

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT card-playing can be very expensive. But, so can any game where you hold hands. But, like in any game of holding hands, card games can result in in-fighting. And, there is no better a battleground than the game of bridge.

Each time a hand ends, bridge partners can end up parleying sparks of words, particularly if the partnership is unequal.

Once upon a time, a bridge expert was paired with a woman whose game bordered dufferishness. After the woman had butchered one hand inexcusably, the expert gave an icy stare. "When did you learn to play bridge, Madam?" he asked. "And don't tell me this afternoon. I want to know what time this afternoon."

Sports

WHIZZ KID

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

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? One Two Three
2. What is the rubber disc used in ice hockey called?
3. Who captained the World Cup cricket champion Indian team?
4. Naimur Rahman Durrjoy is captain of Bangladesh Under-19 Youth's Colts
5. The first Grand Master of the sub-continent is

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SPORTS TALK



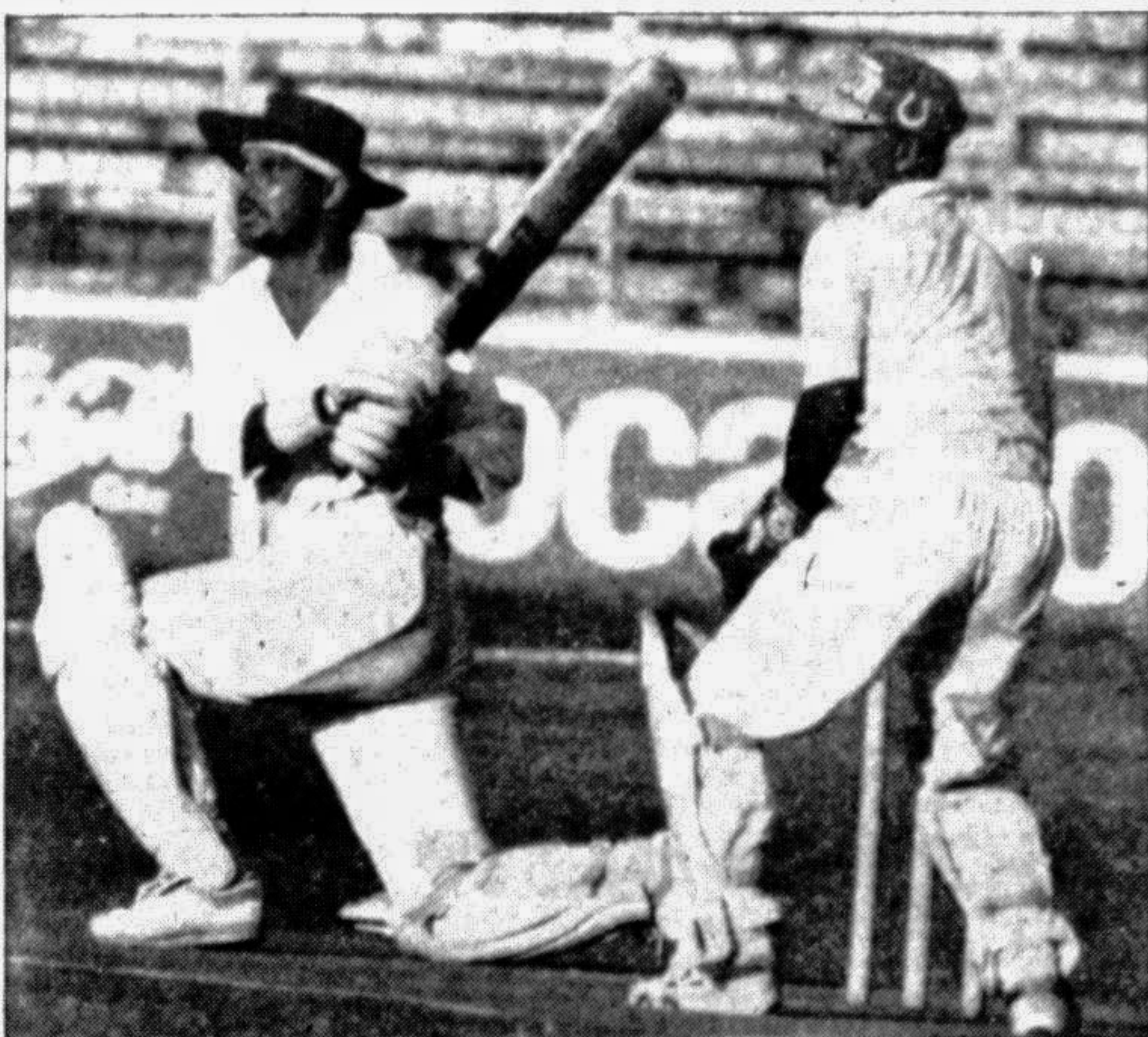
Carl Hooper

(West Indies batsman) I think that comes from summing up the situations and also playing to your strengths. So basically what I do is I don't try to do anything that I know that I can't do. I wait until a bad ball comes along and in the meanwhile try and pick up the singles and stuff like that. I just focus on those points.

Ctg soccer

Chittagong, Nov 21: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Club shared points with Bakalia Krija Sangtha with a 1-1 draw in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Alamgir put CCC Club ahead in the 18th minute. Bakalia got the equaliser in the 39th minute through Kanchan who sent the ball home off a pass from Borhan.



Former national opener Zahid Razzak Masum brought back old memories when he scored a brilliant 102 not out for Kalabagan at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Here he pulls an unidentified GMCC spinner for a boundary through the mid-wicket region. — Star photo

Masum steers Kalabagan

BRIEF SCORES

GMCC: 196/5 in 39 overs (Zakaria Imtiaz 61, Iftekher Hossain 43, Zaved Omar Belim 36)
KALABAGAN KC: 197/3 in 46.2 overs (Masum 102 not out, Faruque Ahmed 52)

Former national opener Zahid Razzak Masum hit the fourth century of the season to guide title aspirants Kalabagan Krija Chakra to a resounding seven-wicket win over the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in their second round group league opener at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Masum, the tall handsome right-handed batsman, hammered an unbeaten 102 as Kalabagan, chasing a modest GMCC total of 196 for five in the stipulated 50 overs, posted the required 197 for the loss of only three wickets and with more than three overs to spare.

After surviving a confident lbw appeal from Murshed, the GMCC new-ball bowler, Masum, who was then on seven, went on to reach the magical three-figure mark with a boundary through long-off.

It was the fourth century of this season. Earlier, two young openers Mehrab Hossain Opee of Victoria and Sumit of Bangladesh Boys and another former national player Shahnewaz Shahid Shanu earned the rare feat of

reaching the elusive three figure mark. Masum, who is now only a pale shadow of his former arrogant self, clubbed only five hits to the rope and a single sixer in his somewhat polished 112-ball undefeated innings.

Earlier, after winning the toss and electing to use the artificial wicket in the morning, GMCC could muster not-so-commanding total of 196 for five before the exhausted their quota of 50 overs.

For the GMCC willow-wielders burly Zakaria Imtiaz, who seems to give very little importance to his fitness, with almost run-a-ball 61 was the highest contributor to the total.

Carrying a heavy pay-load at a tender age, Zakaria hit three hits across the rope in his 64-ball stay at the crease. The baby-faced Zakaria was followed by one-down Iftekher Hossain and opener Javed Omar Belim curiously named Golla, who chipped in with 43 and 36 respectively.

National opener Javed, fresh from his impressive 79 against the visiting West Indies Under-19 team in the first exhibition match held last week, hit only one four in his sedate 86-ball knock.

Among the Kalabagan bowlers right-arm seamer Zakir Hossain, who virtually pinned down the batsmen, finished with a telling analysis of 8-2-17-1 while Pakistani all-rounder Zahid Ahmed took one wicket for 34 in his ten economic overs.

ZAKARIA 61

Masum apart, skipper Faruque Ahmed with a watchful 52 off 78 deliveries was the other mainstay of the Kalabagan innings. The former national skipper, who shared a vital 88 runs for the second wicket with Masum, hammered six fours and a huge sixer in his swashbuckling

FIFA forced to loosen up

ZURICH, Nov 21: The heads of soccer's six regional confederations on Monday endorsed a series of reforms proposed by UEFA, clipping the wings of veteran FIFA chief Joao Havelange and forcing FIFA to share out its World Cup revenues more evenly, reports Reuter.

Meeting with Havelange at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, they agreed that confederations should have greater control of the sport in their own regions and bigger say in choosing FIFA's powerful standing committees.

But two of the most important proposals by European soccer governing body UEFA — for the World Cup finals to be rotated among the confederations and for reform of FIFA's executive committee — were shelved.

"What more can you ask for? I'm very happy," said UEFA president Lennart Johansson, who brought a long-running power struggle into the open by pushing the reform plans. He added: "We are happy with the result, but we do not look at ourselves as winners. There are no winners or losers — every decision we took was unanimous."

UEFA in July published two strategy documents, dubbed Vision one and Vision two.

DMFA prize giving

Sports Reporter

The prize distribution ceremony of Lifebuoy Senior Division football league and Janata Bank Pioneer Football league of 1995 was held at Hotel Purbani on Tuesday evening. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain was chief guest at the function organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association.

Champions of Premier League Abahani Krija Chakra and runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club, champions of First Division East End and runners-up Bangladesh Boys, and champions of Pioneer league Jatrabari Krija Chakra received their respective trophies.

The nine-day long event is being sponsored by Bangladesh Express Co.

70 participants including foreigners will take part in the main event while 20 will compete in the veterans' event of the meet organised by the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation.

Fed Ex Open squash from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Fed Ex Bangladesh Open squash tournament gets underway tomorrow at the Dhaka Club squash courts.

The nine-day long event is being sponsored by Bangladesh Express Co.

Central Asian U-14 tennis begins tomorrow

The second Central Asian under-14 tennis circuit begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex here tomorrow, reports BSS.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury will inaugurate the four-day meet at 9 am.

Speaking at a news conference here yesterday, chairman of the organising committee of the circuit, Faizur Rahman Chowdhury said about 50 boys and girls from 10 Central Asian countries including the hosts will take part in four events of the tournament.

The events are: Boys' singles and doubles and girls' singles and doubles. Apart from the hosts the other participating countries are: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Kirgizstan, Syria, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Players from Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka have already arrived.

The second-leg of the circuit will take place in Calcutta from November 28 to December 1 while the third and last leg will be held in Colombo from December 4 to 7.

The top four boys and girls will qualify to take part in the East Asian circuit at the cost of the International Tennis Federation.

Bangladesh hosted the third leg of the first circuit last year.

Nat'l kabaddi team's third on trot

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh national kabaddi team posted their third successive victory during their ongoing Indian tour as they defeated Calcutta Police 55-16 with 5 tonas in Calcutta on Monday last.

According to a fax message received at the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, the visitors, who have undertaken the tour as preparation for the forthcoming SAF Games, led the opening half 23-10.

Earlier, the Bangladeshis won their two previous engagements, 27-23 against Hoogly District and 34-17 against a strong Ashok Sangha outfit.

The tourists were scheduled to play their last exhibition match against West Bengal yesterday but the result was yet to be known when this report was filed.

BSWA ceremony Dec 2

Sports Reporter

The award giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports writers Association (BSWA) for the recipients of their annual awards for the years 1993 and 1994 will be held on December 2 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 4 pm. President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be present as the chief guest.

The awardees are: 1993 Cricket — Jahangir Alam; hockey — Rahmat Ali Asir; swimming — Karar Mizanur Rahman; athletics — Bimal Chandra Tarafdar; shooting — Saiful Alam Chowdhury; boxing — Mozammel Huq; organiser — Golam Rasul Molla; sponsor — National Bank Limited; and sportsman of the year — Mokhesur Rahman.

1994 Football — Poniruzzaman Ponir; cricket — Athar Ali Khan; Hockey — Mahubub Harun; shooting — GM Haider; Kabaddi — Torikul Islam; umpire — Aslam Belim; organiser — Abdur Rahman; sponsor — Biman Bangladesh Airlines; and sportsman of the year — Amirul Islam Bulbul.

Nat'l, youth crickets from January

The 16th national youth cricket tournament and 22nd national cricket meet will begin across the country in the 3rd or 4th week of next January, reports UNB. The final round of the two tournament will start from the 3rd and 4th week of February, said a BCCB press release yesterday.

Nirman schools cricket Dec 28

The 14th Nirman schools cricket tournament will begin in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country from December 28, reports UNB. Interested schools in the city are requested to send their entries to the BCCB office by December 18. BCCB sources said here yesterday.

Seeds stumble on Day Two

Sports Reporter

Top seed Owen Casey of Ireland faltered early in the masters leg of the four-leg ITF Thailand

an impressive 6-2, 6-2 winner over Thailand's Thanakorn Srichapan on Monday, by a close margin of 7-6, 4-6, 5-7.

Appearing at the courts of Dhaka for the first time this year following his first round bye, Casey — a winner of the event in 1993 never seemed comfortable against a confident Langvardt but managed to clinch the first set in tie-breaker. But fate changed hands since as Casey looked

to be having one of his off days and Langvardt won the match by the scruff of his neck. Casey was followed in his descent by both number two seed Robert Kokavec of Canada and number three seed Frenchman Cyril Bascaglione but neither could put up as much of a challenge as the top seed.

Bascaglione was started by Vladimir Sever as the Croatian won the first set 6-0 but showed more resilience to momentarily disturb his opponent in the second. But Sever stepped up a gear to win the set 7-6.

Kokavec was visibly outplayed by Austrian Rainer Falenti as he also lost in straight sets 4-6, 4-6. The misery of the seeded players on the day was completed when seventh seed Gabrio Castracella of Italy and eighth seed Marcus Nacke also failed to qualify for the round of eight.



Fifth seeded Austrian Georg Blumauer hits a forehand on the run during his pre-quarter final match against American Oren Matevassel at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Blumauer survived a scare before defeating his opponent 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. — Star photo

Castracella lost 4-6, 3-6 to Slovakian Vladimir Platenik, fresh from his first round thrashing of Thai Bhee Witonpanich, while Jocelyn Robichaud of Canada recovered well from his tiring three setter on Monday to outplay Nacke 6-3, 6-4. Two more seeds — Georg Blumauer of Austria (No. 5) and Davide Scala of Italy (No. 4) — could also have easily joined the fallen five if they had not shown a fair degree of determination to defeat their opponents in three sets.

Blumauer was given a scare when he lost the first set 2-6 to Oren Matevassel of USA but recuperated impressively to win the next two 6-3, 6-4. Scala was a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 winner over Austrian Thomas Perchtold, who could not succeed in his attempt to post his second successive come-from-behind win.

In the other singles game of the day, sixth seed Martin Hromec of Slovakia outclassed Parador Srichapan of Thailand 6-4, 7-5. Three doubles matches were also decided yesterday. Casey and Blumauer duo defeated Nacke and Sylvano Simone (USA) 7-6, 6-2. Castracella and Langvardt overran Bascaglione and Djordjevic (Yug) 6-0, 6-1; and Kokavec and Robichaud outclassed Falenti and Paky 6-1, 6-1.

The quarter final stage of the men's singles event begins today at 9 am.

History Brothers' nightmare

Sports Reporter

Champions for a record six times Brothers Union face the ignominy of being relegated from the First Division chess league for the first time since the inception of the league way back in 1977.

Last year's champions winning the league title in style, finished unbeaten when they beat Konica Cultural Sangha 3-1 in the last round.

But Mohammedans title triumph was soured a little when a grey-haired Nooruddin of Konica beat Amir Hossain to enforce the champions to lose their first full point in the league.

A Grand Masters — studied Mohammedans, who confirmed their third league title on completion of the penultimate round on Monday, painfully felt the void of Armenian GM Anasthisian was let down by a shaky Amir Hossain.

Besides, among the three Grand Masters in the Mohammedan ranks, Russian GM Mikhail Krasenkov, who picked up the highest individual score (96.45%) was almost destined for a draw in the last game against an unheralded Sayed Ahmed.

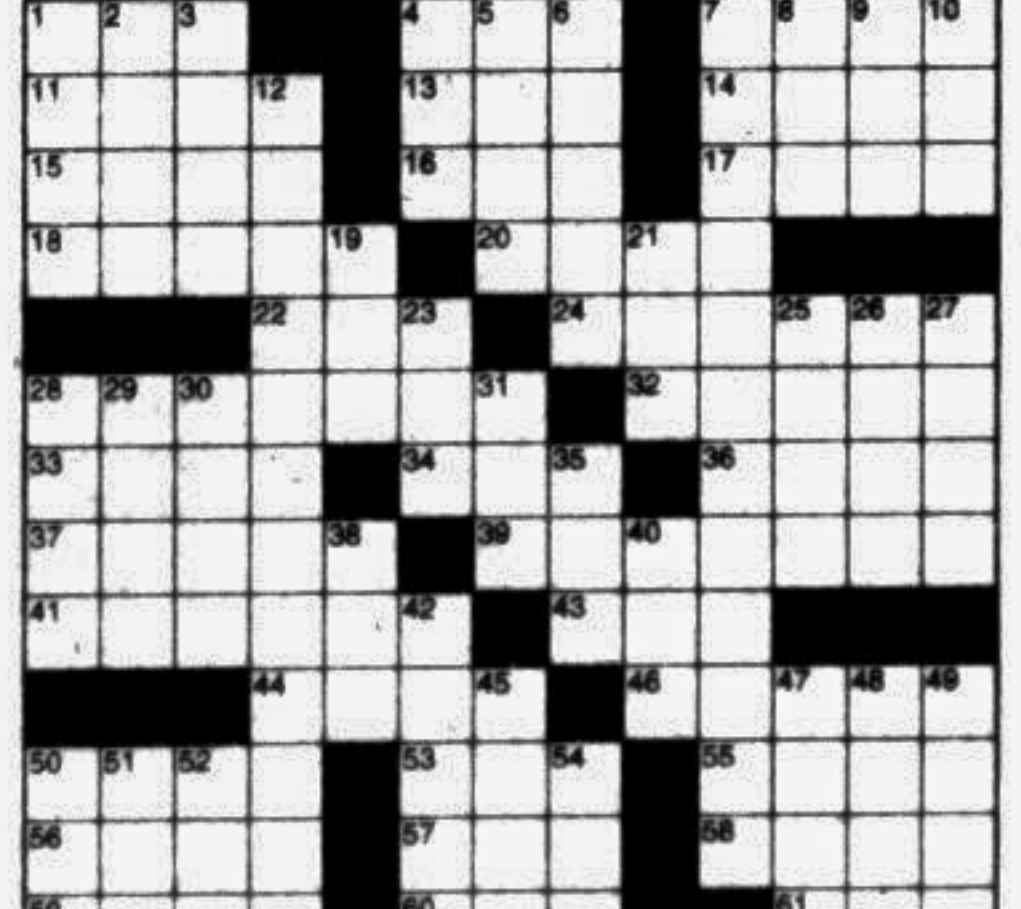
But Sayed made some silly mistakes during the end game to allow Krasenkov to his 16th victory while the

country's lone GM and the MSC captain, Niaz Murshed and Abdullah-al Rakib easily beat their respective opponents to propel their side to finish with the highest 59 points. Bangladesh Biman with 52.5 points finished runners-up. In this round the national airlines outfit defeated Dhaka University by three points to one.

FINAL STANDINGS Following is the standings of this year's chess league: Mohammedan SC-59, Bangladesh Biman-52.5, Leonie Chess Club-49.5, BTMC-45.5, Bangladesh Ansar-39.5, Dhaka University-37.5, Sheikh Russel KC-34.5, Mohakhali Prodig Sangha-29.5, Farangji SC-27.5, Apushilion KC-27, Narayanganj Chess Club-26, Konica Cultural Sangha-24, Narayanganj Moshgul-23, Parijaat Chess Club-21, Fire service and Civil Defence SC-20.5, Genus Chess Club-19.5 and Brothers Union-8.5 points.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

Z YMLVEYHMJ SG Z OZL HRZH'G LMH ZTJZSV HM TZYW HRW OEGSY. Saturday's Cryptogram: A WATCHMAKER IS SOMEONE WHO NEVER CHARGES MORE WHEN WORKING OVER TIME.

Today's Cryptogram clue: Y equals C. 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.



Beaming Abahani officials receiving the Lifebuoy Premier football league trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain at Hotel Purbani yesterday evening. — Star photo