

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT club and national blazers were always a big thing. Of course, there are far more clubs giving out blazers these days than, say, twenty years back. Nowadays, universities and colleges also have their logos emblazoned on the left pockets of colourful coats.

In some cases, unfortunately though it may be, rifts between players and officials are not unknown; the issue being issuance of blazers.

Some players must need several wardrobes to hang their annual blazers that they receive from clubs and federations. Giving only the pockets when the second blazer is due is also practised.

With the advent of winter, shops must be hoarding yards of cloth of various hues and tailor masters must be sharpening their scissors.

But, exactly when and where did this blazer culture begin? Well, the unlikely place where it all took off was Mexico and in a sport Mexico is not famous for.

The Mexican Cricket Union were in 1836, the first to use a blazer as an official uniform for a sports club.

Sports WHIZZ KID

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

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-12

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 10, 1995)

- 1. What is Star TV's sports channel? ESPN, Prime Sports, Sports Star
2. What is Brian Lara's middle name? Charles, George, Young
3. Pete Sampras won the Wimbledon singles title twice, three, four times
4. The Nawab of Patandi is married to Ms. Sit, Rahnoon, Tagore
5. Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka in 1995 at Yangon by 1-0, 2-1, 3-2

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SPORTS TALK



Pele

(Football legend) The German team is like a car that moves at only one speed - very fast. In games with a slow rhythm, the Germans just disappear.

BAWF names squad

Sports Reporter The Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation (BAWF) has announced a 15-member team for the forthcoming 7th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games scheduled to begin in the Indian city of Madras from December 18.

TORDAY'S FIXTURES

16th Damal Summer Cricket: GMCC vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (City Club ground) International Volleyball: Bangladesh vs Nepal (National Indoor Stadium, Mirpur, 2:15 pm).

Kalabagan pip Victoria

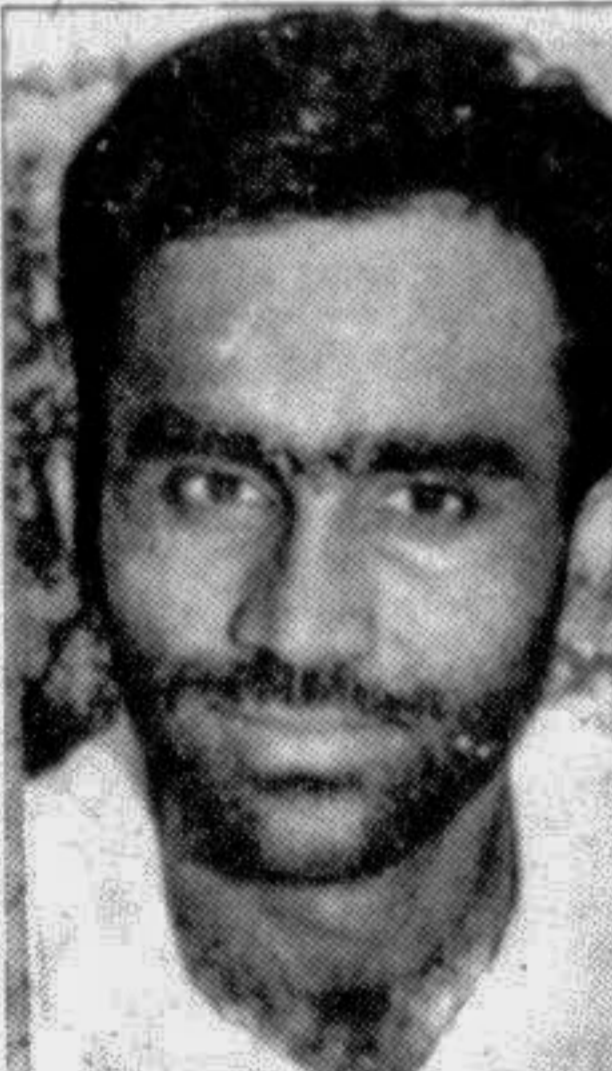
Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

Kalabagan KC: 230/8 (Mohammed Zahid 65, Saiful Islam 59, Shome Kapoor 30, Faruque 30, Nahid 5/42)
Victoria SC: 149 for all out in 41.5 overs (Saba Karim 66, Zakir Hossain 4/32, Saikat 2/34, Selim 2/5)



Kalabagan Kriya Chakra pipped Victoria Sporting Club to the post for a final round berth when they beat last year's runners-up by a massive margin of 81 runs in the last Group B engagement of the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament at Mirpur yesterday.



SABA KARIM ... 66

But the facile victory hardly reflected the course of the game at the tiny city club ground where a handsome cricket fans witnessed a fine batting display by Mohammed Zahid and Saiful Islam of Kalabagan and an watchful innings from Indian recruit Saba Karim for Victoria.

On a lively wicket the bowlers had also their share of honours with Victoria's young right-arm seamer Nahid finishing with a five-wicket haul while for Kalabagan new-ball bowler Zahir claimed four wickets.

It would have been a close match had not the Victoria top order produced irresponsible batting to pronounce their own doom.

If Victoria have to blame themselves for a premature exit from the season's curtain-raiser meet, Kalabagan owe a lot to their seamer Saiful Islam and Pakistani all-rounder Zahid for an easy passage into the final round.

In a great rescue act Saifur and Zahid shared a priceless 105 runs for the sixth wicket

to deadlift Kalabagan from a precarious 80/5 to a commanding total of 230 for eight in their share of 50 overs.

An ever energetic Zahid, who had played sheet anchor roles in many a victory for Kalabagan last season, though at the wrong end of his career, once again proved his class with a timely knock of 65 off 59 balls.

The ageing but agile left-handed batsman, who plays for Habib Bank in Pakistan, clubbed four fours and a towering sixer over off-spinner Shoab in his 76 ball stay at the crease.

Zahid, who is also a useful spinner, was eventually out in the 45th over when he missed a bowler on the day, and into the reliable hands of Shantoo at mid-on.

On the other hand, national right-arm seamer Saiful Islam, who was painfully axed by Abahani Kriya Chakra this year, continued his recently-found touch with the willow. The Mymensingh cricketer cracked an explosive 59 off 57 balls which included two sixes and as many fours.

Saifur pulled seamer Bobby over long-off for his first six as Kalabagan crossed the 200-mark. He then hit Nahid in the penultimate over for his second sixer before being bowled in the following delivery.

Apart from the two, skipper Faruque Ahmed and Indian Shome Kapoor, who shared 51 runs for the third wicket, chipped in with 30 each. Faruque hammered five fours in his patient 63-ball knock before Nahid had him caught brilliantly by the Indian wicketkeeper Saba Karim.

Faruque was Nahid's first of five victims which also included the prized scalps of Shome Kapoor, Zahid Ahmed and Saifur. Nahid finished with an enviable analysis of 10-3-42-5.

In reply, Victoria facing a daunting task of scoring more than 4.5 runs per over, made a disastrous start losing both their young openers Sajid Hassan and Mehrab Hossain Opee with the scoreboard reading at four for two.

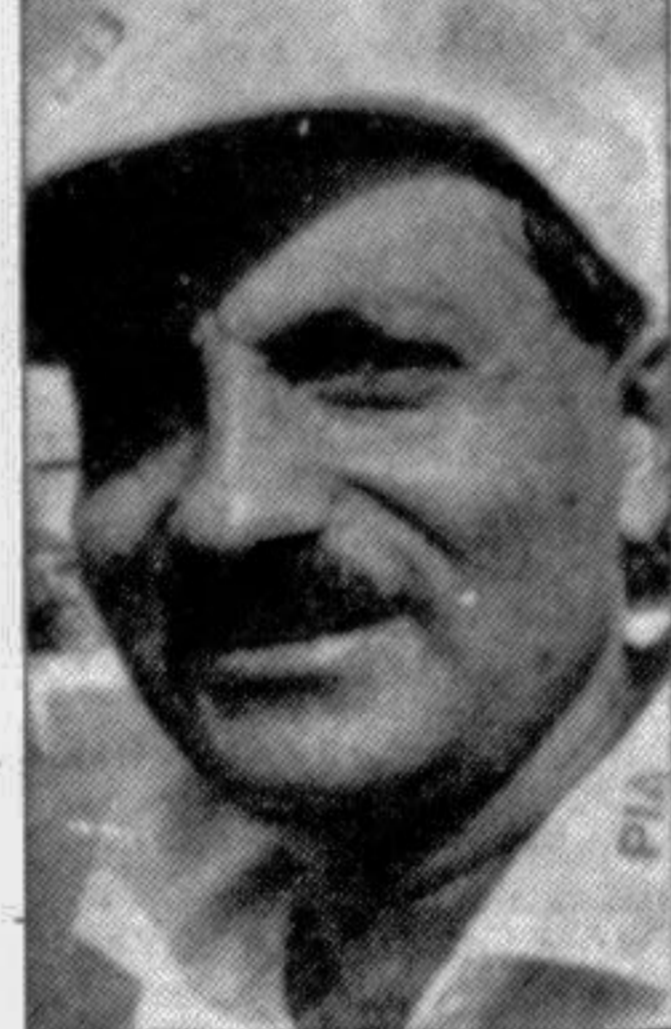
Sajid, a non-playing member of the disastrous Kenyan tour of Bangladesh, ran himself out while chasing a cheeky single in the very first over of the innings while Opee, who scored the season's first century, returned for a duck in the next over nicking a Zakir out-swinging to the reliable hands of young wicketkeeper Atiar.

Victoria's agony was exacerbated when one down Al Shariar Rokon (7) went to play Zakir on the back foot only to be trapped leg before, reducing his side to 15 for three in 7.1 over.

Then came the brightest part of the Victoria innings with Saba Karim involving himself in a lone battle against the Kalabagan attack. The right-handed batsman, who helplessly watched the wickets fall at the other end at regular intervals, scored a brilliant 66 off 76 balls in his Dhaka cricket debut.

With the local batsmen finding it tough going against some accurate Kalabagan attack, Karim, who scored a double century recently for the Indian West Zone, milked his runs.

The 27-year old Calcutta-



ZAHID AHMED ... 65

based cricketer, who toured West Indies with the Indian national team in 1989 and was also in the recently-concluded Sharjah Asia Cup as the second wicket-keeper, hammered nine sparkling boundaries and a massive six in his electrifying knock.

But once Karim was out in the 32nd over with the scoreboard reading at 127, caught at long-on off Zakir, Victoria's hopes of a fight-back was well and truly over. And eventually Victoria were skittled out for 149 in 41.1 overs.

Karim, who is scheduled to leave for Calcutta today, in a brief interview with this reporter said, "I would have loved to play till the end. But you see the run rate was increasing and so I had to go for my shots. Besides, we had lost three early wickets and there was no one around to keep the other end intact."

However, Karim, who hails from Patna, said, "I would love to play in Dhaka cricket."

Windies tour to Dhaka on

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), which is expecting a week-long tour of the West Indies U-19 team in the second week of this month, has announced the revised fixture for the three exhibition matches.

The maiden tour of an West Indies in the country which was earlier threatened by a week-long hartal called by the opposition parties, was salvaged following a plea by the BCCB recently.

BCCB, in a written statement to the major opposition parties, requested for relaxing the hartal.

In a recent development, the opposition political parties have relaxed their hartal programme to accommodate the wishes of millions of cricket fans.

The West Indies U-19 team, who are now in India, is scheduled to arrive in the capital on November 13. The visitors will play their first limited-over match against a Youth Eleven on November 14. They will play their second exhibition match against their Bangladesh counterparts on the next day and will take on a BCCB Eleven in their last match on November 17.

All the matches will be held at the Dhaka Stadium and expectedly on the artificial wicket, laid by the BCCB recently.

Meanwhile, the BCCB has also finalised the rate of tickets. They are:

Table with columns: Daily, Season, Eastern gallery, Western gallery, VIP enclosure 3-A/B

Bangladesh beat Nepal again

Bangladesh beat Nepal in the third exhibition volleyball match at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

The local side took 76 minutes to beat Nepal 15-11, 15-9, 15-3.

Bangladesh won the last two exhibition matches.

The next match will take place tomorrow.

Brothers Union in second round

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union: 198/9 in 50 overs (Shariar Islam Bidyut 60, 4x4, 6x2; Iqbal Hossain 44, 4x3, 6x3, 39 balls; Md. Salahuddin 30, 34 balls, Ashoke Malhotra 2/28)
Gulshan Youth: 179/9 in 50 overs (Md. Ali 42, 4x2, 6x2, Ashoke Malhotra 26, 6x1; Sajal Choudhury 2/39)
Brothers Union won by 19 runs and reached the second round.

AJAX WIN

(City Club Ground) Lalmita Club: 173/8 in 50 overs (FA Azam 30, Halim Babu 30, 4x2, 6x1, 27 balls, Zakir Hossain 28 m.o. Ashish 24, 4x3, SA Bipul 7-0-10-2)
Ajax Club: 174/7 in 47 overs (Md. Mursheed Alam 56, 4x4, 50 in 65 balls; Rafiqul Islam 39; L.H. Ripon 21 m.o. 4x3, 6x1, 14 balls, KF Ripon 2/22)
Ajax won by three wickets.

Fifty booters to fight for Golden Ball

PARIS, Nov 8: Fourteen non-European-eight from Latin America and six from Africa-were named Tuesday in a shortlist of 50 players from which this year's prestigious Golden Ball trophy winner will be chosen, reports Reuter.

The French soccer weekly France Football, which has conducted the annual poll of international soccer writers since 1956 to elect the trophy winner, widely known as "European-player-of-the-year," has changed its procedures this year.

The poll was previously restricted to Europeans but the criteria have been widened to include players of any nationality competing in Europe.

Among the non-Europeans eligible for the first time are Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta, Brazil's Bebeto, Anthony Yeboah of Ghana and Liberian George Weah.

Ironically, three players not born in Europe won the award in the first 10 years of its existence-Argentines Alfredo di Stefano and Omar Sivori and Eusebio of Mozambique-but all were qualified at the time to play for a European national team.

Journalists from 50 European countries will choose from the shortlist-itself and innovation this year. The winner will be announced on December 26.



A partial view of the First Division chess league now being held at the chess room of the National Sports Council. In a monotonous affair Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded yet another easy victory to maintain their all-win record, collecting full 24 points on completion of the sixth round yesterday. The league leaders are followed by Leonine Chess Club, Bangladesh Ansars and defending champions Biman, who raised their tally to 20, 16 and 15.5 respectively.

FEDERATION feedback Bangladesh Handball Federation



HANDBALL is a new game in Bangladesh. It was first introduced in the early eighties in the country. With its simplicity and because this is a six-a-side sport which needs a smaller space in comparison to football and cricket, handball has become a popular sport in Bangladesh within the last decade.

Although handball is an old Olympic discipline which was first officially played in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the game remained in the European domain till the end of the seventies. But with the formation of the Asian Handball Federation in 1974, the game is now widely popular among of the Asian nations.

Bangladesh Handball Federation was formed in 1984. From then onwards the game is now a regular event in our local sports arena. The girls in particular found the game very interesting because it suits their temperament well. They found it very easy to pickup and play. Thus, handball became a real popular event also among the Bangladeshi girls.

National Handball Championship was first organised in Dhaka in 1984. Out of ten championships held so far in both men's and women's group, only once in 1994 the men's championship was arranged outside the capital in Chittagong and the women's championships were arranged twice in Munshiganj. Today the activities of Bangladesh Handball Federation have spread all over the country. Regular handball tournaments for boys and girls are being arranged these days frequently in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country.

Under the auspices of the federation, each year, Federation Cup, National Summer Handball Tournament, Metropolitan Handball League, School Handball tournament and various courses are regularly organised.

Although the federation is fairly a new organisation in our local sports arena, it has proved its capabilities this year in successfully hosting the Sixth Commonwealth Youth Handball Championship last August at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium. This was the biggest international meet arranged in the history of Bangladesh handball. Beside hosting the tourney, our boys and girls displayed brilliant shows winning both the silvers.

Bangladesh boys team also participated in the fourth Commonwealth Handball in Delhi in 1991 and clinched the third position.

A Star Special

With the successful arrangement of the Sixth Commonwealth Youth Handball Championship, the game got a real breakthrough in Bangladesh. Our club teams also participated in Hong Kong and Malaysia in the International club championships and made significant contributions to the sports.

DS: Do you have any scouting system? How do you pickup new players?

Kohinoor: We organise the School Handball Tournament in Dhaka every year. Besides the Physical Education Directorate arranges National School Handball every year. These two tournaments are the main occasions to pickup new and emerging players.

DS: What are the sources you have to raise funds?

Kohinoor: As I have told you NSC has granted us taka three lakh this year. But to tell you frankly we don't know when we are going to get that because the year has started from June 1 and NSC is still quiet in this regard. Beside this grant, we have few corporate sponsors who help us to arrange various tournaments. But there is a problem here. The sponsors are only interested in sponsoring tournaments in Dhaka. If they were interested to sponsor tournaments outside the capital, things would be much more easy for us to rotate the National Championship across the country.

DS: There were no elections in your federation since it was formed. How long do you want to continue with this adhoc committee?

Kohinoor: Well it's a popular demand in our sports arena to have elections in the sports federations. But we can not do anything until the government is ready to hold elections. We could be more confident in our jobs had we been elected executives.

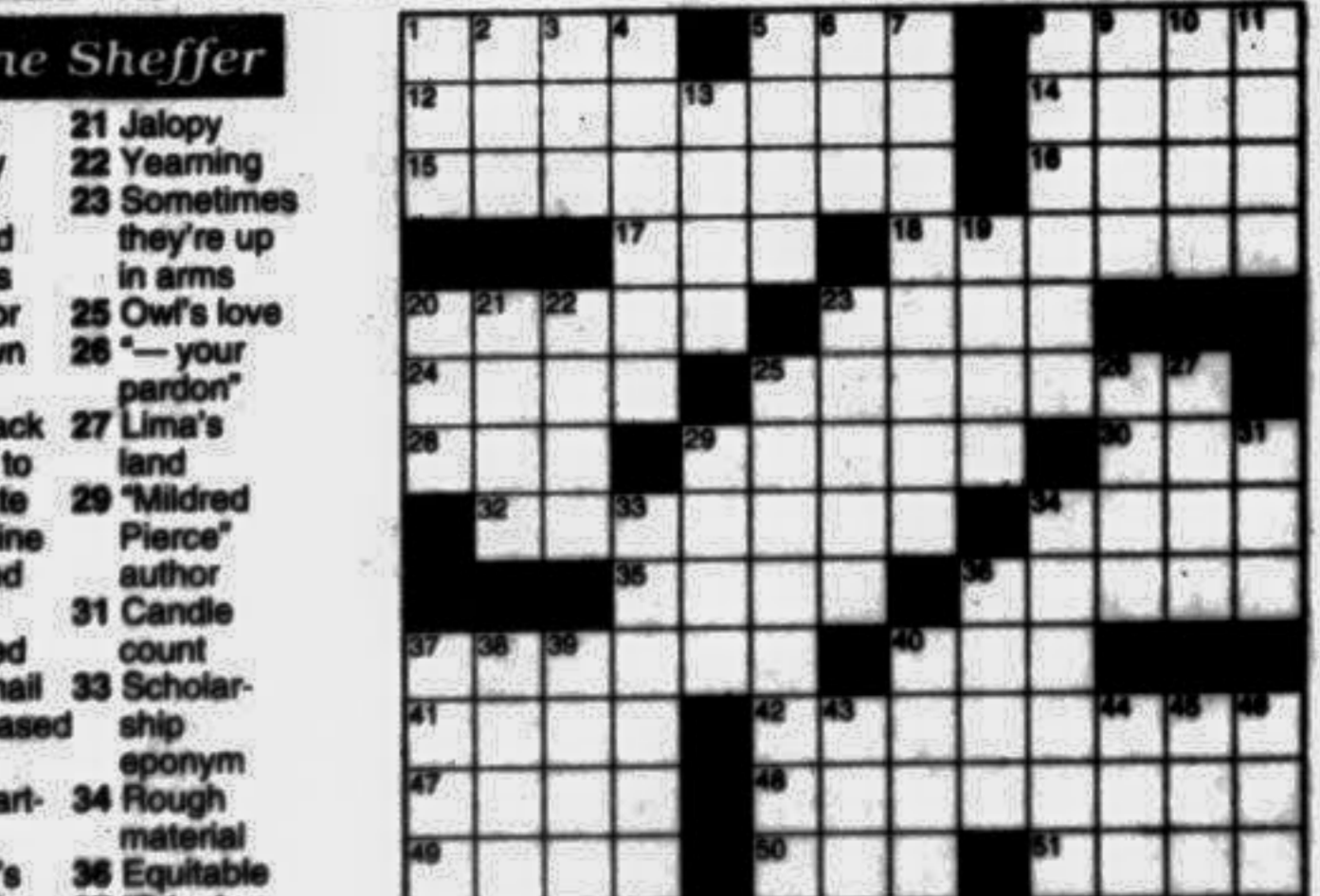
Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 8: Mohammedan Sporting Club earned full points beating Land-Customs 7-1 in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Mohammedans led the first half 1-0. Mohammedans striker Rezaul Karim Liton scored four goals with a brilliant hat-trick, while Nasir, Avijit and Sumon scored one goal each for the Mohammedans. Mededi scored the lone goal for Customs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Rudely abrupt, 5 Grate, 8 Rooster's topper, 12 Hole, 14 State, 15 Grows with joy, 16 Ship of fools, 17 Cut from the staff, 18 Eric's sobriquet, 20 Tex-Mex treat, 22 Louish sort, 23 Track transactions, 25 Creamy-white root vegetable, 28 Cut-de, 29 Ice, often soft, 30 Actress, 32 Puts into words, 34 Titanic's downfall, 35 Great the villain, 36 Polyphonic composition, 2 - lazy river, 37 Pennsylvania, once a topper, 40 Rowing need, 41 Quite dry, 42 Refine, 47 Wile E. Coyote's supplier, 48 Mean figures, 49 Entries in Baby's agenda, 50 X rating, 51 Frost, 19 One Cart for one, DOWN: 1 Train com, 21 Jalopy, 22 Yearning, 23 Sometimes they're up in arms, 25 Owl's love, 26 - your garden?, 27 Lima's land, 29 Mildred Pierce's author, 31 Candle count, 33 Scholarship synonym, 34 Rough material, 36 Equitable, 37 Brian's Song star, 38 Killer whale, 39 Flashed, 40 It takes the cake, 43 - Got a Secret?, 44 "But - on forever" (Tennyson), 45 Concluding character?, 46 Superlative ending



CRYPTOQUIP OSNABVCIU QXF SUFX CIUR OSQAFN GR GISFSUQ ASN OVSBUHN

Saturday's Cryptogram: POTTER'S ROUND SELLS WERE SO SUPER WE WERE BOWLED OVER. Today's Cryptogram clue: Q equals G

The Cryptogram 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.



The jubilant English Department students of the Dhaka University along with their chairman Professor Fakrul Alam (3rd-R) receiving the winners' trophy of the inter-department badminton championship on the distaff side from DU treasurer Shamsul Huq. They beat the Department of Law in the final at the university gymnasium yesterday.