

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT usually unsynchronised watches are a common cause of delays, but there is one incident in the domain of sports when wrong calendars upset the Olympic Games arrangements.

The Greeks, in their bid to create a good impression, did everything forgot one very important thing. The Greeks were still using the Julian calendar, which differed eleven days from the Gregorian calendar.

For me, the incident is a reflection on the prevailing Olympic spirit at the time. A fiasco such as this now would put the Olympic Games in jeopardy.

SPORTS TALK



Lev Yashin

(Legendary Soviet goalkeeper) "Football has taught me the art of living. I believe in football. You want me to talk about football? It is like talking about the sea which is beautiful, endless and never repetitive."

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published every Saturday).

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-11.

Table with 5 questions about sports trivia, including cycling tracks, volleyball, and cricket.

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Bridge contest

The Bangladesh Bridge Federation will hold a team bridge tournament at the Officers' Club, Bailey Road, at 5.30 pm on November 4 to facilitate the participation of three teams from Bangladesh in the Indian national championships to be held in Madras from December 13, reports BSS.

Army v'ball

RANGPUR, Oct 30: Comilla, Jessore, Bogra and Rangpur Area moved into the semifinals of the Army volleyball championship at the Rangpur Cantonment here today, reports UNB.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

16th Damal Summer cricket: Eskaton SS vs Lalmatia Club (DCS) Wari Club vs S Bima KS (CCG)



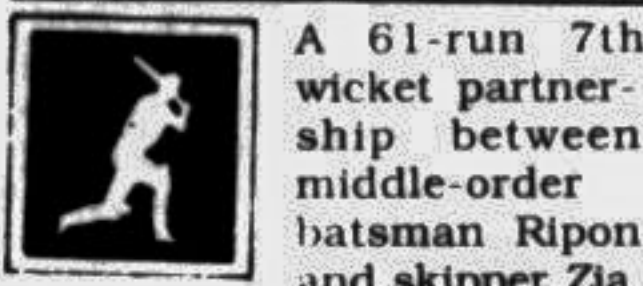
An unidentified Gopibagh FA batsman wildly swings his bat in vain off a delivery from Kalabagan's national pacer Saiful Islam during yesterday's Damal Summer cricket match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. — Star photo

Gulshan wag long tail

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

Dhanmondi: 127 in 47 overs (Mohammad 36; Babu 2/12, Talha 2/18, Zia 2/13). Gulshan Youth: 129/6 in 38.1 overs (Ripon 48*, Zia 30*)



A 61-run 7th wicket partnership between middle-order batsman Ripon and skipper Zia salvaged Gulshan Youth out of deep waters to record a sensational 4-wicket victory over Dhanmondi Club in their inaugural 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament engagement at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

the first match of their season: the Premier Division outfit ultimately scoring 129 for 6 with 11.5 overs to spare. Coming in to bat at No 5 and with the score on 36 for 3, Ripon saw two of his partners fall in quick succession to suddenly find his team stranded at 37 for 5. He immediately set his mind on stabilising the innings with a 31-run sixth-wicket partnership with tail-ender Md Ali, who scored a painstaking 5 runs off 38 deliveries.

Zia joined Ripon after Md Ali was caught by Tushar off Debu with the score on 68. The two needed just 13.3 overs to gather the 61 more runs required for victory. Ripon missed a half-century by just two runs during his 62-ball performance which included six boundaries while the skipper needed 49 balls to score his 30, inclusive of four hits to the fence. Both batsmen re-

mained not out. Of the Dhanmondi bowlers, pacesman Bipul bowled economically to return with figures of 10-3-17-1 while Pappu picked up two wickets for 32 off nine overs. Earlier, in the morning, an accurate bowling display by their opponents booked Dhanmondi within a paltry 127 runs in 47 overs, after the Division One team was sent in to bat by the Gulshan skipper.

Pacers Babu and Talha were most effective with two wickets each for 12 and 18 runs respectively from their 9 overs. Zia, who seemed to be getting everything right yesterday, chipped in with two more for only 13 runs. Mohammad was the only mentionable Dhanmondi wicket-taker with 36 runs including a six and five fours. The winners take on lowly City Club on November 4 while Dhanmondi face an uphill battle against title aspirants Brothers Union on November 2.



TIPUS Tuesday TIPS

Winning the ball

POSSESSION is everything in football. No team can play without the ball, and good teams are not going to give it away very often. Tackling is the most obvious way of trying to regain that possession. While the emphasis in defence on organisation and denying space has undermined its role, and while the emphasis in attack on teamwork and interpassing has made it less common, tackling remains a crucial and irreplaceable part of defensive play.

Secondly, where and when you tackle is as important as how you tackle. If you are exposed and left alone to face an attacker in a dangerous position, there is usually more profit in delaying and backing off, in denying his space and trying to jockey him away from the danger zone, then in diving in and risking all. Commit yourself only if you have cover or there really is no choice.

thus make the tackle when you are as sure as you can be in the circumstances that you will win the day. Thirdly, when you do tackle, make it count. Half-hearted challenges not only increase the chance of failure, they also increase the chance of your getting hurt.

Not only does a good tackle stop an attack, it can also, by winning the ball, set up attacks against a side which at that moment is vulnerable to the quick counter. There are times, too, when only a tackle will save the day, and there are occasions when a poor tackle will cost your team a match.

Ideally, of course, the tackle should be as the player receives the ball, while he is concentrating on controlling it. If he has settled on the ball, the approach must be more cautious. Fools rush in to tackle then, with a good chance of being beaten and thus putting team-mates under pressure. You must try to provoke him into a definite move; perhaps an error when he allows the ball to get that little bit too far from him — and then pounce.

Be quick into the tackle, quick out of the tackle and quick after the tackle. You should try and manoeuvre your opponent into a position where you can decide the timing of the tackle, where his chances of avoiding the tackle are small as possible and where, if the tackles does fail, the mistake is least costly. You should



Diego Maradona, the hardest man to be tackled, is being challenged by Dunga of Brazil during a 1990 World Cup finals. — Star file photo

Nadim, Shefat U-14 tennis champions

Sports Reporter

Nadim Kamran Khan of Chittagong clinched the national under-14 tennis championship boys' title when he defeated Syed Aziz Raj of Dhaka in the final at the Ramna National Tennis Complex in city yesterday. In a rather one-sided affair, Nadim Kamran, the better built of the two, easily romped past his opponent with a scoreline of 6-2, 6-1. Nadim Kamran and Raj had earlier defeated Siko of Rajshahi and Kanchan Ram of Dhaka respectively in the semifinals.

Shefat Nusrat Baishakhi ran away with the girls' title after her 6-0, 6-3 whitewash of Obhi in the championship final. In the boys' doubles final, Raj and Turjo came back from behind with a valiant display to overcome Nadim Kamran and Kanchan Ram 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Army rule the ring

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army dominated yesterday's final bouts of the 18th national senior boxing championships as they ran away with four titles out of six at the Mohammed Ali Boxing Stadium in the city yesterday. The army offensive began when Habildar Khademul Islam lifted the super heavyweight (over 91 kg) title. His encounter with Lance Naik Saiful Islam of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) was stopped by the referee in the first round. In the next bout, another armyman, Naik Alauddin Sheikh knocked out Ln Nk Ayub Ali of BDR to clinch the heavyweight (under 91 kg) crown. Alauddin's teammate Ln Nk Abdur Rahim Chowdhury dealt a similar blow to his opponent, Abu Saeed of Bangladesh Police in the final of the light heavyweight (under 81 kg) category. The fourth triumph for the soldiers was achieved by Habildar Moniruzzaman when he won the welterweight (under 67 kg) final after M S Abedin of the navy retired from the bout. Army could have increased their tally to six if two more of their finalists had not gone down. Ln Nk Zulfikar Ali of BDR defeated Habildar Ismail Hossain on points in the middleweight (under 75 kg) division while Abu Salek of Bangladesh Ansar won the light middleweight title (under-71 kg) as the referee stopped contest against Ln Nk Zainul Abedin in the second round.

Myanmar quadrangular tourney Bangladesh's hopes alive

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh, who suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of hosts Myanmar in their quadrangular invitational football tournament opener, rekindled a glimmer of hopes for a berth in the final when they record a lone goal win over Singapore Armed Forces at the Aung Sun Memorial Stadium in Yangon yesterday. The match was telecast live by the state run Myanmar television.

After surviving an early scare with a Singapore stalwart hitting a fierce shot against the near post, Bangladesh scored the winner from a counter-attack two minutes later. Masud Rana, who was fielded in the first eleven instead of an injured midfielder Barun Bikash Dewan, after playing a couple of one-two with Rakib floated a swerving cross into the heart of the Singapore box and a lurking Ranjan made no mistake in stabbing the ball home from close. On a soggy and uneven pitch Bangladesh, which

went through a couple of changes after the debacle against Myanmar on Thursday, created two more chances during the first half. But striker Mizan and Ranjan spoiled those easy sitters shooting wide off the mark. Bangladesh's German coach Otto Pfister, who is preparing the national team for the forthcoming South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in the Indian city of Madras in December, dropped Alfaz, custodian Pannu and an injured Barun from the regular eleven. The three were replaced by Arman, Ponir and Masud Rana respectively; the last named playing extremely well as a libero. Besides, young right-back Hassan-al Mamun, who was running a fever during the first match of Bangladesh, made his debut for the national team when he came as a substitute for a tired Arman during the last quarter of the match.



Shefat Nusrat Baishakhi stoops to retrieve the ball during her national under-14 championships girls' final against Obhi. Shefat won the match 6-0, 6-3. — Star photo

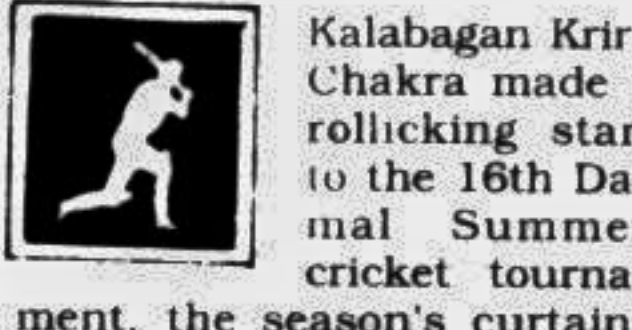
But surprisingly Pfister continued his faith on midfielder Azimuddin, who oblivious of the simple fact that football is a game of eleven players, ran listlessly throughout the 90-minute encounter without any understanding with his team-mates. Ranjan also produced the same bizarre display of running with the ball till he lost control over it. Despite the wandering, abouts of Azimuddin and Ranjan, Bangladesh got two-in-one chance to double the margin shortly after the breather. But after Rakib's neat floater from the left-flank rebounded off the cross-piece Mizan shot straight to the Singapore custodian. On the other hand, Singapore spoiled a golden chance of an equalizer midway through the second half when their substitute (Jersey No 2) struck the side net with an helpless custodian Ponir at his mercy. Ponir had earlier made two brilliant diving saves to ensure Bangladesh crawled home with their early goal.

Kalabagan outdo Gopibagh

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

Gopibagh: 167/8 (Anwarul 44, Azimul 35; Saikat 3/20, Saiful 3/34). Kalabagan: 168/2 in 35.5 overs (Nobel 53*, Faruque 54)



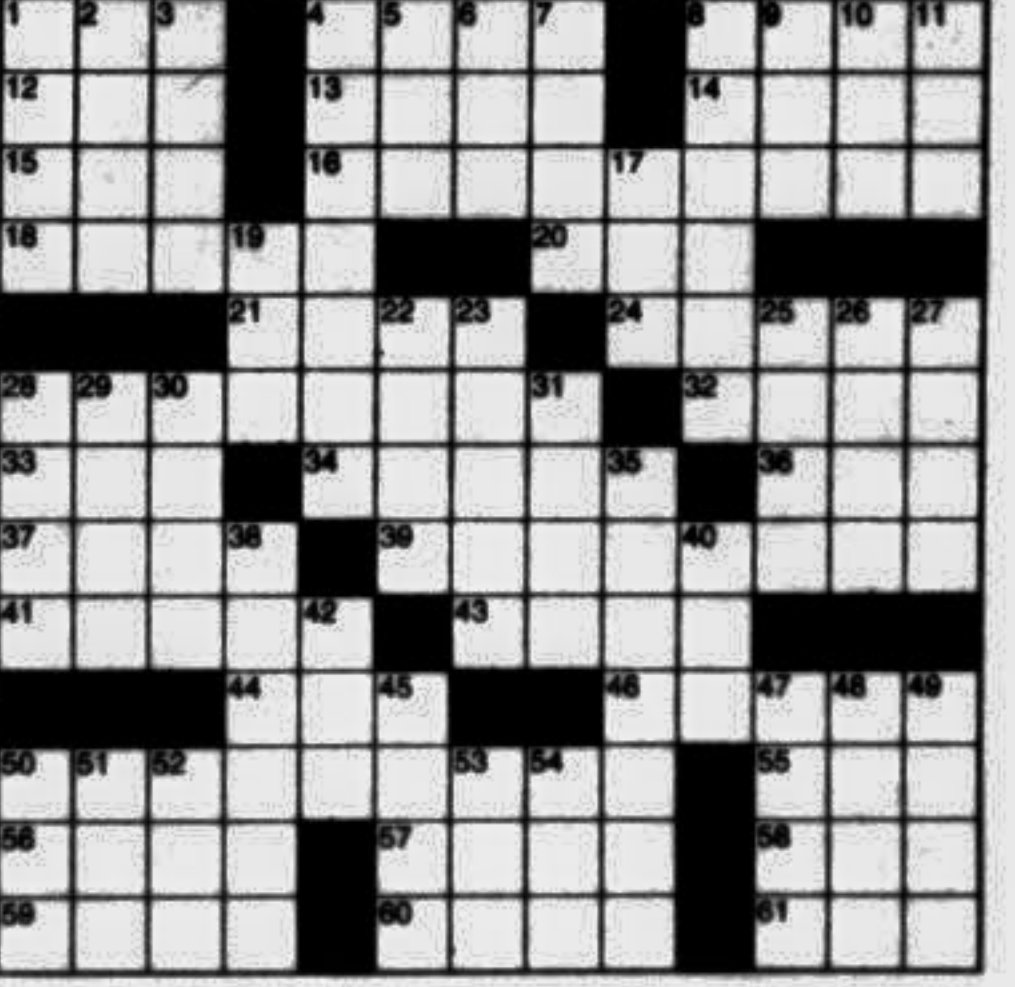
Kalabagan Krira Chakra made a rollicking start to the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament, the season's curtain-raiser meet, when they sent packing a helpless Gopibagh Friends Association by eight-wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. The star-studded new-town outfit, aided by two brilliant half-centuries, made light work of a modest Gopibagh total of 167 on their way to amass the required runs for the loss of only two wickets and with more than fourteen overs to spare in the allotted 50 overs. The facile victory for Kalabagan was mainly due to a 98-run partnership for the second wicket between skipper Faruque Ahmed and opener Nurul Abedin Nobel. After a brisk start, with Kalabagan losing their tall opener Zahid Razzak Masum (16) for 37 runs on board, Faruque, the scapegoat of

Bangladesh's failed Kenya mission, joined force with the elder brother of Minhazul Abedin Nannu to propel his team close to victory. It was a perfect start for Faruque, the former national skipper, who hammered a swashbuckling 54 off 77 balls which included seven sweetly-timed hits to the fence. The polished half-century will certainly boost Faruque's morale, as he had a rather disappointing season with the willow last year. On the other hand Nobel, who joined Kalabagan after Mohammedan Sporting Club ignored the seasoned right-handed bat, remained unbeaten on a 89-ball 53 as his side rattled up the victory target of 168 in 35.3 overs. Nobel clubbed four fours. Meanwhile, the day also marked the introduction of the first foreign player-of-the-season when Shome Kapoor of India, came in at number four after the departure of Faruque. Kapoor scored a blistering unbeaten 27 off 21 balls. The right-handed middle-order batsman hammered four boundaries and a sixer in his whirlwind innings. Earlier, sent in to bat, Gopibagh were restricted to 167 for eight in their share of 50 overs in the face of some accurate bowling from

seamer Saiful Islam and discarded national left-arm spinner Sharfuddin Ibn Shaheed Saikat, who evenly shared six wickets among them. For the Gopibagh boys, it was only Anwarul Islam and Azimul Huq, who offered some sort of cricketing pleasure scoring 44 and 35 respectively. New-ball bowler Saiful, who after a successful domestic season last year, made a rebounding start for his new team when he claimed three wickets for 34 runs in his 10 overs. But it was Saikat, who returned with the fantastic figures of 10-0-20-3 which included the prized scalps of Anwar and Azim. Kalabagan will take on Surjo Tarun in the next Group B league match on November 3 while Gopibagh will meet last year's runners-up Victoria SC on November 2. Inter services hockey JESSORE, Oct 30: Bangladesh Navy earned full points in the inter services hockey championship defeating Bangladesh Air Force 3-2 at the BAF Base Matuar Rahman here today, reports UNB.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP: A K H K J R A E O X Y T K Z O X S Z X Y P S N K J M T P J D D X P A J P S R D B H K N H J M E A K Y Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WERE THE ECONOMIC HOCKEY PLAYERS KNOWN SIMPLY AS CHEAP SKATES? Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals C 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.