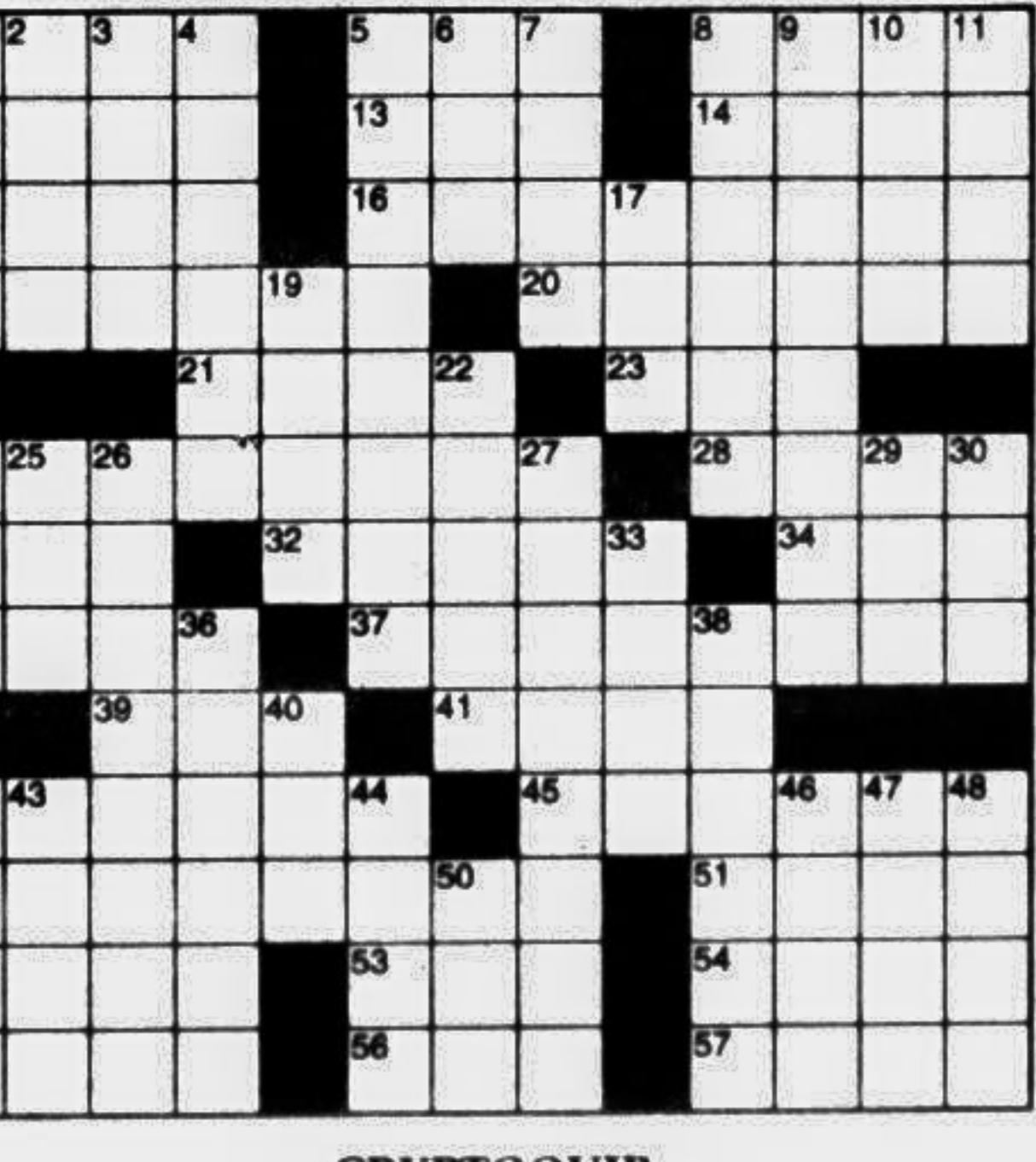
Surita passes away

CALCUTTA, Oct 9: The legend of cricket commentaries, Pearson Surita, whose voice thrilled millions of radio listeners for decades, died at a city nursing home yesterday after a prolonged illness, according to his doctor. He was 82, reports PTI.

A bachelor Surita, who joined the elite club of cricket commentators, like Beri Sarbadhikary in the late forties, was suffering from malignant lymphoma and chest infection. He was admitted to the nursing home yesterday, his doctor, R Vajpayee said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
1 Number-crunchers: abbr.
5 Chaps
8 Unescorted
12 Affluent
13 Prototypal love boat?
14 He got the point across to his son
15 Other (Sp.)
16 Macrocosm
18 — Waldo?
20 Bird's wing
21 Data
23 Coquettish
24 Military outfits
28 Big bash
31 Sermon subject
32 Regatta array
34 Tease
35 Menlo Park moniker
37 Band together, a la Norma Rae
39 The whole enchilada
41 Repeat
42 They can make you
- hear voices
45 House-haunting goblin
49 Hardly the "built for two" kind
51 S curve
52 Feminizing suffix
53 Football fill
54 Not at all colorful
55 Kennel occupants
56 AWOL's pursuers
57 Longings
DOWN
1 "Food" for the humbled
2 Substance
3 Farm fraction
4 "Doctor Zhivago" star
5 Heidelberg home-maker
6 Sea eagle
7 Pass over
8 Office employee
9 Japanese recipe
10 Additionally
11 Singer Campbell
17 London theater, Old —
19 Baseball's Slaughter
22 Kipling's "Mother —"
24 Dos Passos trilogy
25 O
26 Hostile army's task
27 "City —" (1991 movie)
29 Columnist Smith
30 Citric quaff
33 Section of NYC
36 "— Restaurant"
38 Unimportant person
40 Powell costar
42 Wished otherwise
43 Domini lead-in
44 Con game
46 Fairy-tale baddie
47 Slender
48 Society newcomers
50 Back talk



CRYPTOQUIP

N P T I S J W Z U Q V H Z W F
I J N F T E N P Z H F Q F I Z U Q
A E J N U F S ? E F Z Q A J T I V .

Saturday's Cryptoquip: NATURALLY, THE ABSENT-MINDED PLUMBER HAD MANY PIPE DREAMS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals G

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.