

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT umpires, referees and linesmen are often accused by spectators and competitors alike of being blind, deaf, cross-eyed, biased or asleep...

But, things often get out of hand with manhandling of referees as common as the blade of grass. There was this occasion when a Dhaka journalist asked his friends to quiz...

SPORTS TALK



Salvatore Scillaci

(Italian football star and highest scorer in the 1990 World Cup.)

"I was one of the people running around the streets of Palermo."

(On his reaction to the 1982 World Cup victory of Paolo Rossi's Italy.)

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-9.

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Oct 20, 1995)

- 1. The current New Zealand cricket captain is Crow, Greatbach, German
2. The duration of a water polo game is 20 minutes, 40 minutes, 60 minutes
3. Who founded Modern Olympics? Coubertin, Havelange, Samaranch
4. Who were the 1990 World Cup football champions? Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay
5. The current national chess champion is Niaz Murshed, Rezaul, Zia

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Esperance clinch Afro-Asia Cup

TUNIS, Oct 15: Tunisian Club Esperance won the Afro-Asian Cup here on Saturday, after cruising to an easy 3-0 victory over Thai Farmers Bank in the second leg of the final, reports AFP.

Farmers Bank, the defending champions who had only managed a 1-1 draw in Thailand, were under pressure right from the start, and never created any serious goal scoring opportunities.

Belhassen opened the scoring for the Tunisians after 37 minutes, and then added a second just two minutes after the re-start. Hamrouni put the result beyond doubt in the 54th minute but there were plenty of other missed chances for the African club.

Loughran defends WBO crown

BELFAST, Oct 15: Eamonn Loughran overcame a cut eye in the third round to score a unanimous decision over Angel Beltre of the Dominican Republic to retain his WBO welterweight title Saturday, reports AP.

In his fifth defence of the title, Loughran outboxed his rival over 12 rounds at Belfast's Ulster Hall in a rematch of the fight he had with Beltre in May.



RB Ramesh (R) and International Master Parna Sharma Mitrankanth, both from India, contemplate their next moves during their eighth round encounter of the Beximco 12th QM Hossain International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday. The match ended in a draw after 23 moves. —Star photo

No upsets in eighth round

Sports Reporter

Norm-hopeful Rahul Shetty of India took the solo lead in the Beximco 13-round 12th QM Hossain International Masters' chess tournament after the completion of the eighth round's play at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room yesterday.

Shetty, who has been leading the meet since the first round, increased his tally to 6.5 points with an emphatic 28-move victory over Ziaul Qader Tuhin after blasting through the latter's Petrov Defence.

The win pulled Shetty half a point ahead of compatriot R B Ramesh, his co-inhabitant at the top slot for the last three rounds. Ramesh now has 6 points to his credit following an all-Indian battle that ended in a draw. His match with International

Master (IM) Parna Sharma Mitrankanth lasted for 23 moves with the latter failing to penetrate Ramesh's French Defence. Mitrankanth drops back a place to third where he joins Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rahman and Pakistani IM Mahmud Lodhi. All three have collected five-and-a-half points each.

Zia overcame another IM from Pakistan, Shahzad Mirza. The masterly local player's Queens Gambit Decline game was more than the bespectacled veteran could handle as he surrendered after a paltry 23 moves.

Lodhi, two times former champion and a familiar figure in the local chess scene, defeated Saifuddin Lavlu in 50 moves. Sudhakar Babu, who completes the Indian quartet in the competition, could only

manage a draw with Abdul-lah-al-Rakib in dropping back from third to fourth position. Rakib, who has performed lowly throughout the meet, played creditably to salvage a 56-move draw.

In the two all-local engagements of the day, Enamul Hossain Rajib defeated Khorsheed Alam in 46 moves while two no-hopers, Khondokar Kayes Hassan and Ali Amjad Mintu, agreed to a draw.

STANDINGS

- 6.5 points - Shetty.
6 points - Ramesh.
5.5 points - Zia, Lodhi, Mitrankanth.
5 points - Babu.
4.5 points - Rajib.
4 points - Mirza.
3.5 points - Tuhin.
3 points - Kayes.
2 points - Khorsheed, Mintu.
1.5 points - Rakib, Lavlu.

Pfister drops 9, keeps 30

Sports Reporter

German football coach of the Bangladesh national team Otto Pfister has axed nine booters from the primary selection of 39 players for the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, scheduled to begin in the Indian city of Madras on December 22.

Among the booters, notable omissions are Brothers Union's diminutive midfielder Bakhtiar, striker Jamal of Abahani Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank's Mossarraf Hossain Tutu, a leading scorer of the recently concluded Premier Division football league.

Besides, two Arambagh midfielders Tushar and Shoab, defender Ibrahim and Asif Yousuf of Youngmens Club Fakirerpool, Biplob Marma of Rahmatganj and East End's nimble forward Saurav Majumder also failed to impress Otto Pfister during the just-concluded four-

day training session at the Mirpur Sports Village. But unheralded booters, such as Kazi Nazrul Islam, the Farashganj right back, and Azimuddin of Rahmatganj were surprise inclusions in the elusive list of 30.

Nine Muktiyoddha booters dominate the list, followed by Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra with eight and seven respectively.

Three Fakirerpool youngsters and one each from Arambagh, Farashganj and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society occupy the remaining slots.

Otto Pfister, who succeeded Korean coach Mann Young Kang after the Bristol SAARC Gold Cup in Sri Lanka earlier this year, will pick 18 players for the four-nation meet to be held in Myanmar in the last week of this month.

Apart from the Myanmar tourney the illustrious Ger-

man coach will undertake a Malaysia tour with 25 booters in November before making the final selection of the success-lorn country for the regional extravaganza.

The selected 30 players are — Monem Munna, Sohail Reza, Saheed Hossain Swapan, Jahangir, Hasan-al-Mamun, Dulal Hossain Dhanu and Farhad of Abahani Krira Chakra; Alfaz Ahmed, Ponir, Jewel Rana, Arman, Shahidul Ahmed Ranjan, Nurul Huq Manik, Monwar Hossain Munna and Ruhul Amin of Mohammedan Sporting Club; Intiaz Ahmed Naquib, Rakib Hossain, Arif Hossain Moon, Arifur Rahman Pannu, Mamun Joarder, Mizan, King Shuk Chakma, Masud Rana and Barun Bikash Dewan of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra; Maksudul Amin Rana, Sohail-al-Masum and Askar Khan Babu of Youngmens Club Fakirerpool, Jahangir (Arambagh), Nazrul (Farashganj) and Azim (Rahmatganj).

Bayern round the bend

BONN, Oct 15: World Cup villain Stefan Effenberg scored a spectacular goal on his old hunting ground to hand German league leaders Bayern Munich their first home defeat of the season on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Former Bayern star Effenberg, who was sent home from last year's World Cup after making an obscene gesture at the crowd during a game, struck a superb long-range shot in the 20th minute as Borussia Moenchengladbach clinched an historic 2-1 victory. An own goal from Bayern's

Austrian international Andreas Herzog in the 81st minute helped the visitors seal their first Bundesliga triumph in Munich after 30 years of trying.

Bayern, who scored a consolation goal in the last minute through French striker Jean-Pierre Papin, saw their lead in the Bundesliga cut to three points after second-placed Borussia Dortmund, the champions, drew 2-2 at Werder Bremen.

After starting the season with seven consecutive wins, Bayern have lost their last two games.

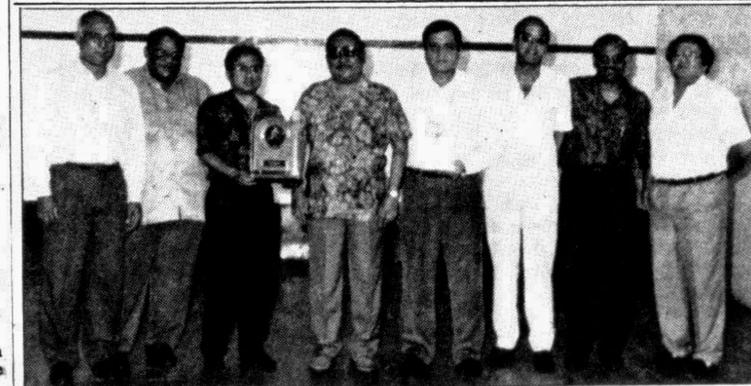
Saturday's performance provided poor preparation

for their visit to Scotland's Raith Rovers in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday.

Moenchengladbach and Bayern have traditionally been fierce rivals, especially when they shared eight championships between 1970 and 1977.

Although Moenchengladbach ceased to be a major power in German football in the 1980s and 1990s, their failure to win at Bayern was still a surprising statistic to many followers of the Bundesliga.

The historic significance of Saturday's result was not lost on their coach Bernd Krauss.



Dhaka Club executives with the championship and second runners-up trophies of the first series of inter-club squash league, which concluded in Dhaka recently. From left: Iqbal Mahmood, EC member sports, Ruskin, EC member, Mahboobur Rahman, Convener, Chowdhury Dahir A Siddiky, president, Rashed Chowdhury, organiser, Anisul Haque, Captain, Iftekhar Uddin, player, Mazharul Islam Tanna, member, DCL. —Star photo

Damal Summer tourney begins Oct 25

Sports Reporter

The 16th Damal Summer Cricket tournament, the traditional curtain raiser of local cricket season, will begin in the capital from October 25.

As per the calendar of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, the tournament was supposed to start from next Friday.

But due to the 4-day hartal called by the opposition political parties, BCCB was forced to defer the meet.

A total of 22 teams, twelve from the Premier league and ten from the first Division, will participate in six groups in the first phase knock-out rounds to be played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and the Mirpur City Club ground.

The six group champions will qualify for the next phase (robin league) which will again be divided into two groups. The fixture of the tournament is likely to be finalised within the next few days.

King Fan b'ball

Sports Reporter

Saint Joseph High School and BAF Shaheen School, Dhaka emerged first round group champions in the third National King Fan Metropolis School Basketball tournament yesterday when they won their respective group B and A matches at Dhanmondi Gymnasium.

The Josephites beat Nabakumar institution 41-35 while the Shaheens outplayed Rifles Public School 76-46 in the days second match. It was the third successive wins for both teams who had already confirmed their semi-final berths earlier. On Sunday they ensured their group championships.

In the semifinals, billed for next Friday (Oct 20), the Josephites will take on group A runners up Saint Gregory's High School at 3 pm while Shaheen School will face Nabakumar institution in the second semifinal at 4:30 pm. The final will be held on October 22 at 4 pm at the same venue.

Judoka Tarik taken ill

Sports Reporter

Tarik Syed Tanzil (black Belt Fourth Dan), former coach of Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation, General Secretary of Bangladesh Satokan Karate-do Academy, who was studying in Bangalore, India is in a critical condition with severe liver cirrhosis. He is now in a Bangalore hospital.

Bangladesh Marshal Art Black Belt Samity has appealed to all to pray to Almighty Allah for his early recovery.

Haan replaces Hanegem

ROTTERDAM, Oct 15: Former Dutch international Arie Haan on Saturday was set to succeed Willem Van Hanegem as coach of Feyenoord Rotterdam, reports Reuter.

Haan reached an agreement with Feyenoord chairman Jorien Van Den Herik in Stuttgart on Saturday on a contract which will run until July 1, 1997.

WI come back in style



SHARJAH, Oct 15: West Indies upset the form book in the Champions Trophy here today with an emphatic four-wicket victory over favourites Pakistan in a crunch encounter, reports AFP.

Winless so far in the three-nation tournament, the West Indies stayed afloat with a do-or-die effort against the strangely subdued world champions. The West Indies restricted Pakistan to 194 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs, then raced to victory with 10.5 overs to spare at the Sharjah Cricket ground. Pakistan suffered a double

Pakistan sorely missed all-rounder Aamir Sohail, who opted out of the match because of a sore shoulder, as the West Indians made light of a victory target of less than four runs an over. Stuart Williams and Sherwin Campbell provided a rousing start, adding 44 for the first wicket by the sixth over.

Campbell fell for 20, but Williams (57) and Brian Lara (52) carried the West Indies to a healthy 109 for one in the 19th over. Lara, who survived a stumping chance before he had scored, struck five fours and two sixes in a 58-ball innings which ended when he holed out against leg-spinner

Inzamamul Haq even though he has not fully recovered from a strained thigh muscle," he said. "But this is no excuse. The West Indies played better and deserved to win. Hopefully we will pick up again for Tuesday's match against Sri Lanka."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day match between Pakistan and West Indies today: PAKISTAN S Elahi run out 66 Rameez b Simmons 20 Inzamamul Haq c sub b Harper 34

Basit c Lara b Bishop 25 Moyn run out 1 Zafar run out 0 Mushtaq c Browne b Gibson 4 Waqar Ibw b Gibson 6 Aaqub not out 8 Saqlain run out 0 M Akram not out 7 Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-17) 23 Total: (for nine in 50 overs) 194

Fall of wickets: 1-74; 2-139; 3-148; 4-150; 5-150; 6-168; 7-177; 8-180; 9-181.

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Rows: Bishop (8 0 29 1), Cummins (9 0 31 0), Gibson (9 1 47 2), Simmons (10 1 31 1), Chanderpaul (5 0 25 0), Harper (9 1 26 1)

WEST INDIES Williams c Zafar b Saqlain 57 Campbell c Basit b M Akram 20 Lara c Basit b Mushtaq 52 Richardson b Saqlain 34 Simmons Ibw b M Akram 1 Chanderpaul c Moyn b Aaqub 11 Harper not out 5 Browne not out 2 Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-1) 13 Total: (for 6 wickets in 39.1 overs) 195

Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-109; 3-147; 4-151; 5-183; 6-189.

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Rows: Aaqub (8.1 0 41 1), Waqar (4 0 30 0), Mushtaq (10 1 43 1), M Akram (7 0 36 2), Saqlain (10 1 42 2)

Result: West Indies won by four wickets.

Man of the match: Stuart Williams.

Tuesday's match: West Indies v Sri Lanka.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 15: Bakalia Krira Sangstha beat Brothers Union by a solitary goal in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The other match of the day between Power Development Board Club and Customs and Excise Club ended in a goalless draw.

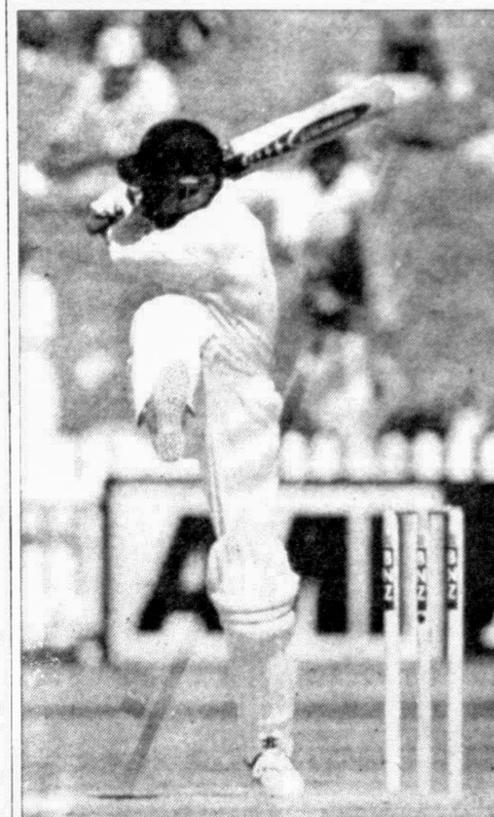
France in semis

BEIJING, Oct 15: France reached the semifinals of the biennial bridge World Championships today after a nail-biting close-win over hosts China, reports Reuter.

At the end of the 96-board quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl, USA 2 managed to pull easily ahead of Indonesia after a tough battle in earlier sets. Sweden won comfortably against Netherlands and Canada easily defeated South Africa.

In the Venica Cup, all four favourites ended with comfortable margins of victory against their opponents.

USA 1 started the day after 64 boards, just behind their USA 2 compatriots, but pulled ahead while Germany at the point lost most of its lead against Japan but concluded with a strong win.



LARA ... majestic 52

blow as star batsman Saeed Anwar was sent home today after an attack of typhoid. He will be replaced by Zahid Fazal.

Today's defeat still kept Pakistan on top of the league table with two wins and a match in hand against Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

The West Indies and Sri Lanka, with one win each, clash in the next match tomorrow. The top two teams will advance to the final scheduled for Friday.

Richie Richardson's decision to field first appeared to backfire as Pakistan, lifted by opener Salim Elahi's top-score of 66, moved to 139 for one by the 35th over.

But they ran themselves into trouble, losing their next eight wickets for the addition of only 42 runs to slip to 181 for nine.

Inzamamul Haq's 34 was the next highest score as four batsmen ran themselves out attempting risky singles, three in succession in the space of two runs.

The West Indian bowlers undid the good work of their colleagues in the field by sending down 17 wides, 10 of them by fast bowler Ian Bishop.

Mushtaq Ahmed.

The West Indies suffered a minor setback as Lara and Phil Simmons were dismissed in successive overs to make it 151 for four.

But Richardson played a captain's innings of 34 to ensure the West Indies became the first team in four matches to win batting second.

SINGER CHAMPIONS TROPHY 95

West Indian manager Andy Roberts, who predicted his team will qualify for the final despite the first two defeats, said he was not surprised by Sunday's result.

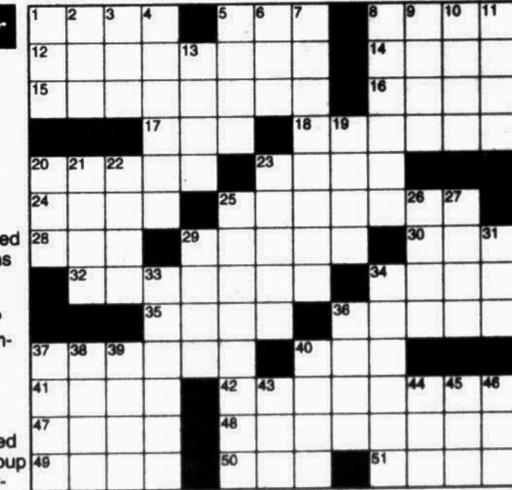
"We bowled well to restrict Pakistan to below 200 on a good batting track," he said. "The bowlers are slowly hitting the right groove."

Pakistan captain Rameez Raja, who slammed a century in Friday's win over the West Indies, said the absence of Sohail and Anwar upset the rhythm of the team.

"We were forced to play

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP F O F F K X N F U Y X E L L V X F Z C L A X X N ; B W X A N L L R E X B U C C M I U Z Z X V O Z K R B W X K I M L I Y . Saturday's Cryptoquip: NO WONDER THE CHUMP COULDN'T DANCE WELL: HIS TEACHER WAS MISS STEP. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals P 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.