

Column One
SPORTS TALK



Boris Becker
(German tennis ace)
"I used to own this place. Now he owns it."
After Pete Sampras beat him at this year's Wimbledon final.

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT the Lord's cricket ground in London has had a number of narrow squeaks in its time. During the Second World War a V1 bomb landed on the pitch, but did not explode. Perhaps the bomb was made by a German cricketer. But, were there cricketers in Germany? Could be a English cricketer who was double-crossing? We'll never know.

Lord's also had a close shave when anti-apartheid protesters threatened to release specially bred 100,000 locusts to devour the grass in protest against the South African cricketers' tour in 1970. The locusts would then die of the cold and therefore they would not be any cause of worry for the nearby St John's Wood. Fortunately for everyone, including the locusts, the protest organisers called off the programme a few days after issuing the bizarre threat.

Sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

The rules are published every Saturday.

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-10
Tick the Correct Answer
(Competition closes 8 p.m. Oct 27, 1995)

1. Playing for Argentina, Maradona wears jersey number	9	10	11
2. Bull's eye is a term used in	Archery	Bull-fighting	Boxing
3. In snooker, the number of red balls are	10	15	18
4. The Moscow Olympics were held in	1976	1980	1984
5. The reigning world squash champion is	Janet	Jahangir	Jubar

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Navy Sports team off to Pakistan

A 23-member sports team of the Bangladesh Navy left here yesterday on an eight-day visit to Pakistan at the invitation of the Pakistan government, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh Navy delegation comprising of swimmers and basketball players will visit some of the naval ships and training establishment of the Pakistan Navy in Karachi.

Afro-Asian Cup soccer

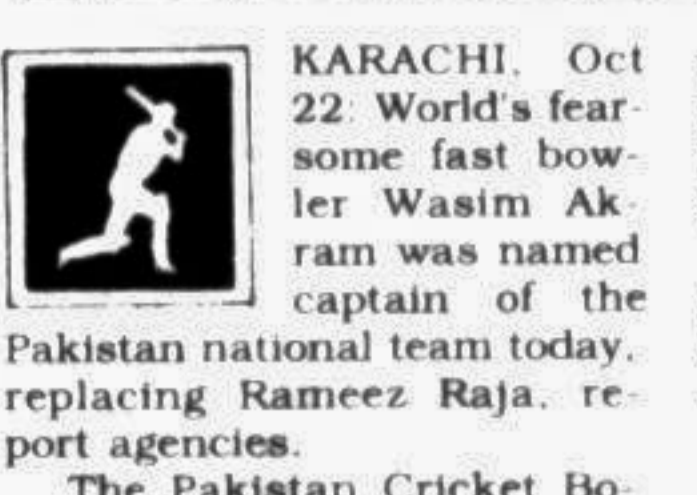
TASHKENT, Oct 22: Unconvincing favourites Nigeria took the first step toward winning the Afro-Asian Cup by beating hosts Uzbekistan 3-2 here on Saturday in front of 60,000 Uzbek fans, reports AFP.

Nigeria started strongly and 1994 World Cup star Sunday Oliseh, the first Nigerian to play Italian league football with Reggiana, gave them a 10th minute lead.

The visitors made it 2-0 through Victor Ikpeba's header in the 65th minute, but the brave Uzbeks gained some reward in the 70th minute.

Their hero was Mirdzalol Kasymov who scored with a spectacular 30-metre effort into the top left hand corner.

Malik becomes persona grata
Akram retakes reins



WASIM AKRAM freed from fetter

KARACHI, Oct 22: World's fear-some fast bowler Wasim Akram was named captain of the Pakistan national team today, replacing Rameez Raja, reports agencies.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) also announced that opener Aamir Sohail would be vice-captain for the forthcoming tour to Australia and New Zealand.

The appointment of Akram, 29, as skipper for the second time followed a board decision to recall sacked former captain Salim Malik, clearing him of a bribery charge.

The squad for the tour of Australia and New Zealand was announced on Saturday, but the crucial decision on the skipper was delayed for a further 24 hours.

Akram first served as captain for a year before being replaced by Salim Malik in January, 1994, following a players' revolt against him.

Malik's recall and Akram's appointment as captain follow an outcry at home after Pakistan's recent humiliating defeat at the hands of Sri Lanka in both the home Test and one-day series and the team's poor performance in the Champions' trophy in Sharjah.

Malik, who led Pakistan to seven victories in 12 Tests while in-charge, was sacked in March after two Australian players accused him of offering them money to lose the first Test at Karachi in September, 1994.

He has been cleared of the charge after his accusers, spinners Shane Warne and Tim May, refused to appear before a Pakistani inquiry, Pakistan Cricket Board sources said.

The notable omission in the squad are celebrated batsman Javed Miandad and Ijaz Ahmad (Sr), one of the successful batsmen on a tour to South Africa and Zimbabwe which ran from last December to February.

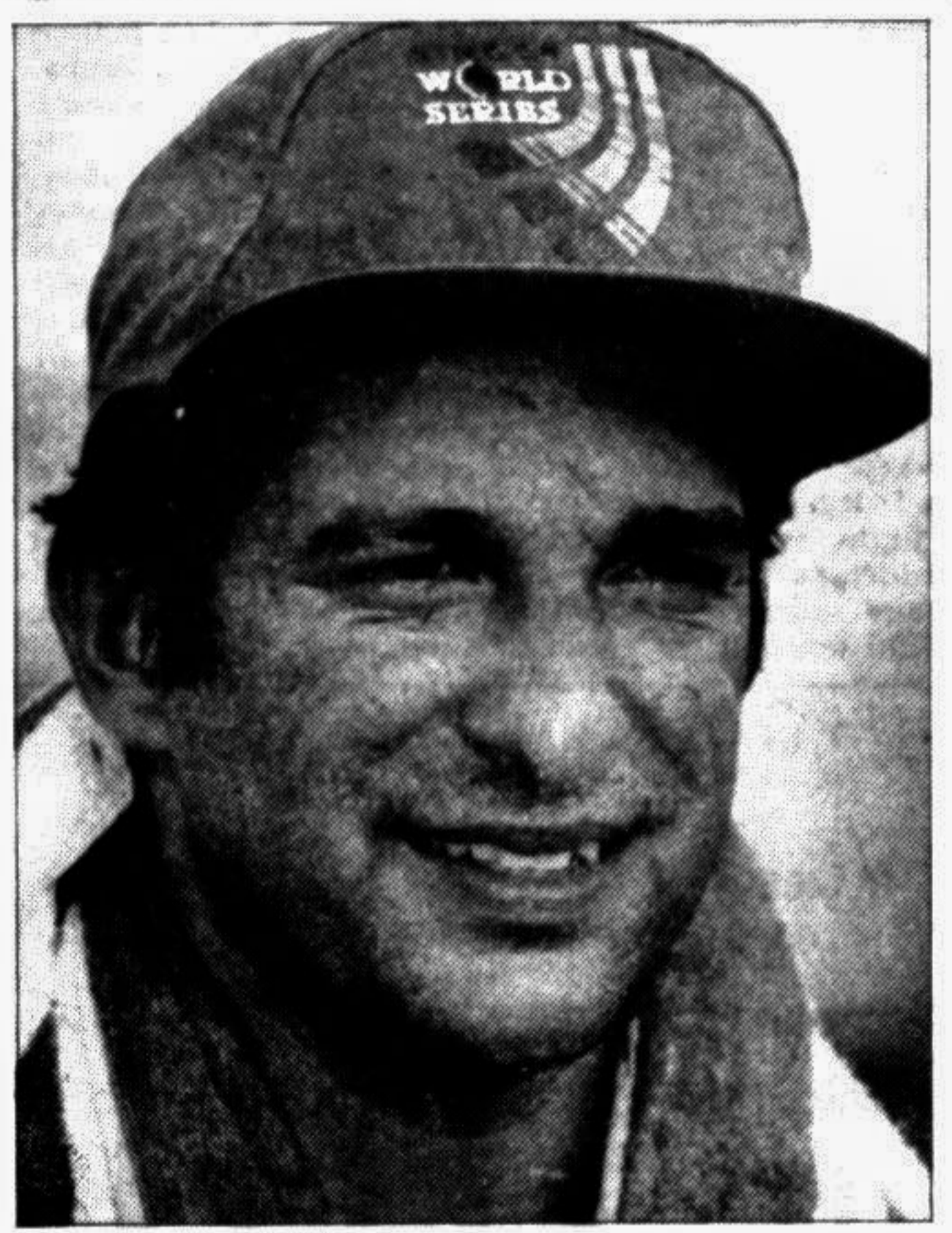
Saeed Anwar, who was sent home from Sharjah with typhoid, has been included despite earlier advice from his doctor to take two months' complete rest.

ing party, which arrives in Perth on Tuesday. "Of course, I accept whoever they decide to send," he said.

Halbish said the ACB never had a problem with any particular player, but merely wanted to focus attention on

Hopefully, the media also will concentrate on the cricket. I think the focus will be, and should be, on cricket," he said.

Pakistan's opening tour game is against a Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill, Perth, on



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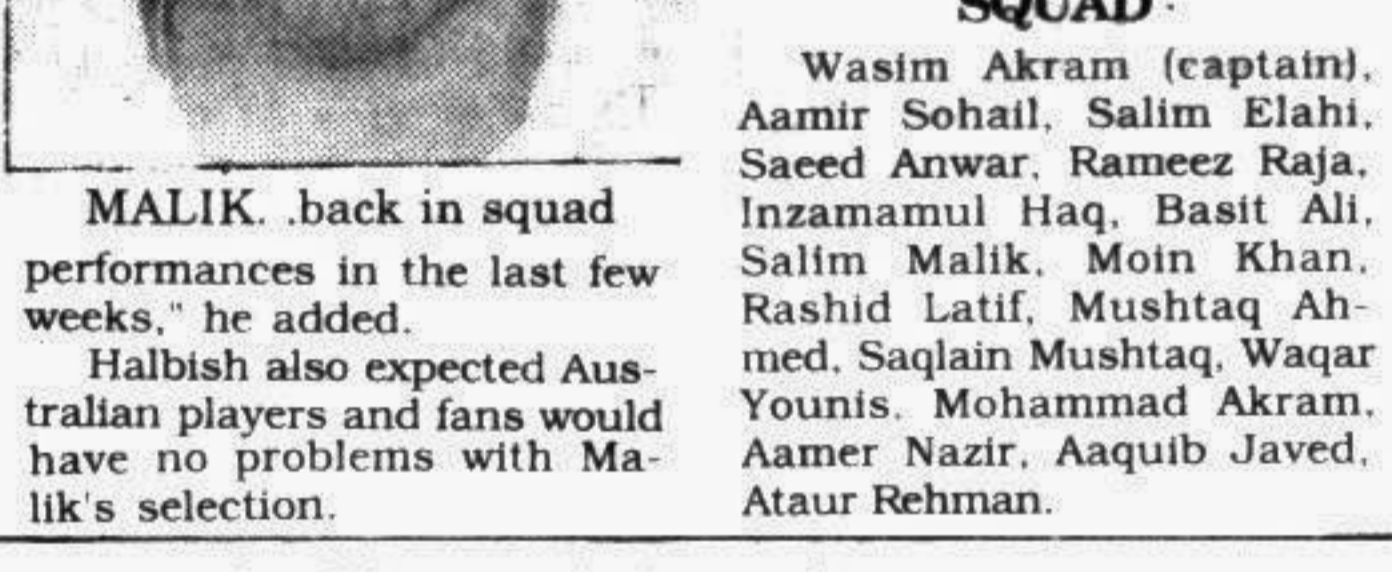
The ACB was satisfied with the way the matter had been handled over the last few months, he said.

"They're a very good side and I think they'd be disappointed with some of their Thursday.

The team, will carry a number of players with various ailments and injuries, including fast bowlers Wasim Akram (sprained shoulder) and Waqar Younis (problems finding his bowling rhythm following back trouble), Aamir Sohail (sore shoulder), Inzamamul Haq (groin) and Awar (yet to recovery).

There are six pace bowlers — Akram, Waqar, Mohammad Akram, Aaqib Javed, Aamir Nazir and Aatur Rehman.

Opening batsman Salim Elahi, paceman Mohammad Akram and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq were the only real successes of the disastrous home series against Sri Lanka and also on the ill-fated trip to Sharjah.



MALIK, back in squad performances in the last few weeks," he added.

Halbish also expected Australian players and fans would have no problems with Malik's selection.

Shaheens b'ball champs

BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka, lifted the third National King Fan Dhaka metropolis school basketball championship trophy yesterday after beating last year's runners-up Saint Gregory High School 61-53 in the showpiece final at the Dhanmondi gymnasium.

In a neck and neck final, the Shaheens, the 1993 runners-up led the first half 39-31.

Ruhul Azam Bony (20), Masnoor (16) and Sadek (11) were the leading cagers for the champions who had defeated Nabakumar Institutions with a rather slimmer margin of 54-53 in the semis last Friday.

On the other hand, this was the second successive defeat in the final for the Gregorians who were beaten by Bandura Holycross High School in last year's final.

The first two versions of the meet were open for all schools across the country. But from this year the tourney was restricted among the schools of Dhaka metropolis, which eventually barred last year's champions Bandura Holycross High School from defending their title.

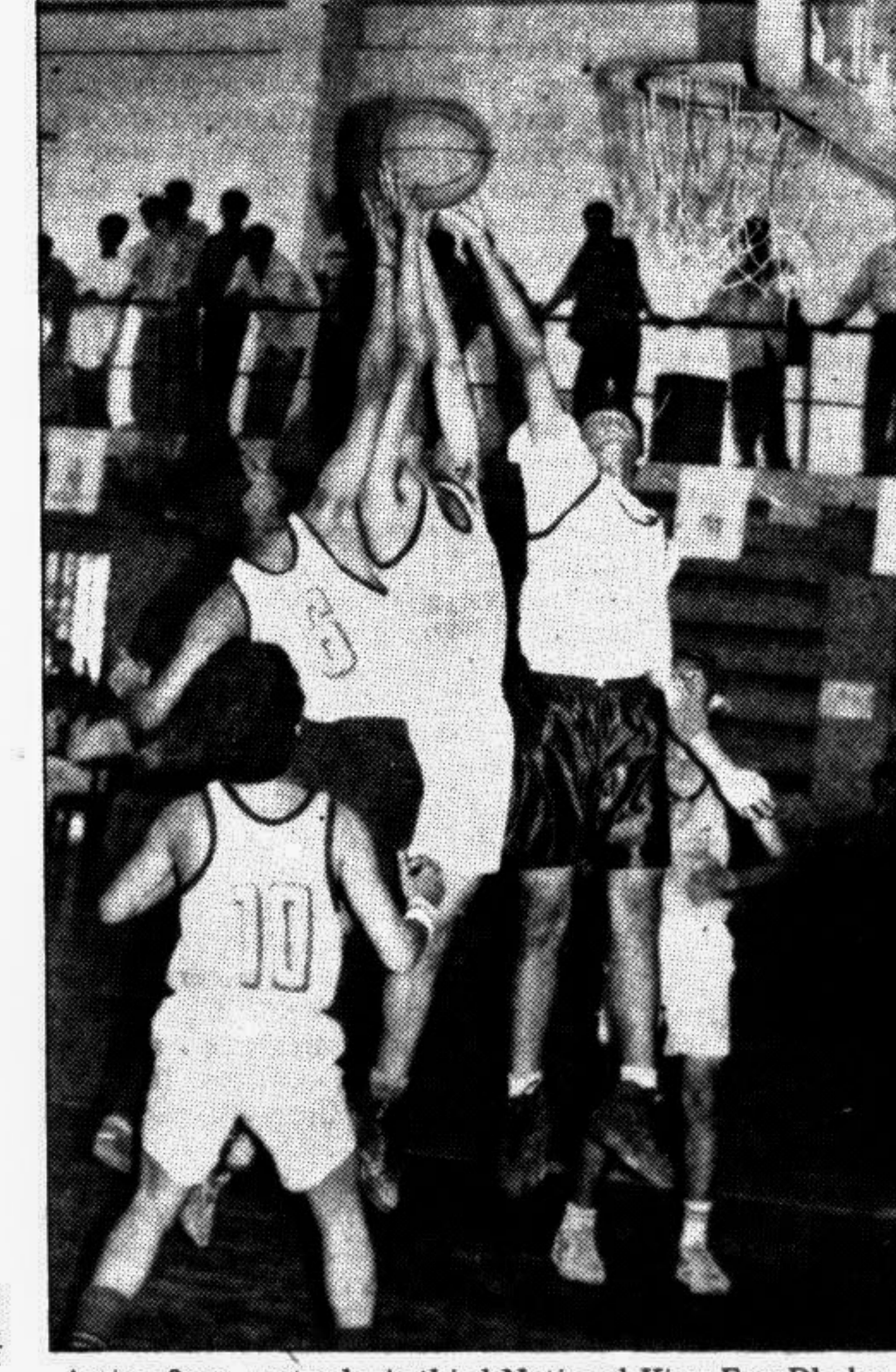
Habibullah Abul, the MD of the sponsoring company — National King Electrical Industries Ltd, witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the

winners.

Ruhul Azam of BAF Shaheen School and College was named best cager of the tournament while BDR School and College were declared as the best disciplined team of the meet. Both Ruhul and BDR School and College received one National King fan each from the sponsoring company.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1993	Saint Nicholas High School	BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka
1994	Bandura Holycross High School	Saint Gregory High School
1995	BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka	Saint Gregory High School



Action from yesterday's third National King Fan Dhaka metropolis school basketball tournament final between BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka and Saint Gregory High School at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium. Shaheen School emerged champions after winning 61-53. — Star photo

Damal Summer tourney begins from Oct 27

Sports Reporter

The 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament, scheduled to begin from October 25, will now commence from October 27.

This was decided in a meeting of the tournament committee at the BCCB office late last night.

In the opening-day of the traditional curtain-raiser of local cricket, defending champions Abahani KC will take on Sadharan Bima KS at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Victoria SC, the last year's surprise-setter finalist, will face Surjotaran Club in the day's other match at the Mirpur City Club ground.

The twenty-one teams comprising six groups will participate in the tournament.

- Group A: Abahani KC, Wari Club and Sadharan Bima KS.
- Group B: Victoria SC, Kalabagan KC, Surjotaran Club and Gopibagh FA.
- Group C: Brothers Union, Gulshan Youth Club, Dhanmondi Club and City Club.
- Group D: Mohammedan SC, Agrani Bank SC and Bangladesh Boy's Club.
- Group E: Biman, Eskaton SS, Lamatia Club and Ajax SC.
- Group F: GMCC, Dhaka Wanderers and Khalaghar.

Age-group TT

Sports Reporter

Eight women and seven boys moved into the second round of the age-group table tennis championship '95 after winning their respective opening round knockout matches yesterday at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Seventeen women, 22 men and 50 boys are participating in the four-day competition from Jessore, Khulna, Narail, Patuakhali, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Biman, Mohammedan SC and Armanitola SC.

WINNERS

- Women's Group:** Julekha, Shamima and Shabana (MSC), Emi and Ratna (Jessore), Saleha (Narail), Eti (Gaibandha) and Tumpa (Rajshahi).
 - Boys Group:** Jewel (Gaibandha), Saidur (Patuakhali), Sohel (Jessore), Talin (Khulna), Hasan (Narail), Shamim (Rangpur), Fayed (Khulna), Lintu (Jessore), Shamim (Patuakhali), Tuhin (Armanitola), Mahir (Khulna), Minhaz (Jessore), Rakib (Rajshahi) and Bikash (Armanitola).
- The men's first round will begin this afternoon at the same venue.

A Brazilian bonanza in Japan

TOKYO, Oct 22: Brazilian players scored seven goals in Japan's J-League over the weekend, with Leonardo taking the responsibility for inflicting the first defeat in 10 games on league leaders Verdy Kawasaki, reports Reuter.

Brazilian international Leonardo struck the penalty which resulted in Kashima Antlers beating Verdy 1-0.

But Verdy kept their comfortable lead at the top of the table when second-placed Shimizu S-Pulse were beaten 3-1 by JEF Ichihara.

Brazilian striker Careca scored two goals as Kashiwa Reysol beat fourth-placed Yokohama Marinos 4-2. His compatriot Valdir Benedetto scored the first goal after receiving a superb pass from Careca.

Marquinhos also scored a double in leading Cerezo Osaka to a 3-0 win over Jubilo Iwata.

Reinold Vicente Simao completed the Brazilian goal spree when he scored for Bellmare Hiratsuka in their 2-1 loss to Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

PSV run riot

AMSTERDAM, Oct 22: PSV Eindhoven stepped up the pressure on Dutch League leaders Ajax Amsterdam with a 7-1 demolition of mid-table Groningen on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The storming victory followed a sparkling 5-3 success over Leeds United in the UEFA Cup second round first-leg on Tuesday. Both results were achieved without Brazilian star Ronaldo, who is recovering from an ankle injury.

Saturday's win was PSV's eighth of the season and took them within two points of unbeaten Ajax, who have one game in hand.

PSV midfielder Boudewijn Zenden, normally a substitute, snatched a hat-trick after striker Rene Eijkelkamp, replacement for Ronaldo, opened the score in the 13th minute with a header.



Members of the third National King Fan basketball champions BAF Shaheen School and College, Dhaka, pose for photograph after beating Saint Gregory High School in yesterday's final engagement at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium. — Star photo

Booters Yangon bound

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has declared a 24-member national squad for the quadrangular football tournament scheduled to begin in Myanmar from October 26.

The national team which included 18 players and a relatively long list of six officials is to leave for Yangon early this morning to take part in the invitational tourney that also includes Bristol SAARC Gold Cup champions Sri Lanka, Singapore Armed Force and hosts Myanmar.

Bangladesh, who are taking part in the meet as part of their preparation for the coming South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in the Indian city of Madras in December, will be pitted against hosts Myanmar in the inaugural match on Thursday at 4 pm (BST).

In the round robin meet, Bangladesh will take on Singapore on October 30 before appearing in their last league engagement on November 1 against Sri Lanka.

Otto Pfister, the newly appointed German coach of the Bangladesh national team, seemed to have adopted the "block" system to select the

team from the presently engaged 30 booters in the national camp.

In the final list 18, Pfister has mostly picked defenders from Abahani Krira Chakra, midfielders from Mohammedan Sporting Club and forwards from Muktijoddha Sangsard Krira Chakra — the three leading clubs in the Dhaka football league.

However, in the elusive list, Abahani Krira Chakra's nimble midfielder Farhad, Fakirerpool's young left-back Sohel-al-Masum and Azimuddin of Rahmatganj are the three players who are expected to make their debut for the national team.

Among the notable omissions include: former national captain and Muktijoddha's defender Arif Hossain Moon, Shaheed Hossain Swapan of Abahani, midfielder Nurul Huq Manik and defender Jewel Rana of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Meanwhile, the manager of the Bangladesh team Moazzem Hossain, while elaborating on the selection said, "This is not the final selection." He further added that the remaining 12 players will continue their practice in the national camp.

SQUAD
Goalkeepers: Ponir and Arifur Rahman Panru.

Defenders: Monem Munna (cap), Sohel Reza, Monwar Hossain Munna, Hasan-al-Masum, Masud Rana and Sohel-al-Masum.

Midfielders: Alifaz Ahmed, Arman, Azimuddin, Barun Bikash Dewan, Mamun Joarder, Shahidul Ahmed Ranjan and Ariful Kabir Farhad.

Forwards: Mizanur Rahman, Rakib Hossain and Imtiaz Ahmed Naquib.

Officials: Moazzem Hossain (manager), Alimullah Azim (asst manager), Otto Pfister (asst coach), Abdus Sadeq (asst coach), Nazrul Islam (technical director) and Mohammed Wazid (doctor).

Steve strikes a jackpot



STEVE WAUGH

PERTH, Australia, Oct 22: Australian cricket superstar Steve Waugh produced probably the richest single shot in the history of the game here today, reports AFP.

Waugh, 30, earned 140,000 Australian dollars (100,000 US) when he hit a six and struck a sponsor's target attached to the sight screen at the river end of the WACA ground.

The golden shot came while Waugh was helping New South Wales to beat Western Australia in front of more than 6,000 people.

The dazzling all-rounder achieved what no other player had managed to do in more than two seasons in the Mercantile Mutual Cup competition, Australia's major limited-over inter-state contest. The prize offered has increased with each game in which no-one has managed to strike the target.

Waugh played the shot, over long-on, off top all-rounder Tom Moody, a former Australian Test player who now captains Worcestershire in the English county competition.

The ball soared back over the bowler's head to hit the 2.5 metre (eight feet) by 1.2

metre target (four feet) near the middle.

Waugh, normally an introverted fellow, punched the air with delight and cracked a rare smile.

Waugh will not keep all the money. It will be shared with his team-mates. Waugh hit a match-winning 90 as New South Wales beat Western Australia by seven wickets, with four overs to spare.

SCORES

Western Australia: 200-8 (Mark Lavender 65, Adam Gilchrist 64, Shane Lee 4/59, Glenn McGrath 3/27). New South Wales: 201-3 (Steve Waugh 90, Mark Taylor 70).

Atletico stay clear

MADRID, Oct 22: League leaders Atletico Madrid battled out another hard-fought win on Saturday away to lowly Valladolid, despite the second-half sending off of striker Kiko Narvaez, reports Reuter.

The 1-0 win gives Atletico 25 points from their nine matches, five above Barcelona, who have a game in hand.

As in last Saturday's victory over Deportivo Coruna, Atletico's solitary scorer was Argentine midfielder Diego Simeone who is enjoying a splendid season.

After a dull, eventless first half, Atletico came back after the break with more poise and purpose.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- The First Dark Horse
- Fractions of
- Fairy-tale word
- Sodom evacuee
- "Contributor" to Bartlett's
- Puccini opera
- Normandy commune
- Cleared the snow
- Many of these have fallen
- Kvetch
- Cherished creation
- Sunday seat
- Blizzard minutia
- Office shape
- Holiday's epithet
- Karras or Trebek
- Twangy

DOWN

- "Fiction" (movie)
- October stone
- Accolade
- Fonteyn
- Quixote's territory
- News-caster
- Sevareid
- Epoch
- An opening in the con-
- Spiked club
- Aachen article
- Picnic hamperers
- Cell-energy source
- She danced for Herod
- Accolade
- Timber wolf
- No longer questioned
- Promised territory
- A Smoothers brother
- Lieu
- Milan attraction
- Subjugate
- Unmatched
- Jalopy
- Ump
- Triumphed
- Tom's Cabin' girl
- Like a lava-based rock
- Holy mackerell!
- Crucial
- English Channel feeder
- MacLaine role
- Johnny Appleseed, really
- Flight from the law
- Other (Sp.)
- Big fracas
- Ling-Ling
- 44 Gullet part
- Emanation
- Computer-screen symbol
- Liquor quantity
- Perot's are prominent
- 53
- Meyers

Solution time: 21 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

B P Z K V B N Y E A O K K V M K T
A K C D X K C N E Z B U C K
N Y U A O Y X M T E U T C W
"W Y N K D D P T M A U O I"
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHIP'S CAPTAIN WHO WAS FORCED TO REDUCE HIS STAFF NOW HAS A CREW CUT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals B
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.