

# Column One

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT it's not really a bad idea to send a few extra officials as we do when our teams go abroad to play. Consider the case of Surinam's Wim Essajas who was entered for the 800 metres run in the 1960 Rome Olympics. Having travelled all the way from South America to Rome he was in a somewhat exhausted state. He decided to get as much rest as he could before the race. He snoozed serenely through the morning at the Olympic Village, woke full of energy and confidence, ate a light lunch and arrived at the stadium prepared to show the world what Surinam could do. Sadly so, he was greeted with the news that the 800 metres event was over — it had been run that morning.

Now, would this ever had happened had there been five officials to look after Essajas? At least one of them would have remembered. Perhaps now you can appreciate the wisdom of Bangladesh sending a horde of officials with the foreign-bound teams. We have never missed a match, or an event. Medals we have missed, but matches, never!

## SPORTS TALK



**Malcolm Marshall**  
(West Indian fast bowler great)  
"Keep smiling and live day by day."  
On motto in life.

## 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	Crowe	Greatbatch	Germon
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 1930 World Cup football champions	Argentina	Brazil	Uruguay
5.	The current national chess champion is	Nase Mumtaz	Rezaul	Zia

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### SL sprinter in a stew

**COLOMBO, Oct 18:** Sri Lanka's top female athlete, sprinter Susanthika Jayasinghe, has tested positive for a banned drug, officials said, reports Reuters.

An International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) doping committee found nandrolone, an anabolic steroid, in a urine sample taken from Jayasinghe, who won 200 metres gold at the Asian Athletics Championships last month, the sports ministry said on Tuesday.

"I am innocent. I can't believe this is happening," Jayasinghe told a news conference on Tuesday.

She was backed up by the Amateur Athletic Association of Sri Lanka.

"I have been completely numb with shock ever since I heard the news. This is the first time one of our athletes has been accused of taking drugs," said association secretary Rohan Amerasinghe today.

"We feel she is innocent. She is not so foolish to do something like that," Amerasinghe said.



Abdullah Al Rakib of Bangladesh (L) pondering over his next move against Indian challenger R B Romesh during their 12th Beximco QM Hussain International Masters' chess tournament engagement yesterday. Rakib won the match. — Star photo

## Shetty back in front

**Sports Reporter**  
lead over four players — RB Ramesh, IM Sudhakar Babu, IM Mithrakanth Sharma and top seed IM Ziaur Rahman.

Zia, the highest rated player of the tournament with 2465 points also had a chance to share the top spot if he had defeated Khandkar Kayes Hasan. But the 1992 champion had to settle for a draw in a Sicilian defensive game after 31 moves. On the other hand, Ramesh, who had a short stint at the top following Shetty's defeat slipped back into second place after being beaten by local youngster Abdullah Al Rakib.

Rakib, the promising schoolboy from Narayanjanj who played with white pieces, overpowered the Queen Indian defence of Ramesh in a marathon game lasting 72 moves.

Sudhakar and Mithrakanth, the other two claimants to the second spot, also won their matches defeating Saifuddin Lavlu and Ali Anjad Mintu respectively.

Former two-time champion and last year's runner-up IM Mahmood Lodhi of

Pakistan, continued his pitiful performance in the tournament playing out a 32-move draw with local sensation Enamul Hossain Rajib. With the draw, Lodhi and Rajib remained third and fourth in the 14-player competition with six and five and a half points each to their name.

The other match of the day between Ziaul Kader Tuhin and Khorshed Alam ended in a draw after 40 moves.

**STANDINGS**  
7.5 points — Shetty  
7 points — Zia, Sudhakar, Mithrakanth, Ramesh  
6 points — Lodhi  
5.5 points — Rajib  
4.5 points — Kayes  
4 points — Mirza, Tuhin  
3 points — Khorshed  
2.5 points — Rakib, Lavlu, Mintu

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Ramesh vs Sudhakar  
Mirza vs Lavlu  
Rajib vs Rakib  
Lodhi vs Mintu  
Mithrakanth vs Tuhin  
Zia vs Khorshed  
Shetty vs Kayes

## FEDERATION

### feedback

A Star Special

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**B.V.F**

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Volleyball has been indeed a low profile sport in Bangladesh since independence. Though it is widely played across the country during winter as an occasional game, the popularity of volleyball as a competitive sport has decreased in the last decade or so. And with the sport in this state, it is easy to surmise that success at international level is yet to cross it's path.

Financial constraints and lack of technical facilities are the main reasons for the decay in standard and reduction in the number of spikers.

Bangladesh has not participated in the Asian Games volleyball meet after the 1982 Delhi games. The last Asian level volleyball meet which Bangladesh joined was the 1993 Asian volleyball championship. Bangladesh finished 18th in that competition out of 19 Asian nations.

In the SAF Games, Bangladesh men's and women's teams have never reached the final which has been always booked by India and Pakistan.

Bangladesh Men's team clinched the bronze out of six teams in the 1987 Calcutta SAF Games. In Islamabad two years later we were again fourth, being beaten by Sri Lanka in the 3rd/4th place play-off. The Bangladeshi spikers regained the bronze in 1991 Colombo games but the most shocking thing was we lost that again to Sri Lanka in our home ground in 1993.

In the women's section, Bangladeshi girls were third out of three teams in 1991 and 1993. And there is more demoralising news for them this time as the National Sports Council, perhaps justifiably, has decided not to send the girls team to Madras in December.

This, in short, is the story so far about volleyball in Bangladesh.

To know what Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) is doing these days Daily Star had a long discussion with BVF General Secretary Abdul Quddus Chowdhury last Saturday in his office at the Dhaka Stadium. Quddus was in good mood as news just came in that the Bangladesh Volleyball team, who have returned home on Monday after a 10-day visit to Pakistan as



**A K CHOWDHURY**  
The following is the extract of the conversation between Daily Star (DS) and Abdul Quddus Chowdhury.

**DS:** What are your achievements in the last five years?

**Quddus:** Well, certainly we don't have any achievements other than bronzes coming from the SAF games. We have India and Pakistan in the SAF games and they are very strong in this regard. Their physical and technical standards are much higher than ours. We have very little scope to beat them.

There is another setback for us this year, as you know, our girls will not be allowed to play in the next SAF games.

**DS:** How are you planning to promote volleyball in this country in future?

**Quddus:** Well, it's very difficult for us to promote such a game with our minimal re-

sources and funds. We have 64 districts and NSC has granted only four lakh taka for 1995-96. Now, you tell me, is it possible for us to deal with 64 districts having so smaller amount in our hands?

Nowadays volleyball is played in a very few schools and colleges in the country. So young players are not coming up as per the requirements. To tell you very frankly, we are now absolutely dependent on the defence services who are providing us the spikers we need for our national team.

But nevertheless we were always sincere in our efforts to spread the game country-wide. We have arranged eight out of 18 national championships so far outside the capital. I think this will reflect what I want to mean.

**DS:** What are the sources you have to raise funds for your Federation?

**Quddus:** As I have said, we have the NSC grant of Taka 4 lakh this year. Besides we have a few companies — BGIC, Rahima Foods, Inconrad, National Bank and Pran drinks — who have extended their support by sponsoring different tournaments.

**DS:** Do you have any scouting system to pickout talented youngsters?

**Quddus:** We are working on it. We are arranging the initial rounds of the national junior championship in six zones. This is helping us in this regard. Moreover, we have another good news in that the BKSP is going to re-open the volleyball department from the next session. This will have a big impact on our young spikers.

**DS:** Do you practice elections in your Federation? What is the duration of the present committee?

**Quddus:** No, we don't have elections. In fact, not only us, all the Federations are being run by adhoc committees. This is the policy of the Government; we have hardly any thing to do.

I am continuing my job for the last eight years and I don't know when we will have democracy in the sports arena.

## Death of a cricket buff

**COLOMBO, Oct 18:** An ardent Sri Lankan cricket fan died of a heart attack here after watching West Indies snatch a nail-biting four-run win over Sri Lanka in the three-nation one-day tournament in Sharjah, press reports said today, reports AFP.

Ranjith Kumarapperuma, 42, suffered a stroke Monday shortly after witnessing on television the sensational end to the one-day match in the United Arab Emirates, the state-run Daily News quoted his relative, M Sudarshana Nishantha, as saying.

Nishantha told an inquest conducted by city coroner, Justin Perera, that when the match ended, Kumarapperuma said he felt dizzy and collapsed when he struggled to get up from his chair.

Soon afterwards, the 23-year-old Nash had Sanjay Manjrekar trapped in front and Sachin Tendulkar caught by Brian Young in the slips.

Ajay Jadeja, who came into the side in place of the injured Navjot Singh Sidhu, was untroubled in compiling a patient 30. His effort was supplemented by skipper Mohammad Azharuddin in a 27-run partnership that denied the tourists any further gains.

Earlier in the day, New Zealand captain Lee Germon won the toss and chose to bat but his batsmen crumbled against the attack of the Indian spinners, with Anil Kumble returning the best figures with a haul of four wickets for 39 runs.

Germon withstood the Indian attack with 48 runs off 97 balls before falling to leg-spinner Kumble being caught by Tendulkar.

The 26-year-old batsman, leading his country in his first Test, mixed caution with aggression as he lifted the team from 71 to 145.

The Bangalore duo comprising Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath enjoyed a day of happy hunt in front of the victorious home crowd.

Kumble became the 12th Indian to claim 100 Test wickets, when he lured New Zealand's top batsman Martin Crowe to edge a catch into the slips.

Javagal Srinath worked up a good pace and obtained enough movement on a fresh wicket to emerge with three wickets for just 24.

## Murray Sr back boxing

**GLASGOW, Oct 18:** The distraught father of dead Scottish boxer James Murray said Tuesday he did not believe the sport should be banned, reports AFP.

Kenneth Murray, 55, also said he had sent a message to his son's opponent in the ill-fated fight, Drew Docherty, telling him not to blame himself.

"There is nobody to blame for Jim Murray's death — nobody whatsoever," he said.

His 25-year-old son died on Sunday after collapsing during his challenge for the British bantamweight title in Glasgow.

Police are still investigating a brawl among spectators which broke out after Murray's collapse in the 12th and final round of last Friday's bout.

## Bizarre budget for Olympics

**ATLANTA, Georgia, Oct 18:** Revised budget figures for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics show less sponsor money than expected, more ticket revenue than projected and a break-even budget with little margin for error, reports AFP.

The dollar figures also show organising committee chairman Billy Payne received a 38,000-dollar salary hike this year to 669,112 dollars, making him the best-paid director of any US non-profit group.

Of course, this group is overseeing a 1.61 billion dollar event bringing together the planet's top sports competitors for a centennial celebration of the modern games.

Organisers have contracts or money in hand for 86 per cent of the budget, leaving 227 million dollars unaccounted for.

Sponsorship funds had been expected to produce 513.4 million dollars but are now projected to pay of with only about 428.1 million dollars.

## Press Club marathon tomorrow

The Jatiya Press Club mini-marathon, organised by the club to mark its 41st founding anniversary, will be held tomorrow, reports BSS.

The marathon, sponsored by a well-known foreign footwear company, starts for under-40 years age-group from Farmgate at 5:30 am for 40-54 age group from Sonargaon Hotel at 5:30 am, for women from Sheraton Hotel at 6:00 am and above-55 age group from Dhaka Club at 6:00 am.

The prize-distribution ceremony will take place at the VIP lounge of the club at 8:00 am the same day.

Prizes for the winners of table tennis and chess competitions will also be given away on the occasion.

## Germon stages gritty debut Bangalore duo rip thru'

**BANGALORE, India, Oct 18:** New Zealand's bowlers dragged their side back into the first Test today by scalping three Indian wickets by the close of the opening day's play at the Chinnas-wamy Stadium here after a disastrous start by the Kiwi batsmen, reports AFP.

The sprightly Dion Nash induced fatal errors by two of the top Indian batsmen in the final hour to restrict, the home side to 81 for three in reply to New Zealand's first innings total of 145.

Indian opener Manoj Prabhakar was caught by New Zealand captain, Lee Germon.

Cairns c Manjrekar b Raju 15  
Germon c Tendulkar b Kumble 48  
Nash lbw b Kumble 0  
Hart c Tendulkar b Kumble 1  
Morrison not out 1  
Extras (b-4, lb-5, nb-1) 10  
Total (tn 65 overs) 145  
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-22; 3-30; 4-44; 5-71; 6-71; 7-116; 8-116; 9-144.

**Bowling O M R W**  
Prabhakar 6 0 15 0  
Srinath 14 5 24 3  
Raju 16 6 47 2  
Kumble 18 5 39 4  
Chauhan 11 7 11 1

**INDIA: First innings**  
Prabhakar c Germon 30  
Morrison 40  
Jadeja not out 3  
Manjrekar lbw b Nash 15  
Tendulkar c Young b Nash 4  
Azharuddin not out 21

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the opening day of the first cricket Test between India and New Zealand today:  
**NEW ZEALAND: First innings**  
Young c Tendulkar b Raju 14  
Greatbatch b Srinath 10  
Parore lbw b Srinath 2  
Crowe c Tendulkar b Kumble 11  
Fleming c Mongia b Srinath 16  
Thomson c Mongia b Chauhan 17

**SRINATH ... hostile spell**  
Extras (nb-7) 7  
Total (three wickets — 28 overs) 81  
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-45; 3-54.

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Cairns 9 3 21 0  
Nash 6 1 11 2  
Hart 5 1 21 0

## Portentous post-mortem

**SHARJAH, Oct 18:** The Pakistan Cricket Board committee will discuss Raja's credentials to lead the team to Australia and the World Cup, just four months away, in which Pakistan are the defending champions.

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PCB chief Bokhari said he would seek fitness reports from Akram and two others, Inzamamul Haq and Saed Anwar, before the team for Australia is selected.

Anwar was sent home from the Sharjah after taking ill, while Inzamam missed two matches here due to a strained thigh muscle.

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## Bowe's noble affinity!

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 37 Exist, 56 Collar type, 20 Russian, 1 Picket-line, 38 Circle, 1 Distort, 5 Dump from, 39 Scott, 2 Inlet, 42 Postage, 3 Source of, 22 Guide, 9 Cribbage, 40 Creed, 41 Blue dye, 24 Pack rat, 12 Hawaiian, 44 Nimbus, 25 Stinky, 13 Just one, 46 Eventual, 26 Trice, 14 Propeller, 50 Mountain, 5 No-nos, 27 Melody, 15 Seltan's, 51 Crucial, 6 Attention, 28 Ht., 16 Some, 52 Structure, 7 City on, 31 Pigeon, 17 Barcelona, 53 Pacific, 8 Chess, 36 No., 18 Properly, 54 Stammer, 9 Indignant, 39 Monologue, 19 Camera, 55 Family, 10 Relaxation, 40 Declare, 36 One way to improve your lot?

DOWN: 1 Disrupt, 2 Inlet, 3 Source of, 22 Guide, 4 RLS's, 4 Master, 26 Trice, 27 Melody, 5 No-nos, 6 Attention, 31 Pigeon, 7 City on, 36 No., 36 One way to improve your lot?

37 Exist, 38 Circle, 39 Scott, 40 Creed, 41 Blue dye, 42 Postage, 43 RLS's, 44 Nimbus, 45 Eventual, 46 Eventual, 47 The yoke's on them, 48 End of the 19th century, 49 Temperate, 50 Mountain, 51 Crucial, 52 Structure, 53 Pacific, 54 Stammer, 55 Family, 56 Collar type, 57 The yoke's on them, 58 End of the 19th century.

CRYPTOQUIP  
OD VDOARX IGR PGE CN  
PDEBAO'I ATOPR VRBB  
GHL IRT PGRX VTL  
CHLL LRN.  
Yesterday's Cryptiquip: DON'T FORGET SUCCESSFUL PSYCHICS USUALLY END UP EARNING THEIR FORTUNES.  
Today's Cryptiquip clue: V equals W  
The Cryptiquip 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.