

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the greatest tightrope walker was Jean-Francois Gravelet (1824-97) of France. He made the earliest crossing of the Niagara Falls on a three-inch rope, 1100 feet long, 160 feet above the Falls on June 30, 1859.

As if that was not enough, Gravelet made another crossing the following year, this time with a Harry Colcord on his back.

Next time you cross a khal on a shako, remember it is only three feet above water and perhaps about ten to fifteen feet long. And, in case you quiver a bit, remember also that there is a hand-rail on the sides. Gravelet did not even have that.

There have been crazier people, like Julian Albulof of USA who skipped 358 consecutive times on a tightrope in 1990.

I could not do that many on flat ground.

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?
2. What is the rubber disc used in ice hockey called?
3. Who captained the World Cup cricket champion Indian team?
4. Naimur Rahman Durjoy is captain of Bangladesh?
5. The first Grand Master of the sub-continent is

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SPORTS TALK



Chris Evert (American tennis legend)

"I belong here. This is one happy family."

On being inducted into the tennis Hall of Fame.

Inter-club tennis

The Taher inter-club tennis tournament began on Tuesday at the Gulshan Club Tennis Complex with each team playing the other in best of three matches - one singles and two doubles, reports UNB.

In the inaugural match, Officers' Club defeated Dutch Women Club 2-0.

Reza beat Wilma 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 in the singles while Jahur and Mezba beat Francois and Marcella 6-0, 6-0 in the doubles.

Eleven teams from the capital including some foreign embassy teams, are participating in the tournament, sponsored by Fortuna Group, said a press release yesterday.

Evert expecting a baby

BOCA RATON, Florida, Nov 22: Former tennis star Chris Evert and her husband, Andy Mill, said on Tuesday they are expecting their third child in June, reports Reuter.

The couple, which has two boys - four years old and 1 and a half years - made the announcement in a news release.

Evert, 40, won at least one Grand Slam title each year for 13 years.



Former Indian Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma of Biman square cuts during his side's yesterday's 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament encounter against Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium. Brothers Union won the match by four wickets. — Star photo

BU bring Biman down

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 183 in 49.3 overs (M Rafique 34, Sanjeev Sharma 30; Sohail 3/43, Sajal 2/19)
BROTHERS UNION: 184 for 6 in 48.2 overs (Bidyut 56, Ziauddin Shovon 30; M Rafique 3/32)

Brothers Union, who in the recent past have developed a bitter habit of fumbling at

critical stage, finally overcame the had patch when the Gopibagh outfit recorded a four-wicket win over strong Bangladesh Biman in the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The victory was crucial for success-lorn Brothers Union who after a disappointing 24-run defeat at the hands of defending champions Abahani Kirra Chakra in their group league opener on Monday, brightened their hopes of a semifinal berth from the six-team second round.

The winners will now have to await the outcome of Abahani and Biman match to be held at same venue tomorrow. A win for Abahani will mean a semifinal berth for Brothers Union along with the holders of the season's curtain-raiser meet. On the otherhand if Biman wins the two semifinalists will be decided on run-rate.

However, in the day's match Brothers Union, set to score a modest 184 runs for an outright win in the stipulated 50 overs, made heavy weather before Pakistani all-rounder Rashed Hanif hit Indian Test discard Sanjeev Sharma for the winning run in the penultimate over, much to the relief of his club officials.

Rashed, the younger brother of Abid Hanif, in a fitting finale flashed a rising ball of Sanjeev Sharma through the point boundary to propel Brothers to victory in 49.3 overs with four wickets in hand.

Earlier, young opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut with an aggressive 56 gave Broth-

ers Union a flying start in reply to Biman's total of 183 on a placid wicket.

It was Bidyut's fourth half century from five matches in the meet. The stout right-handed promising willow-wielder achieved the rare feat of scoring three consecutive fifties before sacrificing his wicket for Abid Hanif in the previous match against Abahani.

He shared 55 runs in 10.5 overs for the first wicket with Pakistani Abid Hanif before



BIDYUT..... 4th fifty

fore the letter departed for an unimpressive 16 off 27 deliveries inclusive of two fours.

Bidyut, dropped at short mid-wicket by Nasir Khan while he was on 21, then added another 46 odd runs for the second wicket with Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shiplon, who was bowled round the wicket by Biman left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique after scoring a sedate 16 off 43 balls.

Bidyut, who powered six sweetly-timed hits to the fence in his 88-ball stay at the crease, sparked two quick dismissal in successive overs when he ran himself out leaving the scoreboard 103 for three.

After the departure of Bidyut, skipper Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon (30) and Sanwar Hossain (17) tried to steady the innings but found the going tough against some accurate bowling from Athar

Ali Khan and Mohammed Rafique. In a mundane and marathon 12 overs the two shared only 45 runs for the fourth wicket.

But thanks to a priceless unbeaten 28 off 32 deliveries from cherubic Rashed Hanif evaporated Biman's hopes of what would be an unlikely victory.

Slow medium right-arter Athar Ali, who once again failed with the willow, however, made amends with the cherry giving only 18 runs in his ten economic overs which yielded two maidens.

But Rafique with three for 32 in his ten overs was the pick among the Biman bowlers.

Earlier, the unorthodox left-handed batsman, who joined his former club after a one-year stint with Mohammed Sporting Club last season, with a sparkling 34 off 32 balls made the highest contribution to the Biman total to complete yet another all-round performance.

After a disastrous start with Biman tottering at 97 for six, Rafique joined forces with Sanjeev Sharma to deadlift the national airline outfit to a reasonable score, sharing 53 runs for the seventh wicket.

Rafique, who was dropped twice, hammered two towering sixes in his quickfire knock while Sanjeev Sharma fell for a 48-ball 30.

Brothers Union's promising off-spinner Sohail Islam, who got both the prized scalps of Sanjeev and Rafique, finished with three for 43 in his 10 overs. His first victim was Shahnewaz Shahid Shanu, who chipped in with 24.

Ahmed Faiyaz Shaheen with 14, was the other notable scorer for the vanquished. But Shaheen, a moody but talented cricketer, saved more than that with some adrenaline-pumped fielding on a day marked by a bizarre display of dropped catches, mis fielding and some wild throws by the players of both sides. The notable spinner was Biman wicketkeeper Farid Hossain Tomal who failed to glove three catches.

Spurs, Gunners ascend

LONDON, Nov 22: North London rivals Arsenal and Tottenham continued their climb up the English Premier league table with wins over Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough respectively on Tuesday night, reports Reuter.

Arsenal, beaten 2-1 by Tottenham on Saturday, bounced back to beat Sheffield Wednesday 4-2 with goals from Dutch signing Dennis Bergkamp and one each from Nigel Winterburn, Paul Dickov and substitute John Hartson.

Wednesday, who have now gone four league matches without a win, fell behind to Bergkamp's fourth goal in five

games after three minutes, but led 2-1 after 20 minutes with strikes by David Hirst and Chris Waddle.

But Arsenal struck back in the second half through Winterburn (53rd) Dickov (64th) and Hartson (64th) - all of them scoring for the first time this season.

The victory took Arsenal back into third place on 27 points - seven behind leaders Newcastle - while Spurs climbed from ninth to fifth place and 25 points, their highest position since manager Gerry Francis took over a year ago this week.

Tottenham's gold was scored after 72 minutes by Chris Armstrong, who has now scored five times in the last six matches, including Spurs' winner in their 2-1 victory over Arsenal on Saturday.

The result meant Tottenham became the first team to win at Middlesbrough's new Riverside Stadium and also means that Middlesbrough's record 4.75 million pounds (7.0 million dollars) record signing Juninho of Brazil, has still to be on the winning side after three matches since his move from Sao Paulo.

Juninho did show one flash of genius, picking the ball up on the halfway line, and running all the way into Tottenham's penalty area leaving defenders trailing before releasing a fierce drive which goalkeeper Ian Walker could only parry.



Lyons' Florian Maurice (R) and Nottingham Forest's Colin Cooper locked in an aerial tussle during their UEFA Cup tie in Nottingham, England on Nov 21. Nottingham Forest won the match 1-0. — AFP/UNB photo

Nasiruddin doubles for Mashuk, Habib

Sports Reporter

Habib and Mashuk pair clinched the veterans' doubles title of the 8th Nasiruddin Memorial Tennis tournament yesterday at the Officers' Club Tennis Complex.

In the final, the 100-plus pair of Dhaka Club recorded an easy 6-3, 6-0 victory over Akmal Hossain and Shaifur Rahman of Officers' Club.

The finals of the men's singles and doubles will be held this afternoon at the same venue.

Boca to miss Maradona?

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 22: Diego Maradona, whose return to Argentine soccer has pushed his team Boca Juniors to the top of the table, said on Tuesday he was not fit for Sunday's derby against arch-rivals River Plate, reports Reuter.

"I don't think I will play against River," he told a television interviewer. Maradona 35, said he was not physically fit after missing last Sunday's match. "I don't think I will be able to make it. Of course I will try, I always do. I simply don't think I will make it," he declared.

However, Maradona turned up for training with Boca in the afternoon after making newspaper headlines for vanishing from public sight for a few days.

Boca last Sunday drew 0-0 with Rosario Central in a match Maradona missed after being suspended for accumulating four yellow cards.

Boca have won seven and drawn one of the eight matches in which Maradona has played.

Gazza's boozing days are over!

LONDON, Nov 22: England international Paul Gascoigne told a healthy-eating magazine he has given up beer and "guzzling" in an effort to recapture his glory days, reports Reuter.

"I haven't had a beer for months. If I drink at all it's wine or champagne," Gascoigne, who now plays for Scottish Premier league Rangers, said.

He said his days of fish and chips washed down with Newcastle brown ale are gone. He now loves Chinese and Italian food and said he is becoming "a bit of a wine buff."

"The guzzling days are gone and my only lapse is to have a few toffees," said Gascoigne, once famed for his love of chocolate bars.

On Tuesday he was ordered to appear before the Scottish Football Association (SFA) disciplinary committee after a stormy match for his new team.

"I just will not be beaten. I'm hungry than ever," said Gascoigne, who has struggled to overcome injury since he severely damaged his knee making a reckless tackle in the 1991 FA Cup final when he played for Tottenham Hotspur.

Hossain elected SAJF chief

Sports Reporter

Major General M Anwar Hossain BP, president of Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation, was elected as the president of South Asian Judo Federation last week, says a press release.

In the election of South Asian Judo Federation and Judo Union of Asia held in New Delhi on November 18, the General was also made a vice president of the Judo Union of Asia, the press release added.

Tyson-Mathis bout now on Dec 16

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Nov 22: Former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson will face Buster Mathis Jr here on December 16, sources close to the promotion told AFP Tuesday, reports AFP.

The bout will come six weeks after their originally scheduled meeting in Las Vegas, which was called off October 31 when Tyson revealed he had suffered a broken right thumb in training.

Today's fixtures

- 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament (Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Thai-Bangla Men's Satellite Circuit Tennis (Venue: Ramna Tennis Complex)
ITF Central Asian U-14 Circuit tennis (Venue: Ramna Tennis Complex)

Juergen jolts Benfica

PARIS, Nov 22: Bayern Munich, who have not won a European trophy since 1976, had Juergen Klinsmann's four goals to thank for their crushing 4-1 UEFA Cup demolition of Benfica on Tuesday, reports AFP.

wins... although both left it late.

Brazil's Ronaldo kept up his goalscoring exploits as PSV Eindhoven beat Werder Bremen 2-1.

Lyon of France the dramatic finale set off when defender Florent Laville was sent off for a deliberate hand-ball. Goalkeeper Pascale Olmeta collided with defender Florent Laville in the 82nd minute and when Howe drove in the loose ball, Laville blocked it with his upper arm.

The Frenchman, booked just minutes earlier for a trip on Scott Gemmill, was shown the red card by Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl before Forest skipper Stuart Pearce stepped up for his spot kick.

Olmeta flew to his left to block but McGregor reacted sharply to pounce on the loose ball for his first goal since he scored at West Ham in January in one of his 12 previous substitute appearances.

Danish side Brondby, victors over English Premiership side Liverpool in the previous round, saw off As Roma 2-1 after the Italians had gone into a first-half lead. Bordeaux and Lens, France's other survivors, ended the day in strong positions.

Bordeaux saw off Spanish line-up Betis 2-0. The first goal was put away by Daniel Dutuel after being set up by a Zinedine Zidane miskick but there was nothing lucky about the second, Laurent Croci looping a fine header over Pedro Jaro with nine minutes left.

Lens came away from Czech team Slavia Prague with a useful 0-0 stalemate and Barcelona came from behind to draw 1-1 at Sevilla.



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Ronaldo, 19, converted a ninth minute penalty after he was fouled by Bremen keeper Frank Rost to open the scoring. Bremen nearly equalised before the break when Heiko Scholz hit a post.

Marco Bode made it 1-1 when he dribbled past Chris van der Weerden before beating keeper Ronald Waterreus 10 minutes after the break.

Then 28-year-old Belgian international striker Luc Nilis, fed by Marciano Vink, scored in the 83rd minute to bring Eindhoven victory.

At the weekend, Ronaldo was in fine form as he scored a hat-trick for PSV in an 8-0 win over Doetinchem.

Frank Clark's Nottingham came through 1-0 against



Habib (R), and Mashuk (2nd from R) pair, who lifted the doubles title for veterans' section of 8th Nasiruddin Memorial tennis tournament, pose along with their losing finalist duo of Shefique (L) and Akmal (2nd from L) at the Officers' Club Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

FIFA world rankings

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Country. 1. Brazil, 2. Germany, 3. Spain, etc.

Soccer final for the deaf tomorrow

Sports Reporter
The final of the second football tournament for the deaf will be played tomorrow at 3.00 PM at the Rajuk ground.

Major General (Retd) Abdul Mannan Siddiqui will give away prizes at the chief guest. The tournament is being organised by the Dhaka Association of the deaf.

Poor Pico!

BOGOTA, Nov 22: Colombian defender Albeiro Pico Hernandez of Club Envidado was shot dead by unidentified gunmen today in the northwest city of Medellin, police said, reports Reuter.

They said the gunman shot seven rounds into 23-year-old Pico as he was leaving his home for an early-morning training session.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues: ACROSS 1. Crimson, 2. Actor, 3. Angry, etc.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid

HAZ KAZV XV WQKAO
KDXPY PYBUK: OXWY
AV, OSXXKY B UPQW
DSYV HYBD AD
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A CONDUCTOR IS A MAN THAT'S NOT AFRAID TO FACE THE MUSIC.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: W 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 words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.