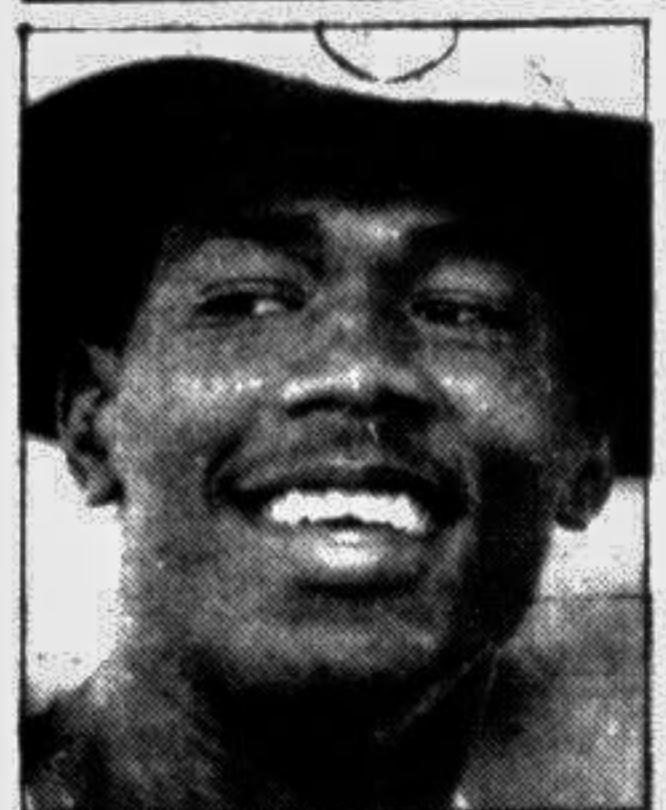


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Ian Bishop
(West Indian fast bowler)
"God has always been an important part of my life and I believe that once I stay within his will, he won't lead me where he cannot provide for me."

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT perhaps you and I would not fare as badly as the worst have on the golf course. In the first British Open at Prestwick one player scored twenty-one for a hole. No wonder no one knows the name of that player. But, being more recent, an M Flitcroft could not conceal his name. He had good reasons for doing that because he scored 121 in the first qualifying round of the 1976 Open at Formby, Lancashire.

At the Kurmitola Golf Club, I hear the record is around 25 at the 14th. The name has not even been revealed to the Professor. For the 72-par course, it is quite common here to have scores in excess of 125. Reminds you of Nino Piasani, the Mexican, who said golf courses are meant for deals, big deals: the golf is secondary.

Sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-11.
✓ Tick the Correct Answer
(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 3, 1995)

1. The building containing a cycle-racing track is a
Olympia Velodrome Bikaner
2. The maximum that winners can score in a volleyball game is
15 points 17 points 21 points
3. "Fresh" is a term used in
Table Tennis Swimming Hockey
4. The 1995 SAF games will begin in Madras from
December 22 December 28 December 31
5. In night cricket the ball is usually
Red Black White

Name: _____
Class: _____ Roll No: _____
School Address: _____
Phone: (if any) _____

- Rules:**
1. The Sports WHIZZ KID Competition is a property of The Daily Star.
 2. The Competition is open only to school-going children.
 3. Participants should send only Sports WHIZZ KID Competition Form printed in The Daily Star. No photo copies or any other duplication of the form shall be accepted.
 4. Entries should be posted or hand-delivered to Sports WHIZZ KID competition, The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205.
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 6. Results shall be published in The Daily Star the following Saturday after closing.
 7. The first five correct entries drawn shall be declared as the Sports WHIZZ KIDS of the week.
 8. Sports WHIZZ KIDS shall collect from The Daily Star prize books worth Tk. 200 on presenting an identification letter from their respective Heads of the school.
 9. The decision of The Daily Star management shall be final and binding regarding any matter with respect to the Sport WHIZZ KID competition.
 10. Winners should submit p/p photographs by Thursday after results.
 11. Winners should collect their prizes from the sports section of The Daily Star on first Friday after results between 8-10 p.m.
- (Rules published every Saturday)

Handy Marathon
Bangladesh
finish second

Bangladesh secured second position in the 11th Handy Marathon, an event for the disabled persons, held in the Japanese city of Nagoya, reports UNB.

AKC win curtain raiser

Sports Reporter

Brief scores

SADHARAN BIMA: 89/9 (Jahangir 19; Durjoy 4/10)
ABAHANI: 90/4 in 23.3 overs (Pilot 39, Liton 31)



Abahani Kira Chakra began their new cricket season with a bang when they outplayed Sadharan Bima Sangstha by six wickets in their opening 16th Damal Summer tournament first round clash yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

In a low scoring encounter, Abahani had to chase a paltry score of 90 to win in 50 overs.

Skipper Akram Khan won the toss and invited Bima to bat. The insurance men were eventually restricted to 89 for nine in the morning session. Abahani, the defending champions, reached home in the 24th overs losing their top four batsmen.

It was the worst beginning for the Bima cricketers as the pre-lunch session against the lethal Abahani attack led by former national left-arm pacer Jahangir Alam Dulu and youngster Shihab.

After Dulu, who joined

Abahani this season from Biman, and Shihab got the early breakthrough, it was exciting young national all-rounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy who did the main damage to Bima taking four wickets with his orthodox off spin bowling.

Only four Bima batsmen reached the double figures, with Jahangir scoring the highest 19 and Sabbir not out on 13.

Durjoy, with his four-wicket haul, became the most successful bowler of the day having conceded only 10 runs in eight overs.

Dulu was also brilliantly economic as he bowled six overs and gave away only 5 runs for his only wicket of Bima opener Sezan who was caught behind after scoring only eight runs.

National all-rounder Enamul Haque Moni, Shihab and Rahat bagged one wicket each for the Dhanmondi outfit Abahani.

In reply, Abahani, also the joint league title holders along with their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club, began their chase on a promising note with their opening pair of Liton and Pilot scoring 73 runs in 15 overs.

Things looked a bit rosy for Bima in the 16th over when left arm spinner Rana

came to bowl and sent both the openers back to the pavilion in the spell of six balls. He bowled Pilot who was the highest scorer of the match with 39 off 48 balls which included seven boundaries, in his first delivery of the day and cagled the other opener Liton (31) in his final ball of the over Abahani were suddenly on 74 for two at the end of the 16th over.

Abahani, who lost the country's number one cricketer Minhazul Abedin Nannu this year to their rivals Mohammedan SC, lost two more wickets before they reached the target. Rana once again struck in his next over bowling Anup (2). The other batsman out Rahul (1) was caught by Sezan off Niaz.

After Rahul's departure which left Abahani on 81 for four in 20.1 overs, middle-order batsmen Durjoy and Moni steered their side safely home without any further damage; the winning run came from the third delivery of the 24th over.

Both Durjoy and Moni remained not out scoring nine and five runs respectively.

The winners will meet Wari Club in their final Group A first round match on November 5.

DeFreitas has last laugh



LONDON, Oct 27: A magazine paid damages on Thursday to a second cricketer it had offended with an article suggesting foreign-born players were not English enough to be committed to their national team, reports Reuter.

A lawyer for West Indian-born all-rounder Phillip DeFreitas, who moved to Britain 20 years ago when he was nine, accepted the "substantial" but undisclosed libel damages from Wisden Cricket Monthly at a London high court.

In July Wisden's published his photograph with an article entitled "Is it in the blood?" which suggested overseas players, especially West Indians or Asians — that is, blacks — would lack real commitment to the England team.

They would be motivated solely by a desire for personal advancement and achieve-

ment," the article said. It was written by a contributor and has been disowned by the magazine, one of the most popular covering England's national summer sport.

The Derbyshire county all-rounder, who is spending the winter playing for Boland in South Africa, was not in court but considered the allega-

tions entirely untrue, racist and highly offensive, his solicitor said.

He said DeFreitas, one of the country's top cricketers, regarded himself as English and had learned all his skills here.

He had always been a fully committed England player and supporter and took great pride in playing for his country.

The magazine's legal representative said Wisden's now realised the article should never have been published.

The monthly, sister publication to the cricketers' Bible, "Wisden Cricketers' Almanack," had already published an apology and was happy to repeated it in public, and agreed to pay DeFreitas his damages and legal costs, he said.

Last week Wisden's paid another West-Indian born English cricketer international, fast bowler Devon Malcolm, "substantial" damages and apologised to him for the same article.

Millwall declare fan persona non grata

LONDON, Oct 27: A fan who made a death threat to a visiting team's goalkeeper was banned for life by English First Division club Millwall on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Millwall, who have a record of crowd trouble, acted swiftly to ban the fan and another who also tried to get on to their pitch at the end of their English League Cup 2-0 defeat by Sheffield Wednesday on Wednesday.



Nibedita Das of Bangladesh Biman poses after winning her eighth gold in 200m backstroke. — Star photo

Winners of WHIZZ KID-9



1. Syed Nassif Zubayer
Banani Bidyaniketan Dhaka



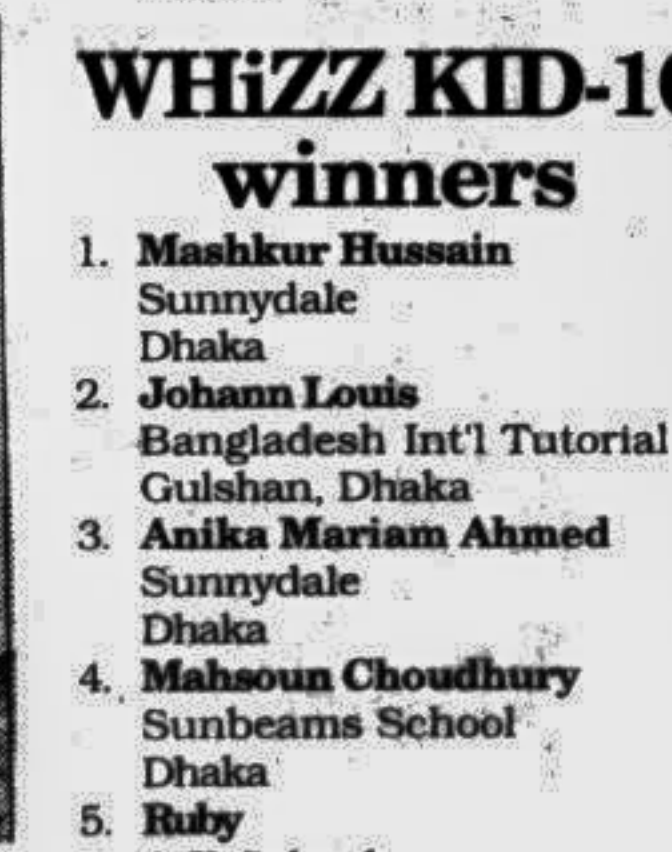
3. Mohammad Hossain
Oxford Int'l School Dhaka



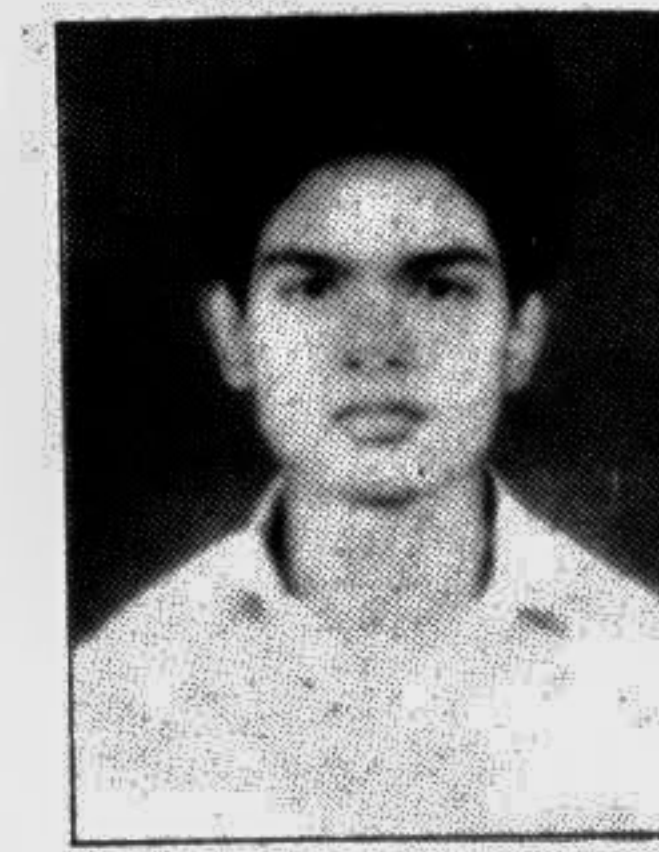
4. Rafia Mariam Ahmed
Sunnydale Dhaka



2. Mursheda Sharmeen
Scholastica, Gulshan, Dhaka



1. Mashkur Hussain
Sunnydale Dhaka



5. Rana
A K High School

WHIZZ KID-10 winners

1. Mashkur Hussain Sunnydale Dhaka
2. Johann Louis Bangladesh Int'l Tutorial Gulshan, Dhaka
3. Anika Mariam Ahmed Sunnydale Dhaka
4. Mahsoun Choudhury Sunbeams School Dhaka
5. Ruby A K School (Please send your photographs).

Nat'l swimming ends

BKSP rule the pool

BKSP clinched the championships of the 15th national age-group competition that concluded at the Mirpur Swimming Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

They snatched 23 golds, 9 silvers and 8 bronzes.

Bangladesh Biman finished second bagging 22 golds, 13 silvers and 17 bronzes while Bangladesh Ansars became third collecting 20 golds, 27 silvers and 17 bronzes.

On the closing day, 32 events were decided with 15 new marks being established. With this, 50 records were set up in 100 events in the three day meet.

Jewel Ahmed, a BKSP student of the 13-14 age-group, captured nine golds and created eight new marks.

He won both 100-metre freestyle and 200-metre butterfly with new timings in both events.

Abdul Hamid Ripon, a youth swimmer of Bangladesh Biman, won golds in all the 8 events he participated. He set new national marks in all these events. He won golds in both 200-metre individual medley and 100-metre freestyle.

In women's section, Nibedita Das of Bangladesh Biman in 15-17 age-group, won 9 golds with six national records.

Das, a XII class student of Rajbari College, won two golds in 800-metre freestyle and 200-metre backstroke with new marks in both events.

Deputy Minister for LGED Abdul Hai distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Nat'l junior U-14 tennis

Sport Reporter

Nadim Kamran Khan of Chittagong, Sheikh Sirajul Majid of Rajshahi and six boys from Dhaka — Babu Lal, Tahsin Noor Khan, Iftekhar Morshed, Syed Aziz Raj and Kanchan Ram — moved into the boy's singles quarter finals of the national junior (U-14) tennis championships yesterday. They won their respective pre-quarterfinals at the National Tennis Complex, Ramna.

In the days matches, Rohan outplayed Alamgir Hossain of Dhaka 6-0, 6-0. Babu Lal beat Shafiqur Rahman of Rajshahi 6-2, 6-2. Tahsin defeated Kabir of Dhaka Officers' Club 6-4, 6-4. Morshed outmastered Niamatullah of Rajshahi 6-3, 6-3. Raj overpowered ASA Nahian of Dhaka 6-1, 6-0; and Sirajul beat Aminul Haque Rana of Rajshahi 6-3, 6-4.

The quarterfinals of boy's singles will be held this morning (8:30 am) while the girls event will start in the afternoon at the same venue.

China beat Colombia 2-1

BEIJING, Oct 27: China's national team handed Colombia a 2-1 defeat in a soccer friendly at Beijing's Workers' Stadium on Thursday, the second defeat in as many games in the South American squad's tour of China, reports Reuter.

To the delight of more than 60,000 noisy fans, China used superior speed and repeated attacks down the flanks to overcome Colombia's trademark short passing game, the official Xinhua news agency said today. The home side led 1-0 at half-time.

China's Hao Haidong scored first in the 35th minute, heading in a pass in the penalty area.

The Colombians went on the offensive in the second half, unleashing four shots on goal in the first 15 minutes after the break, but failed to find the net.

China scored again in a quick counter-attack in the 63rd minute, Li Bin nodding in a quick lob from Gao Feng. Colombia finally reduced the margin in the 81st minute when veteran Alexis Mendoza scored during a goal-mouth melee.

The visitors lost 1-0 on Tuesday to club side Guangdong Hongyuan in Guangzhou, capital of Southern Guangdong province.

WHIZZ KID-10 correct answers

1. Playing for Argentina. Maradona wears jersey number
Ans: 10
2. Bull's eye is a term used in
Ans: Archery
3. In snooker, the number of red ball are
Ans: 15
4. The Moscow Olympics were held in
Ans: 1980
5. The reigning world squash champion is
Ans: Jansher



The victorious BSKP natants who became champions in the boys' group at the end of the 15th national age-group championship at the Mirpur Swimming Complex yesterday. They collected 23 golds. — Star photo

Opee 126, season's first

Brief scores

SURJO TARUN: 193/9 (Ekram 48; Timeer 3/28)
VICTORIA: 194/7 in 43.1 overs (Opee 126)



Promising youngster Mehrob Hossain Opee made a perfect start to his season by hitting a scintillating century as his side, Victoria Sporting Club, eased to a three-wicket victory against Surjo Tarun Club on the opening day of the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament at the City Club Ground in Mirpur yesterday.

when the two shared a first wicket stand of 97. After



OPEE ... 126

Opee amassed a brilliant 126 runs as his team easily reached their target of 194 for the loss of seven wickets with six overs and five balls to spare while chasing their opponents' total of 193 for from the allotted fifty overs.

The foundation for the victory was laid by Opee and his opening partner Sajid Hassan

Sajid, a member of the national pool, was run out for 24 made from 41 deliveries, the wickets started to fall regularly with all the other batsmen failing to reach double figures.

But Opee carried on the lone battle hitting the Surjo Tarun bowlers all around the

tiny ground and reached three figures in only 102 balls. His 170-minute stay at the wicket finally came to an end when Towhidul Islam Chapal caught him off the bowling of Shams Arefin in the 42nd over. By then Opee had cracked 15 fours and a sixer in his 127-ball innings and his team was securely placed at 190 for 6.

Earlier, in the morning session, Victoria's skipper Azhar Hossain Shantoo won the toss and sent Surjo Tarun to bat under a clear blue sky. The Dhanmondi side had to cope with a thrifty Victoria attack in struggling to reach their ultimate score. Mohibul Ahsan Shaon scored the highest 48 runs, including a four and two sixes while opener Nurul Hadi chipped in with a useful knock of 31.

Of the Victoria bowlers, pacer Tanveer Ahmed Timmer returned with figures of a 3 for 28 from his ten overs while Ekramul Islam took 2 for 39. Their Indian recruit Visal Singh Yadav gave away 27 from his 8 overs, capturing two wickets.

Ma back in business



BEIJING, Oct 27: China's sports authorities have rehabilitated the country's most famous athletics coach, Ma Junren, as they prepare for the Atlanta Olympics, reports AFP.

Ma's return to favour has capped an extraordinary week for Chinese athletics with the coach revealing his latest 15-year-old protégé and sealing a reconciliation with star runner Wang Junxia.

One year ago as Ma Junren's army of runners was starting to collapse, leading

sports officials condemned his training tactics and insular attitude.

But the new official view of Ma was given at China's Urban Games by Yuan Weimin, deputy chairman of the State Sports Commission.

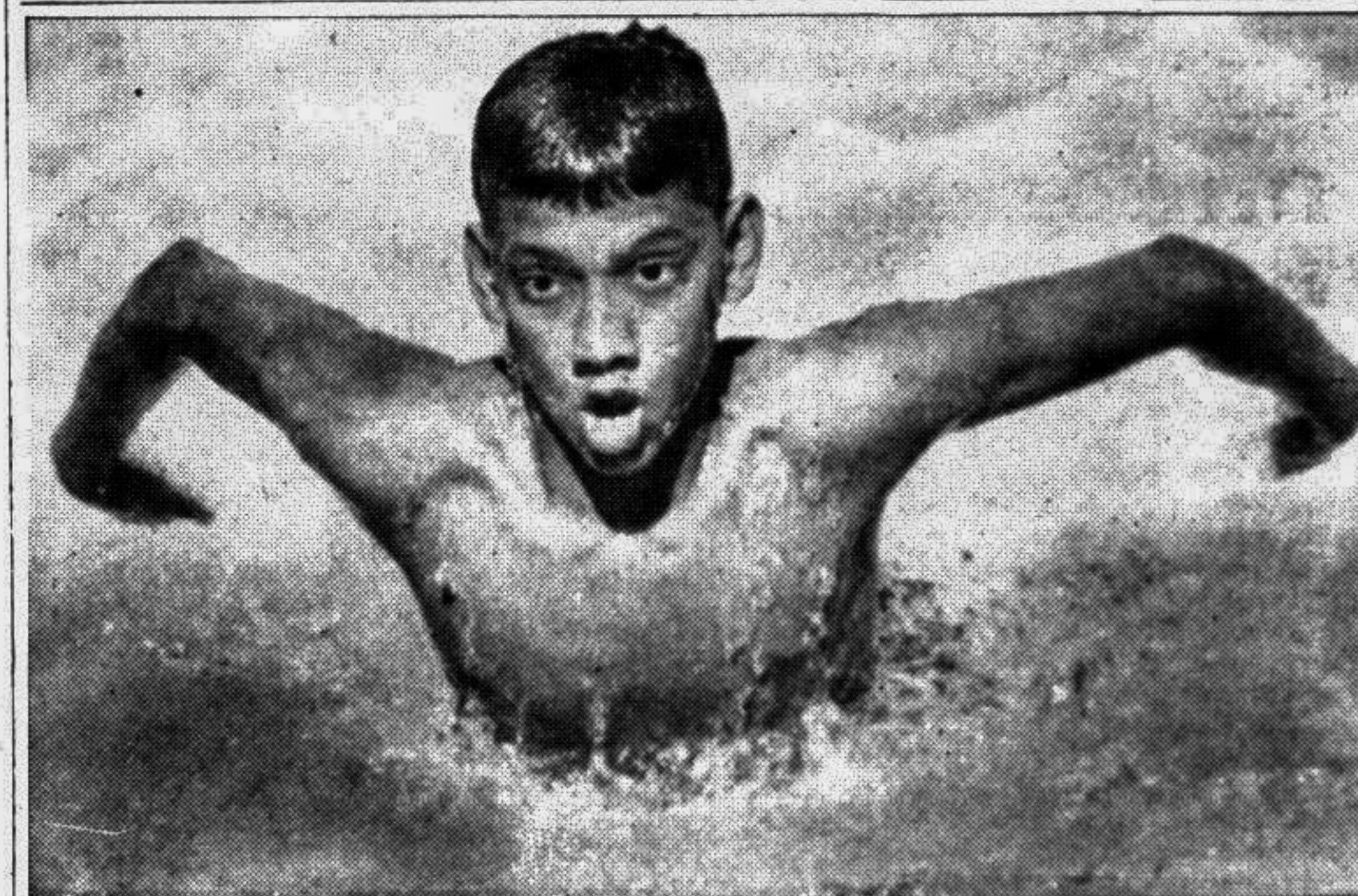
"Ma is an ordinary man. He makes errors, he has his faults," Yuan told the Shanghai daily. "But we should concentrate on his qualities, encourage him and congratulate him for what he has done for Chinese sport."

Yuan highlighted that Ma's aim was to prepare for next year's Olympics and he called on the Chinese press to "be more indulgent" toward the

supercoach. Sports officials have recently started emphasising the need for a good show in Atlanta to boost a possible bid to stage the Olympics in 2004.

Ma sprang to international fame in 1993 when his female runners, led by Wang Junxia, Qu Yunxia and Liu Dong took the World Athletics Championships by storm, dominating the long distance races.

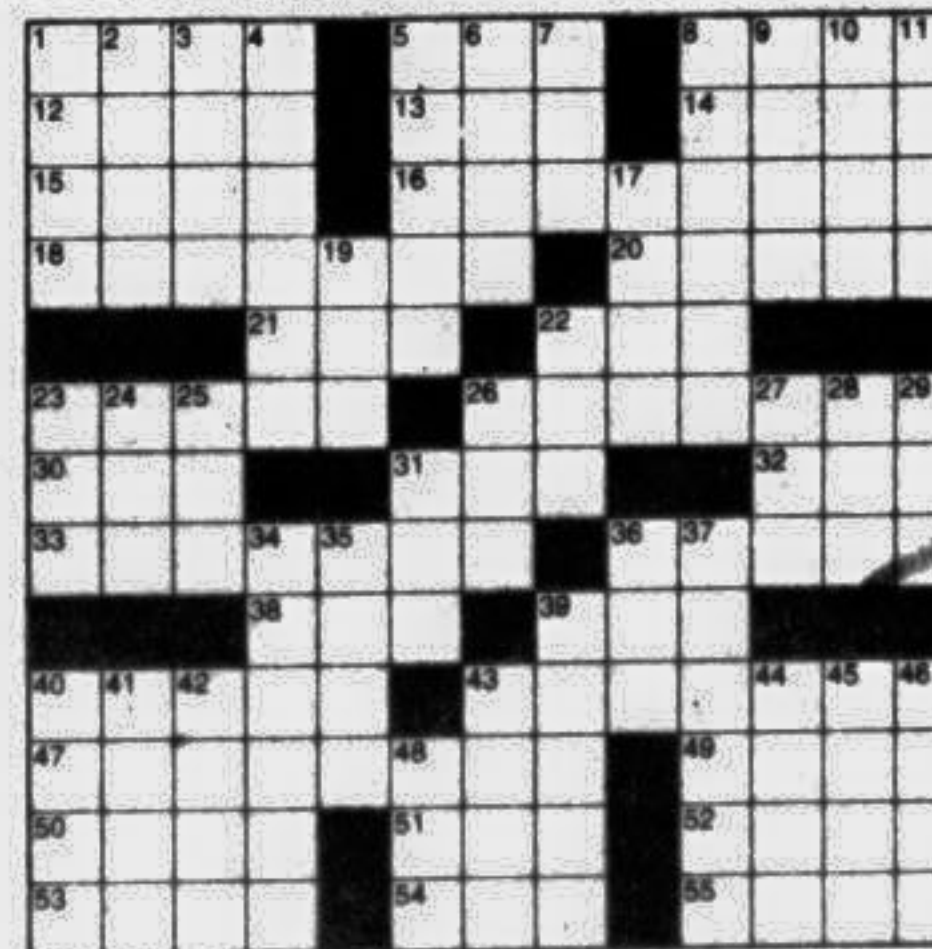
Tales of Ma's secret potion, containing turtle's blood and other mysterious ingredients, fed to his so-called family army, fuelled the Ma enigma.



Jewel Ahmed of BKSP, who won nine golds with eight new records, in action in the boys' 200m butterfly. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Long cut
 - 5 Nay
 - 6 Cupid's
 - 12 Bruin's
 - 13 State
 - 14 Options list
 - 15 "maids"
 - 16 Legendary
 - 18 Trappings
 - 20 External
 - 22 Petrol
 - 23 Add on
 - 26 Work unit
 - 30 Roman
 - 31 Painter's
 - 32 Honest
 - 33 Wilder
 - 36 Sensational
 - 38 The whole
 - 39 Proscript
 - 40 Eponym
- DOWN**
- 4 Mc
 - 7 Garrett's
 - 9 One more
 - 10 Never
 - 11 O'Hara
 - 14 Norm
 - 15 Writer
 - 16 Kingsley
 - 17 Slave
 - 18 Scott
 - 19 NBA coach
 - 21 Secured
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 - 26 Butcher's
 - 27 Previously
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CRYPTOQUIP

RIK ZAFYG LER GYJ
BIID ZEX GYEG
XJCJXGJH LEXHBEJD
YEH AG CJDRIKFY

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IS IT A FOWL SIGN THAT THE INDIFFERENT OWLS DON'T EVER GIVE A HOOT?

Today's Cryptogram clue: B equals P

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals V, 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.