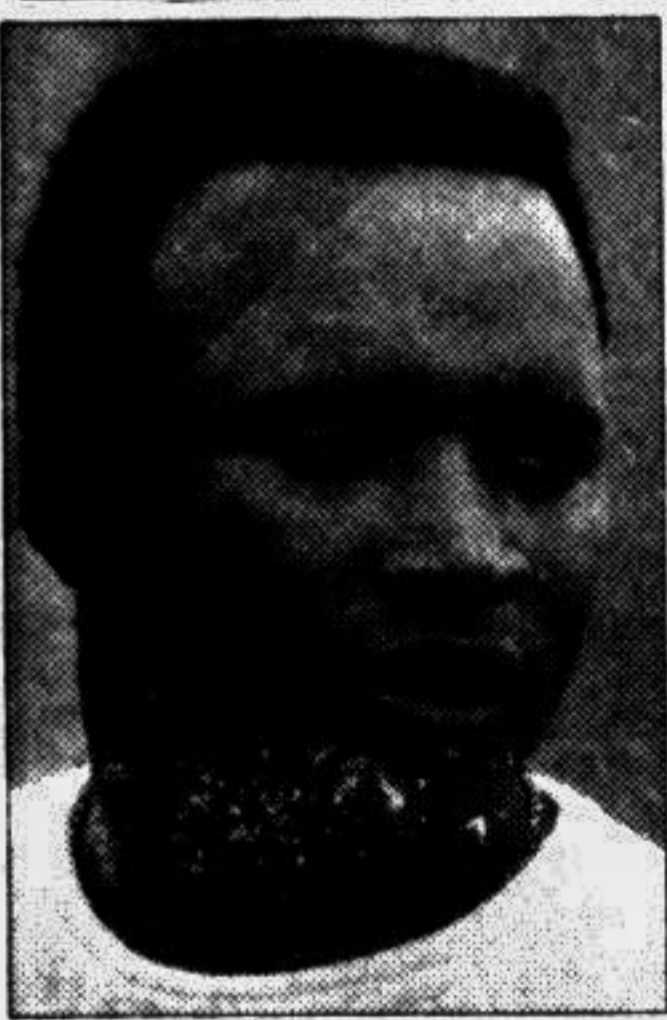


Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT we have often crowd the Dhaka Stadium with the fond hope of enjoying a good Mohammedan-Abahani football match, or to see a local batsman set alight the pitch and so on. But, boy have we not been disappointed that often? But, perhaps our misery is peanuts compared with those of the Nottingham cricket fans who assembled game after game to see Alletson repeat his dazzling performance.

SPORTS TALK



Devon Malcolm (England and Derbyshire fast bowler)

"When it comes to cricket, its England first, second, third and always for me."

In response to an article that claimed that coloured players do not give their best for England, summer 1995.

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published every Saturday.) Sports WHIZZ KID competition-9. Tick the Correct Answer

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All's waiting to jive with Juninho beat

LONDON, Oct 14: Brazilian star Juninho will be given a special welcome when he arrives at Middlesbrough next Tuesday to complete his 4.75 million pounds (around 7 million dollars) transfer from Sao Paulo, reports AFP.

Olympic soccer

BAGHDAD, Oct 14: Iraq beat Qatar 3-2 (halftime 2-0) in an Olympic soccer qualifying match on Friday, reports Reuter.



Indian IM Sudhakar Babu pushes one of his white pawns up while his Pakistani counterpart and last year's runner-up IM Mahmood Lodhi contemplating his next move during their seventh round engagement of the Beximco 12th QM Hossain International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday. The two agreed to a draw after 28 moves.

Khorshed's untimely lapse

Sports Reporter

Seasoned local campaigner Khorshed Alam had to pay for his 'apparent stupidity' when a time penalty cost him his match against Indian RB Ramesh in the seventh round of the Beximco 12th QM Hossain International Masters' chess tournament held at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room yesterday.

Bangladesh spikers win in Pakistan

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh volleyball team, who are on a friendly tour in Pakistan as part of their SAF Games preparation, finally got the taste of victory when they beat hosts Pakistan by straight sets (3-0) on Friday.

Bret back with a bang

HARARE, Oct 14: South African left-arm fast bowler Bret Schultz burst back on to the international scene with four Zimbabwe wickets and a reprimand from match referee Barry Jarman in the one-off Test on Friday, reports Reuter.

Schultz, playing his first Test for 26 months after chronic knee problems, captured four for 54 and Allan Donald took three for 42 as Zimbabwe were dismissed for 170.

LATEST

HARARE, Oct 14: Zimbabwe, 176 behind South Africa's first innings, were 13 without loss in their second innings at the close on the second day of their one-off Test today, reports Reuter.

Schultz's impressive return was marked by an outburst when he had Dave Houghton caught behind by Dave Richardson for five. The bowler pointing the former Zimbabwe captain towards the pavilion with a clenched fist gesture.

The incident earned Schultz a reprimand from International Cricket Council (ICC) referee Jarman, the former Australian Test wicketkeeper.

Schultz and Donald did most of the damage on a largely blameless pitch offering even bounce but little lateral movement.

After Zimbabwe won the toss in the first Test meeting between the teams, Donald removed opener Mark Dekker (1) and Schultz followed up with three quick wickets.

Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower (7) was Schultz's first victim when an attempted off-drive found the inside edge of his bat and was deflected on to his stumps.

Schultz beat 38-year-old Houghton for pace, providing Richardson with one of four catches in the innings, while the bowler followed up with his controversial gesture.

13 Pak booters go missing in Japan

TOKYO, Oct 14: Thirteen Pakistani football players who came to Japan four days ago to play a match have gone missing, the Asahi Shimbun reported today, reports AFP.

Japan Football Association alleged that some of the squad may have come to Japan to work illegally, the Major newspaper said. Officials at the association could not be reached for comment immediately.

The association is gathering information in the hope that the missing players will return before their scheduled departure this afternoon, the daily said.

Turkey joins the race

ISTANBUL, Oct 14: Istanbul officially announced it would bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games today, reports AFP.

The Turkish city was one of five which bid to stage the 2000 Games, awarded to Sydney.

NZ-Bombay match drawn

BOMBAY, Oct 14. A 124 run partnership between Adam Parore and left-handed Stephen Fleming rescued New Zealand from initial embarrassment as the three-day match against Ranji Trophy champions Bombay ended in a draw at Wankhede Stadium here today, reports AFP.

The final days play was called off after the ninth mandatory over and 19 minutes before scheduled close with New Zealand at 192 for three.

Bombay were all out for 360 in their first innings 11 minutes after lunch as left-handed Vinod Kambli cracked a swashbuckling 104 (118 balls, 132 minutes, 10 fours, five sixes) to help Bombay gain a first innings lead of 143.

New Zealanders began their second knock rather disastrously as both their openers, Bryan Young and Roger Tiose fell with just one run on the board.

Adam Parore 64 (100 balls, 134 minutes, nine fours) and Fleming who remained not out with 79 (133 balls, 179 minutes, six fours, one six) snuffed out whatever hopes Bombay had of taking a couple more quick wickets.

Roger Tiose was the first to leave, getting a fine edge to an away going delivery from the medium pacer Paras Mhambrey in the third over of the innings.

In the very next over, Sall Ankola struck, this time Young chasing a delivery straight to Sanjay Manjrekar at second slip.

After seeing off initial fire, both Parore and Fleming settled down to play sedate, but with efficient knocks. The 50 of the partnership came in 10.2 overs in 48 minutes.

Bombay skipper Sachin Tendulkar brought in his spinners, leg-spinner Siraj Bahutule and left-arm spinner Nilesh Kulkarni.

The batsmen found it difficult to read them initially, but hung on nevertheless to post the 100-run stand in 97 minutes and 23.5 overs.

When Parore departed, caught by Manjrekar at square-leg of Kulkarni, there was little interest left in the match. The third-wicket stand was worth 124 in 125 minutes and 32.4 overs.

Earlier, Vinod Kambli took off from where he had left on Friday, racing to his 100 in 101 balls and added two more sixes to his total tally of five — one each off Thomson and Hart.

The first hour of the day produced 67 runs but Kambli

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V KAMBLI... 104

left, holding out to Chris Cairns at deep mid-on. He shared a 90-run fifth-wicket stand with Amol Mazumdar in 76 minutes.

The New Zealanders now proceed to Bangalore for the

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between New Zealand and Bombay today.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 219-4) Dige lbw b Cairns 0 More c Greatbatch b Thomson 22 Manjrekar c Greatbatch b Thomson 79 Tendulkar c Tiose b Hart 39 Kambli c Cairns b Hart 104 Mazumdar c Parore b Morrison 53 Bahutule lbw b Morrison 19 Ankola b Nash 11 Mhambrey b Morrison 8 Kulkarni not out 8 Kuruvilla c Greatbatch b Nash 6 Extras (lb-2, nb-9) 11 Total (for four wickets) 360

Fall of wickets: 1-7: 2-81; 3-142; 4-192; 5-282; 6-311; 7-338; 8-338; 9-348.

Bombay: O M R W Morrison 16 5 48 3 Cairns 11 1 39 1 Nash 18.5 0 84 2 Thomson 33 9 104 2 Hart 20 3 83 2

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings B Young c Manjrekar b Ankola 1 R Tiose c Dige b Mhambrey 0 A Parore c Manjrekar b Kulkarni 64 S Fleming not out 79 S Thomson not out 45 Extras (lb-2, nb-1) 3 Total (for three wickets) 192

Fall of wickets: 1-1: 2-1; 3-125. Bowling: Mhambrey 8 1 35 1 Ankola 4 0 13 1 Kuruvilla 5 0 20 0 Bahutule 15 2 48 0 Kulkarni 15 2 47 1 Tendulkar 2 0 17 0 Kambli 1 0 4 0 Mazumdar 1 0 6 0

Result: Match drawn.

Chang set for slugfest

TOKYO, Oct 14: Top seed Michael Chang and Australian tennis player Mark Philippoussis, who has upset three seeds on his way through the tournament, won their semifinals today to set up a final clash in the Seiko Super tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Chang fell behind Holm, ranked 128, who captured the first set, with the aid of eight aces.

But Holm showed signs of tiring in the second and third sets, repeatedly missing critical break-point opportunities.

Philippoussis, who is likely to move into the top 40 from his current 60th ranking after today's win, used a punishing serve and confident net play to stop Dreekmann in one hour and 39 minutes.

The up-and-coming Australian won 44 of 50 first serve points and saved five of six break points, suffering his first break in the tournament in the ninth game of the second set.

Chang, who won last year's Seiko Super tournament, called the 19-year-old Philippoussis, ranked 60, a "dangerous" opponent for his powerful serve.

Against mark I'm going to definitely have to return quite well tomorrow," said Chang. "On the days that he's making his shots he's a very tough player to beat."

In their only previous meeting, Chang beat Philippoussis in straight sets on clay in Rome earlier this year.

"People think Michael Chang is expected to win, and that takes the pressure off me," said Philippoussis. "That's when I do well — when people don't expect me to do well."

He has knocked out fifth seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden. 11th seed Brett Steven of New Zealand, and fourth seed Richard Krajcek of the Netherlands in the tournament so far.

Chelsea to rope in Petrescu

LONDON, Oct 14: Chelsea agreed on Friday to sign Romanian international Dan Petrescu from fellow English Premier league club Sheffield Wednesday for 2.3 million pounds (3.6 million dollars) provided the player is granted a new work permit, reports Reuter.

Chelsea, who scooped up Dutch veteran Ruud Gullit and experienced Wales striker Mark Hughes in the off-season, said they had been after the Romanian for some time.

Petrescu, signed by former Wednesday manager Trevor Francis last year for 1.3 million pounds (2.05 million dollars) from Italian club Genoa, angered new boss David Pleat last month when he was reported to have said he wanted to play alongside Gullit at Chelsea.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Autumnal stone, 5 Tech, 8 Too self-satisfied, 12 Virtue's opposite, 13 Altar affirmative, 14 'Que -?', 15 Picnic hamperers, 16 Check for accuracy, 17 Singles, 18 TV role played by six female impersonators!, 20 Seize, 22 Nevil Shute novel, 26 Princess' name, 29 Before, 30 Moreover, 31 Spheres, 32 Journalist Nellie, 33 Gambling game, 34 Anonymus John, 35 Chum, 36 Artistic topper, 37 Gratis, 40 Farewell, 41 Tropical fruit, 45 Related, 47 Navigation aid, 49 Exam type, 50 Mitchell title end, 51 Milwaukee product, 52 Okay, 53 Tense, 54 Round Table address, 55 Charlatan, 11 Office shape, 2 colada, 3 Follow-up to the Gospels, 4 Textbook chapters, 5 Musk used in perfumery, 6 Orange drink, 7 Get-rich-quick scheme, 8 Piped up, 9 Shark or tiger, 10 Put to work, 11 Auto need 'Time - Bottle', 21 Copper head, 23 Conversation piece?, 24 Scoop holder, 25 Owl's comment, 26 Old fogey, 27 Unyielding, 28 Job for partners in crime, 32 Nassau's nation, 33 Sign on a lawn, 35 Favorite, 36 Cubs' org., 38 Nearby, 39 Top, 42 La Scala show-stopper, 43 Tug hard, 44 Sheltered, 45 Dumb-struck reaction, 46 Tease, 48 Former ring champ

Solution time: 23 mins. BAS SAL CORP DAVID ALAMO ADRES MISSOURI WALTZ APT KNEES PEA LEIS SHAG SCADS STAID ACHY ALRY BRO MARLO BOA CAROUSEL WALTZ PERSIA ERATG ACIDS LINO ACE BAD

CRYPTOQUIP TR F E X X Z R L N X E Z W L R H X E K F D D W H X A K R T A D F J Y W E Z W C H W F Y L F C X J N E E A D T A D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COMIC PLAY-WRIGHT WILL SIMPLY COOK YOUR EGG AS YOU LIKE IT. Today's Cryptoquip clue: K 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.



Gertrud Gebhard, the first women-in-black in the German league, in action on the line during the Schalke vs Kaiserslautern match in Dortmund on October 13.