DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT playing football with I "jambura" like many of our children do here is not practiced in the United States. Not because they do not have "jamburas" but because some of them prefer chickens. On 3rd November 1977, the American Humane Association asked the State Attorney General to investigate an incident in which a football coach painted a chicken gold. (Here we would have rather eaten it.) The gold-painted fowl was apparently intended to represent a golden eagle, the symbol of a football team the coach was hoping to defeat. The players were then invited to treat the unfortunate bird like a football. They kicked it aroud the field until it expired.

Wonder what the coach would paint if the opponents were symbolised by a tiger. To call that coach an animal would be an insult to the animal kingdom.



Viv Richards

(West Indian batting grat) "I'm a religious man and when people told me cricket was dying, I said, man, a Moses will come to deliver

Well Moses has come. His name is Brian Bardo demoiss On Brian Lara, biss oil mer of charactering

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 Bull's eye is a term used Bull-fighting In snooker, the number of red balls are 4. The Moscow Olympics were held 5. The reigning world squash champion is

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Surjo Tarun's new body formed

Sports Reporter

Yousuf Abdullah Harun retained his post as president of Surjo Tarun Club after the 11th biennial general meeting at the club premises on Saturday.

Surjo Tarun, who were relegated to the First Division last year, has formed a 17member strong executive committee for the next two

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal-Ibne Yousuf, who was special guest on the occasion, was named as the chief patron of the mediocre team in the

Punishment of a maniac!

Dhaka cricket league.

CARDIFF, Oct 23: Britain's former Olympic swimming coach Paul Hickson was jailed on Wednesday for 17 years for raping two of his teenage proteges and indecently assaulting others,

reports Reuter. Jubilant relatives of the girls shouted yes and sobbed with relief as the chief British coach at the 1988 Seoul Games was jailed.



Players and officials of the 23-member Bangladesh national football team which left Dhaka yesterday for the Myanmar capital Yangon to participate in a four-nation invitation tournament there. - Star photo

Biman, MSC steal show

Biman boys and Mohammedan women occupied the spotl ight on the second day of the

Prize Money table tennis tournament at the woodenfloor gymnasium in the capital yesterday. The day saw three Biman

paddlers - Gautam, Edison and Pappu - along with Tuhin of Armanitola storm into the last four in the boys singles while Julekha and Shamima of Mohammedan Sporting Club along with Tumpa of Rajshahi and Eeti of Gaibandha completed the semifinals quorum on the distaff side.

In a busy schedule on the day, Gautam of Biman, who along with teammates Pappu moved into the last eight with straight-set wins over Jewel and Litu in the morning, staved off a tough resistance from Mamboob of Armanitola for a 3-1 win. After conceding the first

set 19-21 Gautam showed great resilience to win the next three games 21-19, 22 20 and 21-12 in a gruelling encounter. While Gautam's teammate Pappu also recorded in identical 3-1 win over Biddyut of Lalmonirhat. On the other hand, Tuhin

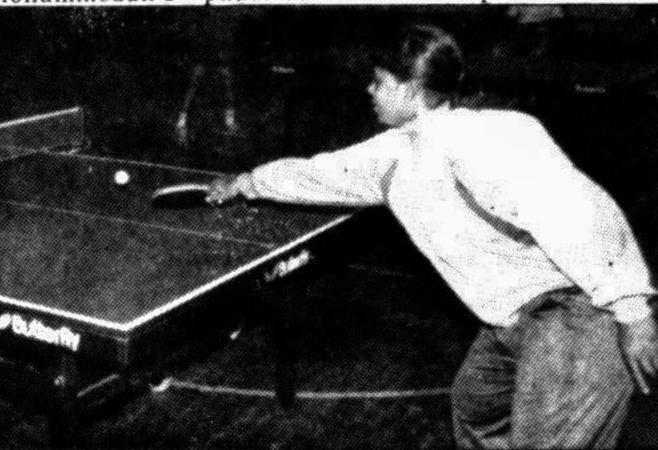
was the only Armanitola paddler who upheld the tra-ditional breeding haven's pride after defeating Shahed by 21-15, 21-17, 19-21 and

While Edison was the third Biman player stepped Sports Reporter

into the last four when he earned a comfortable 22-20. 18-21, 21-16 and 21-15 win over Abid in the last boys quarterfinals on the day. Meanwhile, in the four

women's quarterfinals two Mohammedan's paddlers

Julekha, a long-serving national players, faced a little resistance from an unheralded Emi on her way to a comprehensive 21-5, 21-11 and 21-7 victory while Shamima's spectacular rallies



Ansars' Julekha in action against Amy of Jessore during their prize Money table tennis tournament encounter at the Dhanmondi wooden-floor gymnasium — Star photo yesterday.

Julekha and Shamima romped home with overwhelming 3-0 wins over Emi and Ratna of Jessore respec-

Nat'l age-group swimming tomorrow

A three-day national age group, youth and women swimming championship begins at the Mirpur national swimming complex tomorrow, reports UNB.

and powerful back-hand were too good to Ratna, who caved in rather meekly conceding the match 21-10, 21-11 and 21-7.

Among the other two semifinalists Eeti of Gaibandha earned a comfortable 3-1 win over Saleha of Narail while Tumpa overcame a tough resistance from Mohammedan's Shaban to win a marathon best of five setter.

In the men's singles, Rachi and Hemlet of Biman, Mostafa of Inter Sports and Sohel of Armanitola won their respective matches.

TIPUS tuesday TIPS

Last line of defence

goalkeeper can in spire his team to ▲ play better."

(3) Supporting the defence A goalkeeper should always position himself in relation to the position of the ball at any given time. In doing this he will achieve three objectives:

(a) The correct angle. correct angle should he be required to move out of goal. Famous goalkeeper of the past Ranjit Das was the best, in this particular situation, and saved many goals with his short physical structure. (b) Support the space be-

hind the defence He will be in a position to

support the defence — that is reduce the amount of space between the rear-most defender and the goal.

In this position the goalkeeper is not only physically near to his teammates and therefore, decreasing the space between himself and them, but he will find it much easier to shout instruc-

There is a vast difference between getting rid of the ball and passing it. The responsibility on a goalkeeper, like any other player in possession of the ball, is to pass the ball. This he can do in one of two ways:

(a) Throwing the ball

Throws should not only be accurate but they should give He will always be at the the player receiving the ball as easy a control as possible. If the ground route to the player is clear, with no possibility of an interception, then the ball should be thrown along the ground, except in very wet or muddy conditions.

If the player receiving the ball has his back to his opponent then a call should be given to indicate whether he can turn with the ball, if he should hold the ball, or can he play the ball off quickly.

(b) Kicking from hand There are two types of kicks from hand

i) The volley

ii) The half volley i) The volley invariably has



The great English goalkeeper Gordon Banks was always in the right position to foil clear goal scoring opportunities, as demonstrated in this picture. Star file photo

tions. Calling is a most important part of goalkeeping and is grossly underestimated by most keepers. (c) Concentration

Loss of concentration is the great enemy of goalkeepers, particularly in games where he is having very few touches of the ball. (4) Distribution

less distance then the halfvolley. It also takes longer to reach its target. As against that it is a safe kick in all ground conditions. The purpose of a long kick is not only to find players in an attacking part of the field but also to gain a territorial advantage. Particularly if the ball can be

a high trajectory and travels,

played into the opponent's half of the field there is every chance that even if an opponent gets his head to the ball the attacking players will gain secondary possession in an important part of the field. It is important to test out

defences against the long high ball and the goalkeeper must then make a judgment concerning the success or failure of this particular play in any particular match.

ii) The half-volley will normally travel further and reach its target quicker than a volley. It is not however, as easy for the goalkeeper to control and on a muddy pitch the results of half-volley kicking can be disastrous. It is therefore, better for a goalkeeper not to attempt halfvolley kicks on a muddy pitch.

However, on a dry pitch and with a following wind, the ball can often be played to the back of the opposing defence to great advantage. All goalkeepers should try and develop the technique of half-volley kicking.

5 Goal-kicks

A goalkeeper will be responsible for taking goalkicks. It is not a good policy for out-field players to take goal-kicks, for the good reason that by so doing one presents the opposition with a numerical advantage in the area of the field where the ball is played.

6 Gaining a numerical advantage at goal-kicks

Goal-kicks should be a means of starting attacks and the goalkeeper should consider taking his kick quickly to put opponents out of the game. He must also consider the quality of his kick and the degree of case or difficulty for his team-mate in receiving the pass. Of all the eleven individu-

als in a football team the goalkeeper is the most important. If his performance is poor he can and does lose matches on his own account. If his performance is good, he gives his teammates confidence and often inspires them to play above them-

A plea to political parties

Sports Reporter

The West Indies under-19 cricket team's forthcoming tour of Bangladesh is under threat of cancellation due to the agitation programmes announced by the major opposition parties.

The Caribbean youngsters are scheduled to arrive in the city on November 9.

They are supposed to play two one-dayers and a threeday match against the Bangladesh under-19 team, all of hem at the Dhaka Stadium. But due to a week-long hartal schedule beginning November 11, the day, the first oneday game is expected to be held, the Windies tour seems well on its way to jeopardy.

Training sessions of different teams preparing for the next SAF Games, beginning December 22 in Madras, will also be hampered by the unrest.

Sports lovers throughout the country feel that the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), along with other federations involved in SAF preparation, should appeal to the political parties to exempt sports events and related activities from any programmes that hinder the development of local sports.

Eclipse eclipses sports

Sports Reporter

Superstitions that have today's solar eclipse seem to have hit the sporting arena as well with many clubs and sports organisations staying away from their regular activities to accommodate for the dreaded omen."

The much-talked about eclipse is expected to take place between 8.05 am and secret weapon! 11 am today. The full eclipse can be seen from Hiron Point, in the southern Sundarbans, while 95 per cent of the occurrence will be visible man's XI to play Pakistan in from the capital.

Members of the Bangladesh under-19 cricket team ACB announced today, rewho are preparing for a visit by their West Indian counterparts early next month have been advised by officials to skip their regular early morning practice session as a precaution against "evil occurrences." Some of the top cricket clubs have also called off their morning net practice for similar reasons.

MSC muster master trio

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club have acquired the services of three Grand Masters (GM) in their bid to return to the local chess scene with a bang. The trio — locallite Niaz Murshed, illustrious Indian Dibyendu Barua and Armenian Aenasthasian — will don the famous Mohammedan colours in this year's next First Division chess league.

Mohammedans are returning to the league after a considerable period of absence. They are replacing Bobby Fischer Chess Club. Niaz, Bangladesh's only

GM, will be joined by his foreign counterparts by the end of the month. Mohammedans expect to challenge the long standing supremacy enjoyed by Bangladesh Biman in the sport. They have appointed noted sports organiser Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan as the chairman of their chess committee.

European MPs express sorrow PARIS, Oct 23: A commit-

tee of the council of Europe's parliamentary assembly has expressed regret at the death of British boxer James Murray following a fight in Glasgow, the council said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

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controversy after the rein-

statement of former Test

23: Pakistani respect. ACB's response is cricketers, who not only inadequate, but also eave for Ausquite irresponsible." Ebrahim tralia today start their tour

> the untested sworn statements of the three Australian players, which are the only proved against Salim Malik."

the tourists in Australia later in the week The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had appointed Ebrahim to investigate the allegations against Malik.

Spinners Warne and May and all-rounder Waugh had accused Malik in sworn statements submitted to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) through the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) of offering them 200,000 dollars to 400,000 dollars to "throw" Test and one-day matches during the Australian tour of Pakistan in

Ebrahim said in a ninepage report released on Saturday the statements "were not worthy of credence and must be rejected as unfounded."

"The allegations made against Salim Malik cannot be believed and appear to have been concocted for reasons best known to the accusers." Ebrahim said. He criticised the ACB for

refusing to send the three Australians to Pakistan for cross-examination and suggesting him to go to Australia for interviewing them in-

"To my mind, with great

In these circumstances



Ebrahim also faulted what he described as the inaction of Australian coach Bob Simpson, whose reports he said had failed to state who had reported two incidents in which Malik was affeged to have offered bribes or say when they were reported. While in Sydney, Aus-

tralian cricket captain Mark Taylor today backed spinners Shane Warne and Tim May after they were accused by

Coping with controversy the Pakistani judge of appear ing to concoct bribery allega-

tions against Salim Malik. "I believe what they said and I back my players." Taylor said, referring to allega-

tions Malik offered the spin due money to bowl poorly. Taylor acknowledged Malik's selection could lead to confrontation between the two sides during the three-Test series, starting at the Gabba in Brisbane on Novem-

"There may be heated moments but I'm sure both sides will concentrate on the cricket." Taylor told Reuters.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive officer Graham Halbish said the domestic ruling body regarded the matter as closed. "The ACB has never focussed on an individual in the matter - we believe the issue has been satisfactorily resolved," he

Halbish's view has not been shared by the Australian media, which has criticised the International Cricket Board (ICC), the sport's international governing body. for its handling of the bribery allegations. By refusing to address

bribery and corruption, the ICC is guilty of failing the international cricket community." commentator Mike Coward wrote in today's The Australian newspaper. Sydney Morning Herald cricket writer Phil Wilkins

the grave allegations of

said. "The exoneration of Malik is tantamount to a slap in the face of the Australian players ... in effect, they have been branded liars. The Sydney Telegraph

Mirror's cricket writer Robert Craddock said: "No charge against him (Malik) has been proved or disproved. For the good of the game ... the issue had to reach a definitive verdict guilty or innocent."

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council felt obviously he has

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team manager, and removed

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BONN, Oct 23: A 79th

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"About Rameez Raja, the

Cricket commentators and

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failed to satisfy."

Akram on rocky ride? three-Test tour of Australia that Wasim Akram is the



KARACHI, Oct 23: Wasim Akram, whose first spell as Pakistan captain ended after a players' revolt against him, was

to lead the national team, in a bid to bring some welcome relief for the team, reports Reuter. Left-arm fast bowler Akram, replacing Rameez

named once again on Sunday

Raja as captain, will be keen gripped the city regarding to erase memories of his last spell as skipper. Pakistan's 17-man squad, under the new captain, will be aiming to restore their

Warne kept as

battered fortunes in the

SYDNEY, Oct 23: Australian Shane Warne was withdrawn from the Australian Cricket Board chairthe tourists' opening match in Perth on Thursday, the ports AFP.

The national selectors decided to keep Warne out of the traditional tour-opener after talking with him at the weekend. Warne is shaping as one of

Australia's trump cards against the Pakistanis. The 26-year-old wrist spinner has snapped up 176 wickets in 38 Tests at an average of "We believe it is in the

best interests of the Australian team and Shane for him to remain in Melbourne with the Victorian squad and avoid the trip across to Perth for a one-off match at this time of the season," said chairman of selectors Trevor

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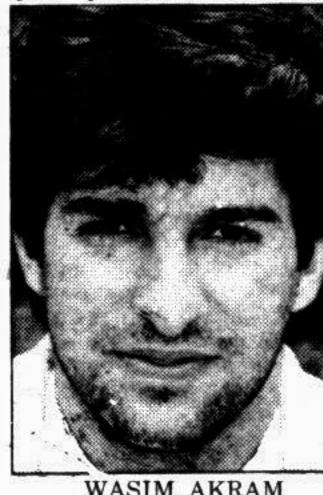
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and subsequent visit to New Zealand for a single Test and four one-day internationals. The tours are Pakistan's

last major overseas fixtures before the World Cup, that they will co-bost in February and March. Rameez Raja has lost the job after Pakistan's recent

humiliating defeats in both Test and one-day series at home to Sri Lanka and their poor performance in the



WASIM AKRAM

three-team Champions' Trophy tournament in Sharjah. PCB chief executive Arif Ali Abbasi said after its council meeting, "The council felt

Army v'ball RANGPUR, Oct 23: The

annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army begins at the Rangpur Cantonment tomorrow, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS. Twelve teams will take

part in the meet to be played on round-robin league basis. The Log Area will take on the Comilla Area in the open-

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ing match.

Budesliga, reports Reuter. Midfield playmaker Effenberg was only filling a gap in Moenchengladbach's depleted attacking line-up but he punced like a seasoned striker on a defensive mix-up on Bremen's six-metre line to put the ball past goalkeeper Frank rost, brought on after Oliver Reck was injured in a collision. The win gave Moen-

chengladbach 19 points from 10 matches, two behind Borussia Dortmund and five behind leaders Bayern Mu-The goal was Effenberg's

fourth in three games, form which is sure to increase the pressure on national trainer Berti Vogts to bring back the gifted player who he sent home from the 1994 World Cup finals for making an obscene gesture to fans.

CRYPTOQUIP

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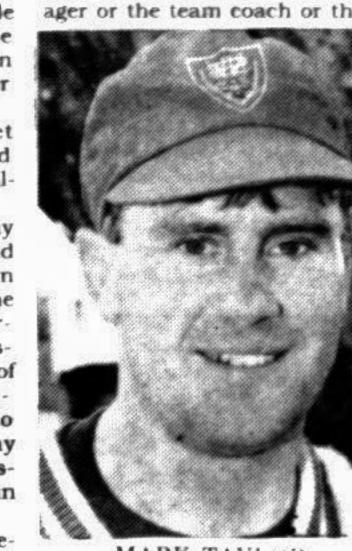
QGCCQV NWI 43 Herringlike Q W C Z Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IMPOLITE SCHOOLBOY CONFRONTS PIANO TEACHER BY SAYING, "GFT

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one 46 Piccadilly letter stands for another. It you think that X equals () if 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

OFF MY BACH!" Today's Cryptoquip clue. N equals I

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captain Salim Malik. cleared of bribery charge by a Pakisdirect evidence, have to be tani judge, report agencies. rejected and the allegations contained there in therefore Former Supreme Court judge Fakhruddin Ebrahim remain, at very least, unexonerated the Pakistani 'It is most significant, if batsman at the weekend, savnot decisive, that none of the ing the sworn accusations of three Australian players were Australian players in their sworn statements say that not worthy of credence. Malik, sacked as captain they had reported the inciand dropped in March over dent to either the team manager or the team coach or the the bribery allegations made by Tim May. Shane Warne and Mark Waugh, will join



ICC referee or the ACB." Ebrahim said.