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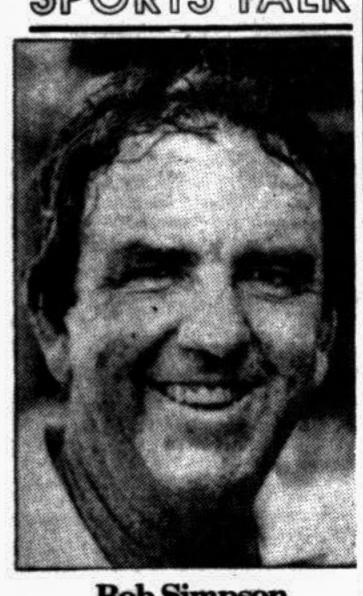
(The Professor does)

THAT the crowd from the I gallery in any consider itself the best judge. particularly if the decision goes against their team. Each and every decision of the umpire, or the referee, or the judge, is under close partisan scrutiny of the crowd in the stands.

In one particular ball game, the crowd was surprised to see that the referee was not in his usual position in the field. But, the game was on. Then it dawned on everyone that there was a man in the gallery whose whistle was being followed to the dot by the players on the field. Some in the crowd finding the procedure rather unusual, ventured to ask.

"Well you see, explained the referee," the spectators were very critical of my decisions. I thought if the people in the stands could see so very darned well, maybe I'd better come up here and do my refereeing."

SPORTS TALK



Bob Simpson

(Australian national cricket coach and former Test skipper)

"We always field brilliantly. We run between wickets brilliantly. If think there is more energy in us than in any other one-day side in the world and I think that is glamour."



Sports WHiZZ KID competition-14 Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 24, 1995) 1. In 1995, how many Grand Slam tournaments did Steffi Graf win? What is the rubber disc used in ice hockey called? Puck Who captained the World Cup cricket champion Indian team? Gavaskar Kapil Dev Azharuddir Naimur Rahman Durjoy is captain of Bangladesh

The first Grand Master of the sub continent is Anand Borua Name:......

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40-day ban on Edmundo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 20: Flamengo striker Edmundo has been suspended from soccer for 40 days for making an obscene gesture to fans during a match, reports

Reuter. A Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) tribunal also banned Vasco da Gama midfielder Nelson for four matches for squeezing an op-

ponent's genitals. The ban on Edmundo, to take immediate effect, will be largely symbolic as he is expected to be out of action for the rest of the year with a

broken too. Edmundo was brought before the tribunal after newspapers published photos of him the day after Flamengo's Brazilian Championship match with local rivals Vasco

da Gama. The newspapers said he was making a gesture to Vasco fans with his genitals. Edmundo claimed he had been stretching but the tribunal judged he was guilty.



Bangladesh and Abahani skipper, middle order batsman, Akram square cuts with Brothers Union's Pakistani keeper Abid Hanif looking on during yesterday's round robin league match of the 16th Damal Summer Cricket Tournament. Abahani won by 26 - Star photo

Abahani outplay Brothers

Sports Reporter

conquering West Indies team

of the 80s, who is now 36.

brought back, glimpses of his

hey days with a superb catch

and some acrobatic fielding.

He was caught at cover by

Biddyut while attempting a

wild flash off left-arm spinner

Rashed Hanif, the younger

steadied the Abahani innings

putting on 66-runs for the

fourth wicket with Logie,

scored a sedate but useful 43

off 74 balls before Rashed

Hanif had him caught a point

by Sajal, leaving the score-

board at 184 for six in 42.4

lively part of the Abahani in-

nings with all-rounder Ena-

mul Huq Moni and Rahul

Naimur Rashid plundering 60

runs from the last eight overs

for the undefeated sixth

side to a commanding total.

wicket stand to propel their

towering sixes in his 29-ball

stay at the crease, remained

unbeaten on 36 while Rahul

deliveries.

scored a rapid-fire 29 off 26

In reply, Brothers made a

rip-roaring start with Abid

Hanif and an in-form

Shahriar Hossain Bidduyt

sharing 104 runs for the first

brother of Pakistani interna-

tional Aamir Hanif, appearing

in his second successive sea-

son for Brothers Union.

echoed Elahi's thunderstorm

with a swashbuckling 71 off

But an injudicious call by

the stout Pakistani cost the

wicket of Biddyut, who sacri-

ficed his inning after scoring

a polished 30. This was the

beginning of the Brothers'

eight sparkling hits to the

fence and a massive long-on

sixer off left-arm spinner

Enamul Huq Moni which

landed in the VIP gallery.

unnecessarily ran for a

cheeky single with the ball

almost in the grip of a fielder

at the batsman end, declined

Although Biddyut, who was

Abid, who hammered

Abid Hanif, the younger

wicket in 21.4 overs.

only 66 balls.

at mid-off.

Moni, who hammered two

Than came the most

Skipper Akram Khan, who

brother of Abid.

BRIEF SCORES

Abahani: 244 for 6 in 50 overs (Zahoor Elahi 63 Akram 43, Moni 36*, Logie 34. R Hanif 2/35, Billu 2/47) Brothers Union: 218 in

48.1 overs (Abid Hanif 71. Shovon 45, Bidduth 30, Salauddin 3/33, Prince 3/36)



Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra crossed a major hurdle in the second ro-

und of the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament when they overcame a scare to post a 26-run victory over fellow favourites Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

Abahani, buoyed by their two foreign recruits - West Indian former Test star Gus Logie and Pakistani Zahoor Elahi — for the first time this season, scored an imposing total of 244 for the loss of six



ABID HANIF..... 71

wickets in the stipulated 50 overs with opener Elahi hitting an explosive half century.

On a placid artificial wicket laid recently at the big bowl, Elahi justified his skipper Akram Khan's decision to bat first with a whirlwind innings of 63 off only 54 deliveries. The tall right hander, younger brother of former Test player Monzoor Elahi, clubbed eight boundaries and a massive hit over the long-off fence off seamer Igbal Hossain to carve a niche in the heart of the sky-blues' supporters in his maiden appearance for the club.

With the big Pakistani setting the field ablaze Abahani reached 48 in 15 overs for the loss of their out-of-form opener Harun-ur-Rashid Liton, who scored only eight.

But once the attacking Pakistani batsman departed offering a hard catch to Shahriar Hossain Biddyut at point off left-arm spinner Biplob Sarker Billu, the holders of the seasons curtainraiser meet suddenly slipped to 85 for three at the end of the 16th over.

Wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot (9), who shared 20 runs for the second wicket with Elahi, soon followed his more illustrious partner when Billu had him caught by his Brothers counterpart Abid Hanif in the same over. For Billu, the young Broth-

ers spinner, things should have been more rewarding when he lured Gus Logie to offer a simple catch at longoff for his third scalp. But a shaky lobal dropped the former West Indies Test player much to the horror of his teammates.

Logie, who was then only on five and Abahani scoreboard reading at 96, after surviving the close call went on to score a confident 34 of 74 balls embellished with three firm hits to the rope.

The illustrious West Indian, looking rather rusty with the willow, produced

flashes of brilliance not there, finally came out of the crease to allow Abid to while fielding at mid-wicket. The best fielder of the all-

But Biddyut's harakiri hardly inspired Abid, who followed the long walk to the pavilion shortly afterwards, offering a high catch to Rahul at deep mid-wicket off spinner Sheikh Salahuddin, reducing Brothers Union to 114 for two in 22.5 overs.

The quick dismissal of two set batsmen suddenly brought Abahani into the game and with former national leftarm seamer Golam Nawsher Prince firing with all his four cylinders in his second spell, Brothers fell from grace to a precarious 139 for five in 31.3 overs.

Prince, who conceded 23 runs in his first four overs, returning in his second spell. took the wickets of Rashed Hanif (9), Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon (10) and Sanwar Hossain (1) in successive overs to put his side in the driver's seat.

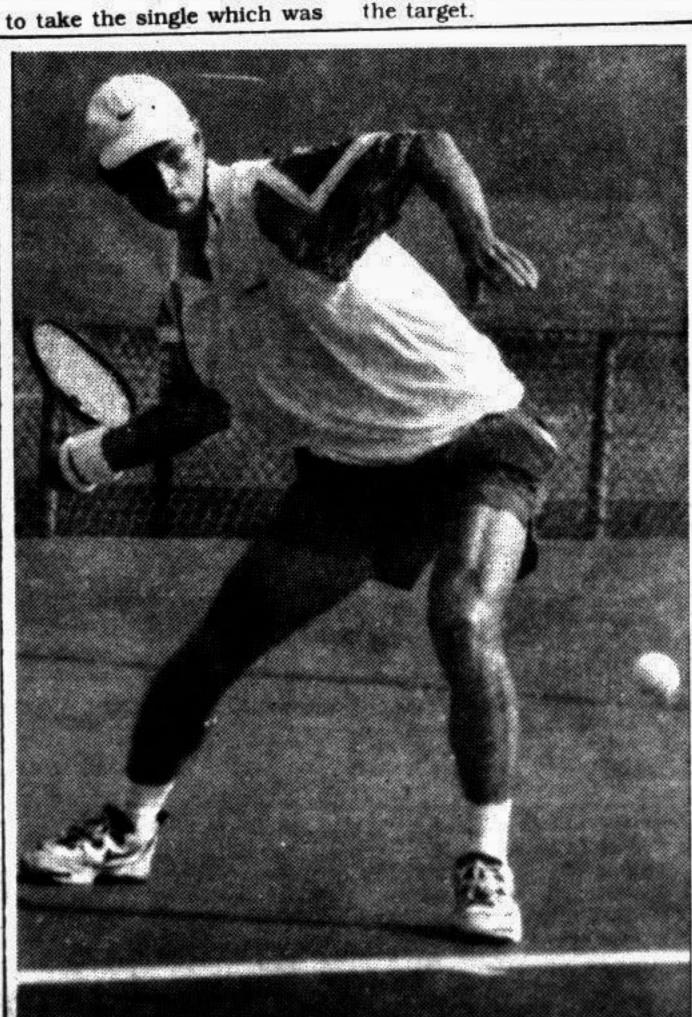


ZAHOOR ELAHI 63

After three quick wickets. Abahani bowlers tightened the noose around Brothers' neck with some accurate bowling.

Only Shovon, who fought a lone battle with batsman at the other end falling at regular intervals, kept up a glimmer of hope for Brothers with a 59-ball 45.

But a fragile Shovon was bowled in the first ball of the penultimate over with Brothers falling 27 runs short of the target.



Patrik Langvardt of Denmark makes a forehand return against T Srichaphan of Thailand during their opening round tie of ITF Thailand Bangladesh men's Satellite circuit tennis tournament yesterday, Langvardt won the - Star photo match 6-2, 6-2.

ITF masters leg on

Sports Reporter

The masters' leg of the four-leg ITF Thailand-Bangladesh men's Satellite Circuit tennis tournament got underway at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna vesterday.

The six-day event, jointly sponsored by SABINCO and Kader Synthetic Fibres Limited (KSEL) was inaugurated the president of Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) and former Industries Minister M Zahiruddin Khan. The opening ceremony was also attended by vicepresident of the BTF Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed.

Twenty four players from eleven countries are taking part in this final leg of the annual event. The participants have been selected from a group of 55 who had competed in the first three stages, the first two having been held in Thailand and the third most recently in Raishahi.

Eight first-round matches were held on the opening day. Patrik Langvardt o defeated Denmark Thanakorn Srichapan of Thailand 6-2, 6-2; Oren Motevassel of the USA defeated Narathorn Srichapan of Thailand 6-1, 6-4; another Thai-USA battle went the other way with Paradorn Srichapan defeating Sylvano Simone 7-6(7-5). 6-4; Vladimir Sever of Croatia defeated Davide Selva if Italy 7-6(7-4). 6-1; Vladimir Platenik of Slovakia defeated Bhee Witoonpanich of Thailand 6-2, 6-2; Rainer Falenti of Austria defeated Steffano Cobolli of Italy 6-4, 6-0; Jocellyn Robichaud of Canada came from a set down to beat Nebojsa Djordjevic of Yugoslavia 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; and Austrian Thomas Perchtold also came from behind to defeat Silvio Scaiola of Italy 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(9-7). The eight seeded players

of the meet all received first round byes and begin their respective campaigns today. The eight seeded according to the points they have received in the first three legs, are (in descending order) top seed Owen Casy (IRE) Robert Kokavec (CAN), Cyril Buscaglione (FRA), Davide Scala (ITA), George Boalumaer (AUT), Martin Hromec (SVK), Gabrio Castrichella (ITA), and Marcus Nacke (GER).

Today's proceedings begin with Casey taking on Langvardt in court 1. Blumauer facing Motevassel in court 2 and Nacke battling Robichaud in court 4. The men's doubles will commence in the afternoon session.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 20: Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra earned full points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra 2-0 at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS. The first-half of the match

ended in a goalless draw.

Abahani took the lead in the 62nd minute when Rabi made no mistake to send the ball home off a cornerkick from Nezamat. Abahani doubled the mar-

gin in the 77th minute, with Prince scoring the goal off a free-kick from Jewel.

Abahani have collected 12 points from six matches while Muktijoddha managed only two points.

Agents association gets FIFA's green signal

GENEVA, Nov 20? The newly-formed International Association of Football Agents was welcomed today by FIFA, soccer's world governing body, reports Reuter. FIFA deputy general secre-

tary Michel Zen Ruffinen told Reuters: "We welcome the founding of this new international association. The present situation must be changed.

"It is like a jungle. The renegades must be weeded out. There are too many litigations pending at the moment involving players agents." Belgian lawyer Dirk De-

graen told reporters one of the main reasons for forming the association was a new FIFA regulation forbidding agents to take any payment from clubs when they effect a transfer. "This is unfair especially if

a club asks an agent to look for a certain type of player." Degraen said.

Today's fixtures 16th Damal Summer

Cricket tournament Kalabagan KC vs GMCC (Dhaka Stadium) Thai Bangla men's Satel-

lite Circuit (Masters leg)

Venue: Ramna Tennis Complex at 9am First Division Chess League (Round 17) Venue: BCF Chess Room

MSC capture the board

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club added yet another feather to their cap when they clinched the First Division Chess League championship yesterday after recording their 16th straight win at the chess counterpart room of the Bangladesh In the other two boards.

Chess Federation. Mohammedans, who returned to the Chess League after eleven years with the most powerful team in the league's history including three Grand Masters blanked Mashgul Mahfil of Narayangani 4-0 in their penultimate round yesterday.

This was the Third Chess League title victory for MSC who won the inaugural

Hossain Milton of Mashgul Mahfil in an English opening tie after 53 moves. GM Niaz. who was also a MSC player in 1977, won the next board against Subrata Chandra Saha. Playing with white pieces in a Sicilian defensive game, Niaz took 37 moves to beat his

Abdullah Al Rakib took only 28 moves to overcome Syed Monirul Islam in their semi Slav match while Rajib outplayed Anwar Hossain after 40 moves. With yesterday's win, MSC

earned 56 points from 16 matches which ensured their title with still one round in hand. They will play their final round against Konica Sangskritik Sangha this

Hossain Tipu. The other match between Syed Tahmidur Rahman and Moniruz-

zaman ended in a draw. In the day's other engagements. Bangladesh Ansars earned a 3.5-.5 win over Genius Chess Club; BTMC beat Dhaka University 3-1; Konica SS defeated Fire Service 3-1: Sheikh Russel KC overpowered Anushilan KC 2.5-1.5; Parijat Chess Club tamed Brothers Union 4-0 and Mahakhali Pradeep Sangha beat Farashgani SC by

2.5 points to 1.5 points. The final round of the league will be held this afternoon (3pm) at the same

STANDINGS

Mohammedan SC 56 points



First Division chess league champions Mohammedan SC (R to L): Rajib, GM Krasenkov, GM Niaz, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan (chairman of the chess committee), Rakib and GM - Star photo Anasthisian.

championship in 1977. Before they played their last league in 1984, MSC also lifted the title in 1981.

In the absence of Armenian GM Ashot Anasthisian. who left Dhaka for his home yesterday evening, the other two GMs of MSC Mikhail Krasenkov of Russia and Niaz Murshed - and two other Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib didn't have too much of a bother yester-GM Krasenkov, playing

with black pieces, beat Sharif

afternoon only to vie for their unbeaten status in the 17team league. Bangladesh Biman also

confirmed their runners up slot vesterday after defeating Narayangani Chess Club by 2.5 points to 1.5 points. The victory raised their tally to 49.5 points, still 6.5 points short of MSC. Biman's IM Reefat bin Sattar and Khandkar Kayes

Hasan won their respective matches against Zinnat Ali and Mahmudur Rahman Manna of Narayangani. Rezaul Haque was beaten by Tofazzal

49.5 points 45.5 points Leonine CC 43.5 points 37.5 points 36 points Dhaka University

BTMC

Ansars

Sheikh Russel KC 31 points Anushilan KC 27 points Pradeep Sangha 26 points Farashganj SC 25.5 points Narayanganj CC 24 points Konica SS 23 points 21 points

Mashgul Mahfil Parijat CC 20.5 points Genius CC 19.5 points 18.5 points Fire Service **Brothers Union** 8 points

TIPUS tuesday TIPS

Bend, curl, swerve

NCE seen as something a little special, the swerving kick is now a basic football technique employed at every level of the game. It is an important facet of control to master, providing a whole range of options from merely adding safety to a crossfield pass to a devastating through ball round a defender and into the path of a team-mate.

The skill, often also called the bending or curling kick. enables you to reach parts of the pitch other kicks cannot reach, or can make it possible in circumstances where an alternative, say the chip. could be difficult or risky. It can avoid interception, take out opponents and exploit space. But it is not easy to play it precisely, especially with the outside of the foot, and because it is both curving and spinning it can be a tricky ball to receive compared to a straight kick. These factors combine to ensure that it is still a relatively rare method of passing, one usually and advisedly retained for when it can really do some damage.

Though there is almost infinite variety in the swerving pass, depending on exactly how and where you make contact with the ball, the technique divides into four

main areas: the ground ball and the lofted pass played with the inside of the foot, and the ground ball and the lofted pass played with the outside of the foot. All of them are governed by the principle that the ball swerves in the direction of the spin imparted on impact. The starting point for

learning the curved kick is the ground or low kick hit with the inside of the foot. The approach is the same as for a straight kick - the element of disguise is a great bonus in all forms of swerving kicks - but your foot actually moves across the ball from inside to outside with an outward 'rotation' of your kicking leg. You strike the ball with the forward part of the inside of your foot, in the area around the joint of your big toe with a strong brushing action, wrapping your foot round the ball. Contact is through the horizontal mid-line of the ball but to the right of centre for a rightfooted kick. This will generate anticlockwise spin and swerve the ball from right to left. You should hit the ball firmly with a good followthrough to be sure of imparting sufficient spin and

The main difference for the swerving lofted kick is

the point of contact on the ball. To get height, the ball must be struck well below the mid-line, and the lower the point of contact, the higher the ball will go.

The use of the inside of the foot can provide swerve and is a fairly safe technique. Using the outside of the foot can produce more spin and more swerve, but the margin of error is far smaller and the contact has to be precise to be effective. For the ground kick, your

foot is held at a downward angle as it moves from outside to inside across the body and therefore the ball, making contact partly on the instep and partly on the outside of the foot. For a rightfooted kick, you strike the ball to left of the centre of the vertical mid-line, thus imparting clockwise spin and making the ball swerve from left to right. Your non-kicking foot should be placed a few inches to the side and slightly behind the ball and the ball should be in the centre of the stance.

The further from the centre and the nearer the edge of the ball that you make contact the more the ball will spin and swerve, the steeper the angle of your foot, the quicker the ball will travel

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CRYPTOQUIP

CQDZYOX CTRO UQDR QPRD NYUR Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LATELY, MANY A POET HAS LEARNED THAT RHYME DOESN'T PAY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals M

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 50 Mr. Hamwords and words using an apostrophe give you clues to marskjold

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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