

Gary Lineker

(Former England striker) "Journalists have the ability to put players under so much of pressure. We can never please. If we play poorly we are blasted and if we win we played against bad opposition.

On the press.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Kenya has been producing world-beaters in middle and long-distance running for the past twenty So what's their secret?

Money? Well, I am not so Ben Jipcho, steeple-chase

Olympic silver medalist, explains thus: "Running for money doesn't make you run fast, it makes you run first."



(The rules are published

every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-17

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m.

Dec 15, 1995) who is the highest rem accu mulator in Test cricket? Border Gavasker Mianda What is the official name of the sixth cricket World Cup? Benson & Hedges Rothmans Who is the current French Open singles (men's) champion? Bruguera Muster

club football in Italy The 1997 ICC Trophy cricket tournament will be held in Sharjah Malaysia Fiji Island

Brazilian footballer Bebeto plays

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Rohan qualifies for ITF East Asian U-14 meet

Class Roll No : . . .

Nadim Kamran Khan Rohan of Bangladesh has qualified for the Central Asian Tennis team to play in the fifth East Asian junior under-14 tennis circuit, reports

The first of the three-leg circuit will be held in the Indonesian capital Jakarta from December 21 to 24, the second leg in Singapore from December 26 to 29 and the last leg in Brunei from December 31 to January 3.

International Tennis Federation (ITF) will bear all the expenses of Rohan's participation in the East Asian cir-

In all six boys including Rohan and two girls have qualified for the Central Asian tennis team for their good performance in the Central Asian junior under-14 tennis circuit held in Dhaka, Calcutta and Colombo. More than 50 boys and girls from nine countries took part in the recently concluded cir-

The qualified players and Boys - Ejaz Ahmed and Nonn Qamar of Pakistan, M A Salman and Kamla Khannan of India, Nadim Kamran Khan Rohan of Bangladesh and Ab-

dallah of Syria. Girls - Radhika Tulpule and Srudhi Dhawan of India. Rohan reached the pre-

quarterfinal of boys singles and also in the boys' doubles quarterfinal pairing with compatriot Raaj in the second leg in Calcutta. He came champion in the boys singles consolation tournament.

International Tennis Federation introduced the tournament for raising the standard of tennis in Asia from last year.

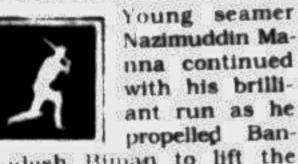
Biman clinch Bijoy Dibash Trophy

Column One Manna makes his mark

BRIEF SCORES BANGLADESH BIMAN: runs in 44.2 overs. 167 in 56.4 overs (Nasir Khan 62. Mona 30, M Rafique 20; Shahed Mehmood 5/32. MA Nannu

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 102 in 44.2 overs (Mustadir Litu S Shahed 13: Manna 5/33. Anis 4/35)

3/25, Nadeem Younus 2/2)

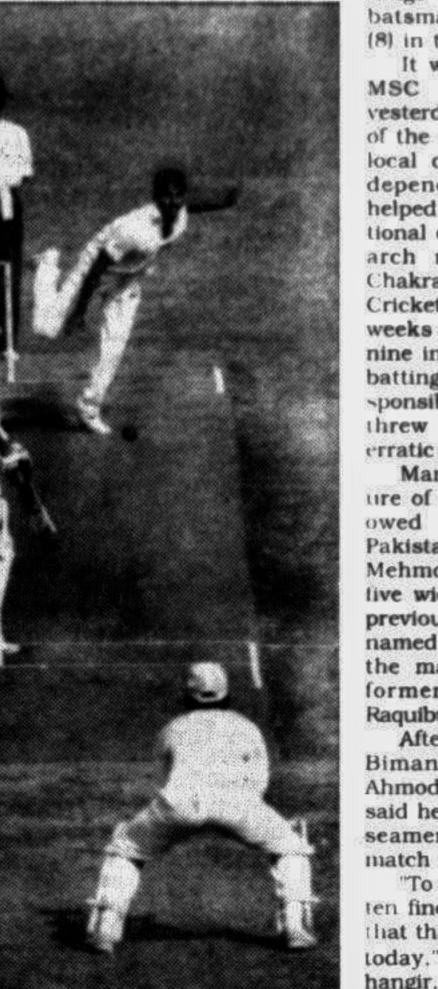


nna continued with his brilliant run as he propelled Bangladesh Biman to lift the Bijov Dibash cricket trophy

hours on the second day to Manna's five-wicket haul in send their gigantic counterparts packing for only 102 Manna, who got the wickets of MSC openers Nadeem Younus (5) and Mustadir Litu

(14) in the last session of the of their target. opening day yesterday which restricted the Damal Summer cricket tournament champions to 50 for 2 in 25 overs at stumps, struck off three other star batsmen of overs in the last stage.

MSC yesterday. With the overnight score of 50 for 2. Mohammedans needing a further 118 to win in 55 overs with eight wickets in hand, suffered their first blow of the day in the



Mohammedans batsman Nannu lets go an outswinger from Biman's fiery paceman Manna during yesterday's Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament final at the Dhaka Stadium. Manna finished with 5/33.

with an unexpected 65-run victory against favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

With the help of Manna's lethal pace bowling who denied all the top five MSC batsmen sending them back to the dressing room with poor scores, Biman, defending a paltry 167 they scored on Tuesday, needed only two

CHIANG MAI. Thailand.

Dec 13: The crowd roared as

Thailand's three-man team

high-kicked their way to vic-

tory 2-1 against rival Malaysia

in the sepak takraw team fi-

nal at the Southeast Asian

Games today, reports Reuter.

The cheering crowd,

banging drums and waving

flags helped inspire the Thai

side to overwhelm the

Malaysians, who had hoped to

win the hotly-contested

indoor court with a net, re-

quires agility and speed. Sim-

ilar in concept to volleyball,

the three players a side have

only three touches of the ball

before it must go over the

net. They must only touch

the ball with their feet or

victory helped Thailand con-

tinue its strong showing in

the 18th SEA Games. Almost

halfway through the nine-day

event, Thailand had 148

medals including 69 golds.

Indonesia, the winners of the

1993 SEA Games, were a dis-

from 10 countries are partic-

More than 3,000 athletes

tant second with 89 medals.

The sepak takraw team

head - no hands allowed.

The game, played on an

competition.

 Star photo very first over when a seemingly inconsistent Jahangir Alam tried to hook Manna only to become a catch in the

hands of Rafique at third slip. Skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul became the next victim of Manna in the 30th over as he was caught behind scoring only 12 runs.

All-rounder Selim Shahed (13) completed the list of

Hosts dominate SEA Games

ipating in the SEA Games.

vying for 334 gold medals in

bagged the golds and rewrote

the record books in the men

and women's marathons run

than 10 minutes off the old

SEA Games record to win the

women's event and set a new

record of two hours, 34.29

son Tan, who just two days

ago came in third in the

10,000 metres, finished only

seconds behind Ruwiyati to

win the silver in a time of

previous SEA Games record

of 2:45.43 set in 1989 by

Survati of Indonesia. Thai-

land's Sunisa Pechpongprai, a

runner from the Maew Hill

tribe, was third with 2:45.54.

also set a record in the men's

event, finishing in two hours

23.19 minutes. The old

record of 2:23.19 was set in

1989 by Filipino Herman

winners also beat the old

The silver and bronze

Indonesia's Suyono Soyono

Both women beat the

Singapore's Yvonne Dan-

Ruwiyati slashed more

Indonesian runners

28 sports.

minutes.

2:34.41.

just after dawn.

the 34th over as he followed his skipper edging an outswinger to wicketkeeper Farid Hossain Tomal which left Mohammedans tottering on 75 for five, still 92 short

Inspired by the magnificent bowling of Manna, leftarm national team pacer Anisur Rahman also came up with a magical spell of six

After dismissing national all-rounder Minhazul Abedin Nannu (9) in the 37th over and keeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu (1) and Khaled Mahmud Sujon (7) in the 41st over. Anis finished off the MSC innings sending back the last batsman Shahed Mehmood (8) in the 45th over.

It was diabolical the way MSC batsmen performed vesterday despite having one of the best batting line-up in local cricket. None of their dependable scorers, who helped their side to a sensational one wicket victory over arch rivals Abahant Krira Chakra in the Damal Summer Cricket tournament final two weeks ago scoring 269 for nine in 50 overs, were found batting with any sense of responsibility yesterday as they threw their wickets playing erratic shots.

Manna, whose match figure of five for 33 over shadowed the performance of Pakistani leg-spinner Shahed Mehmood who also bagged tive wickets for MSC on the previous day, was eventually named man-of-the-match by the match adjudicator and former national captain Raquibul Hasan.

After the match, a happy Biman makeshift skipper Ahmodur Rahman Jahangir said he was very proud of his seamers who brought the match in their favour.

"To win a match you need ten fine deliveries and we did hat through Manna and Anis today," said a beaming Ja-

On the other hand MSC captain Aminul Islam Bulbul blamed his batsmen for their disgraceful defeat.

"We collapsed today. Our batsmen, including myself, played irresponsible innings. It is as good as committing suicide. I beg apology to our supporters for our poor deeds today," said the shocked MSC skipper. He also praised Manna and Anis for their brilliant workouts.

Sadeque Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports, distributed the prizes to the winners as chief guest after the match.

record, finishing on Suyono's

heels after running in a pack

for most of the race. Suyono's

compatriot Ethel Hudson

took second in 2:21.11 and

Filipino Roy Vence was third

Yeo and Thailand's Rattapong

Srisanont, who have both

been swimming their way to

victory and new records over

the past few days, continued

Yeo broke her 100 metre

freestyle record by nearly half

a second in winning gold in

57.19 seconds. Indonesia's

Meitri Widya Pangestika and

Elsa Manora Nasution were

Rattapong, who has be-

come a cult hero to fans

packing the stands, shaved

more then two seconds off

his old 200-metre individual

medley record to set a new

one of two minutes, 4.74

seconds, Rival Gerald Koh of

Singapore won silver and

Thailand's Dulyarit Phuang-

shooting range, winning the

team air rifle and free pistol

Thailand dominated at the

their golden streaks.

second and third.

tong bronze.

Sinagapore's Josecelyn

in 2:21.51.

The joyous Bangladesh Biman players and officials pose with the Bijoy Dibash cricket trophy

in a controversial incident

that prematurely dropped

the curtain on the second

semifinal of the just-con-

cluded Bijoy Dibosh cricket

tourney between Abahani KC

and Bangladesh Biman last

with fellow umpire Ratan,

from the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium at 6:30 pm last

evening after conducting an

under-12 cricket coaching

camp there. While the two

were passing by a road adja-

cent to the ground, home to

Abahani KC, Dipu was con-

fronted by ten to twelve

young men carrying hookey

sticks. They first went for his

face but Dipu was quick in

putting up his right arm in

defence, inflaming it. The

brutal attackers then hit the

Dipu was returning home,

GMCC move into semis

Sports Reporter

ESKATON SS: 220/6 (Majed Hanif 81, Manwar Hossain 56)

GMCC: 222/5 in 45.5 overs (Zakaria 58, Golla 45, Rafiqui 45, Rais 43 n.o.)

The Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) powered their way to the semifinals of the Shahid Jewel-Mushtag Memorial cricket tournament with a commanding five-wicket victory over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing an impressive Eskaton total of 220 for six in the allotted 50 overs, the Mymensingh outfit sauntered past their target scoring 222 for five with 4.1 overs to spare.

Chubby national middleorder bat Zakaria Imtiaz topscored with a quick 58 (55 balls, 4x8) while his Bangladesh teammate Javed Omar Belim Golla (45 runs, 4x6), ex-national star Rafigul Alam (45 runs, 4x3, 6x1) and Pakistani Rais Ahmed (43 not out, 4x5, 6x1) contributed significantly.

Earlier, Eskaton managed to pile up their laudable total with the help of two half-centuries from their Pak duo. Middle order Majed Hanif amassed 81 runs (102 balls, 4x8) while opener Manwar Hossain showed more patience to score 56 runs (116 balls, 4x2),

Acme Div II cricket begins today

Sports Reporter The Acme Second Division

cricket league will begin in the capital this morning under the auspices of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

In the opening match, Azad Sporting Club will take on Public Works Department Sports Club at the western ground of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

A total of 32 teams will compete in the first round group league divided into four groups. The top three teams of each group will qualify for the super league while the remaining clubs will play in the relegation league.

Following are the 32 teams taking part in the league as per the groups:

Group A: Western SC, Uttara SC. Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha, Millbarrack CC. Amarjoti Club, Lalbagh Anwar SC. Kathalbagan GCC and Ganderia Cricketers.

Group B: Azad SC, Orient SC, Shantinagar 'B' Spread Eagles, Mirpur SKC, DOHS CC, Lancashire CA and PWD

Group C: Uditi Club, Young Pegasas 'A' Rupali Bank CC, Nabin Sangha, Lalbagh USC. Udayachal Club, Rainbow SC and East End Club.

Group D: Evergreen SC. Shantinagar 'A' Nirman Eleven, Young Pegasas 'B' Nawabganj Evergreen CC Azad Boys Club, Kakrail Boys Club and Rayer Bazar SC.

> Jayalalitha opens SAF village

MADRAS. Dec 13: The imposing village which will house the athletes and officials of the South Asian Federation Games (SAF) begin ning here on Dec 18, was inaugurated by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Miss Jayalalitha this morning, reports

The village, built on a sprawling 35-acre area, contains 33 self-contained blocks which can accommodate over 2,500 persons.

Declaring open the village, Miss Jayalalitha said, "Our sole aim is to make Tamil Nadu the best destination for sports in India and we have achieved our goal to a great extent." The village would serve as a landmark in Madras, she added.

Savagery on umpire Dipu

Sports Reporter

renowned figure on the head Former national cricketer, noted and knees before Dipu mancricketing peraged to run away to the main sonality and a

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

Department of Statistics recorded a win in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament defeating Department of Microbiology by three wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground yester-Batting first, the Microbi-

ology students were booked in only 29.2 overs with Iqbal Hasan scoring the highest 35 Kiron and Rintu of Statis-

tics bagged three wickets apiece conceding 14 and 17 runs respectively.

In reply, the winners sailed home in the 24th over losing five wickets. Partha (21) and Kiron (18) were the notable scorers among the Statistics boys.

Control Board (BCCB) vehemently condemned the brutal attack and expressed their sympathies for the esteemed cricketer. In a written statement issued last night, the BCCB said that they will take necessary measures to ensure no such incident occurs again while taking disciplinary measures against all con-

The Bangladesh Cricket Umpires Association had decided to boycott all matches from today onwards but ultimately consented to officiating matches, wearing black badges, after continuing assurances of safety from the

Another former national player Raqibul Hassan, talking to this correspondent, said, "This is a highly condemnable incident. Whatever ex-players had taken up umpiring in the last few years, in order to improve the level of supervision, will now be discouraged again.

BCCB.

For the sporting arena in general, the unfortunate mishap only beckons a fear of being taken over by anarchy. And for Dipu Roy Chowdhury, it is a dark moment to cast a shadow over a bright cricket

Olympics on the make

LONDON, Dec 13: Once. the IOC said it could live without television. On Tuesday, it gladly took 2.3 billion dollars for TV rights to three Olympics, reports AP.

The NBC television network acquired the exclusive US broadcast rights to the 2004 (summer), 2006 (winter) and 2008 (summer) Olympics for the sum, a record

It was the first time a network secured the rights frastructure to stage the to three Olympics at once, and the first time the rights were sold before the site had been decided. Not exactly what Avery

Brundage, then president of the International Olympic Committee, expected in 1956 at the Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy. Brundage claimed, "We in the IOC have done well without TV for 60 years and will do so certainly for the next 60."

Brundage's skepticism seemed appropriate when the last torch-bearer at Cortina's opening ceremony tripped and fell over a television cable.

Thirty-nine years later. Brundage would be shocked at how times have changed. Today, the Olympics are a multi-billion-dollar industry and TV's hottest property.

The latest deal ensures financial security into the next century for an Olympic Movement that was on the verge of bankruptcy and collapse just 15 years ago. "We see this agreement as

a landmark in the confidence

ACROSS

32 Commotion

35 Reins

and trust it shows in the Olympic movement," IOC marketing director Michael Payne said. "The Olympic has proven itself as the premier global event in attracting TV audiences.

"The Olympics are a property on their own and wherever they take place they command higher TV ratings. Payne said. "As long as the country is able to come forward with the appropriate in-Games, then for TV compa nies and sponsors it really makes no difference where the Games are held."

It's been a long journey since the first Olympics telecast at the 1936 Games in

Kenya win

NAIROBI, Dec 13: Kenya beat the Netherlands by five wickets in a one-day (50 overs) cricket match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Scores: Netherlands 154 for seven innings closed (Asif Karim 3-7). Kenya 155 for five in 44 overs (Maurice Odumbe 46).

Nicol stuns Walker BOMBAY, Dec 13: Peter Nicol of Scotland demolished Chris Walker in the final to win his first super series title in straight games in the Mahindra Challenge squash tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Nicol, 22, took only 49 minutes to record 15-8, 15-11. 15-10 win over Walker, seeded fifth, just one rank above him.

10 Quant

48 Eastertime

51 Flushed

Berlin, when three cameras provided 138 hours of coverage for an audience of 162,000 people.

The tradition of TV rights fees began in 1948, when the BBC coughed up about 3,000 dollars to show the London Olympics. Reports at the time said the BBC later pleaded poverty and the organising committee never cashed the check.

The Olympics didn't go truly global on TV until 1964 with the first satellite relay of the Tokyo Games. TV rights fees reached 32 million dollars for the 1976 Montreal Olympics, but that didn't cover the cost of broadcasting the Games.

The last two decades have seen a huge increase in television rights, fees and audiences for the Olympics.

Next summer's Atlanta Olympics have generated more than 900 million dollars in global TV rights fees, including 456 million dollars from NBC.

CBS has the US rights to the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, for 375 million dollars. And earlier this year, NBC signed a 1.27-billion dollar deal for US rights to the 200 Summer Games at Sydney, Australia and the 2002 Winter Games at Salt

Lake City. TV rights fees provide nearly half the commercial revenues for the Olympic movement. Total marketing revenues for the 1993-1996 quadrennium are forecast at around dollars 3 billion

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

YWYYCUM MDK MNCKUI WSM WHI Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT'S BEST THAT YOU BUY THERMOMETERS IN WINTERTIME; THEY'RE A LOT LOWER THEN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals N

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.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain gives away the Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament trophy to Biman's captain Jahangir after the final against Mohammedans at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

respected um-Dipu needed a few stitches to his lips but, thankpire in the local fully, not much damage was cricket arena Dipu Rov done elsewhere. Although his Chowdhury came under a arms and knees are inflamed barbaric physical attack by a no fracture was detected on group of youngmen in the the X-ray plates. city yesterday. The Bangladesh Cricket The savage assault follows cerned. threats voiced against him by fans of a certain club after his involvement, as the umpire,