

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)



SPORTS TALK



Magic Johnson

(Former American basketball superstar)

This is like another challenge, another chapter in my life. It is like your back is against the wall and you just have to come out swinging. I'm going to beat it and I'm going to have fun.

After testing positive for the HIV virus.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports Whizz Kid competition-18

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Dec 23, 1995)

- 1. Which is the highest individual score in an one day international?
181 185 189
2. Who are the current Blyth Dishes cricket champions?
Abdullah Brothers Dhanmondi
3. How many teams will compete in the 96 European soccer championships final?
12 14 16
4. New Zealand Test all-rounder Chris Cairns is the son of Test paceman Cairns
Lance Vance Name
5. The 1984 Summer Olympics was held in
Las Vegas Los Angeles Dallas

Name: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (if any)

IKO celebrate anniversary

Sports Reporter

The fourth anniversary of the International Karate Organisation, Bangladesh branch was held yesterday afternoon at the gymnasium of the National Sports Council, says a press release.

Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, attended the anniversary ceremony as the chief guest. Niaz Rahim, general secretary of Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation, was present on the occasion as the special guest.

A demonstration of special karate activities was presented on the occasion.

Joao talks sense

PARIS, Dec 15: FIFA president Joao Havelange said on Tuesday the 2006 World Cup finals should be held in Africa, reports AFP.

And as things stand at present South Africa is the country with the necessary infrastructure to stage such a competition, the International Football Federation president added before Tuesday's draw for the qualifying competition for the 1998 finals in France.

Havelange steered FIFA into accepting that an Asian country should hold the 2002 World Cup, for which South Korea and Japan are the only candidates.

Today's news will be disappointing for Germany who had already started working on a bid for the 2006 World Cup finals.

Havelange is fighting an attempt by the European Football Union (UEFA) to strip FIFA of its powers and he is thought to be using the idea of rotating the World Cup between different continents to defuse the European challenge.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain looks at pictures of veteran national striker Sheikh Mohammed Aslam at a photo exhibition on the illustrious career of the ace marksman at the NSC auditorium yesterday.

Bidyut remains on velvet

BRIEF SCORES

GMCC: 190/6 (Rais 58 no. Zakaria 37, Sadek 36, Faiyaz 25; Iqbal 3/39) BROTHERS UNION: 191/5 in 48.4 overs (Bidyut 87, Halim Shah 58 No)

Promising national under-19 opener Shahrir Hossain Bidyut once again showed signs of his growing maturity yesterday when he hit his fifth half century in seven games to guide his side Brothers Union into the final of the Shahid Jewel Mushtaq Memorial cricket tournament.

Bidyut hit a sparkling 87 as Brothers cruised to a five-wicket victory over the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium last afternoon.

Chasing an unimpressive

Gonzalez knocked out

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec 15: George Valdes of the United States knocked out Marcos Gonzalez of Mexico in the first round of a heavyweight fight Wednesday night at TropWorld Casino and Entertainment Resort, reports AP.

Valdes hit Gonzalez with an overhand right to the chin, then knocked him clear through the ropes with a left hook 2:35 into the opening round.

Valdes, No 3 in the IBF's Intercontinental rankings, improved to 17-1-2 with 12 knockouts, while Gonzalez fell to 14-5-1 with 13 knockout.

In the co-feature of the all-heavyweight card, Obed Sullivan (14-1-1) of the United States gained a 10-round majority decision over Marion Wilson (8-18-3), also of the United States.

Sullivan is the IBF Intercontinental champion, but was not defending his title Wednesday night.

Kenya win again

NAIROBI, Dec 15: Kenya beat the Netherlands by one wicket in their cricket World Cup warm-up match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Scores: Netherlands 168 for seven in 50 overs (Asif Karim 3-17).

Kenya 171 for nine in 49 overs (Martin Owiti 60 not out, Floris Jansen 3-28).

WHIZZ KID-16 winners



1. Elina Mahbuba Holy Cross Girls' High School Dhaka



3. Summy Akhtar A K High School Dhaka



2. Farzeen Salch Green Herald Int'l Dhaka

Sports Reporter

GMCC total of 190 for 8, the Gopibagh outfit, needing less than four runs per over, easily reached home with eight balls to spare. Bidyut played the sheet-anchor role in his side's innings, staying at the wicket till the 41st over, by when the fate of the encounter was visibly sealed.

His masterly innings was the perfect mix of immaculate defence and flowing strokeplay. His unflinching patience took him through the hefty 146 deliveries he faced while his eight boundaries gave away his carefree nature.

The matured knock also proved Bidyut's hunger for the limelight. It follows his brilliant 77 in Brothers' previous match against Dhaka Wanderers and three more in the recently completed Damal Summer tourney.

Bidyut was joined in the run feast yesterday by middle order Halim Shah who made a comeback yesterday after a long absence from the field due to jaundice. Halim Shah made an unbeaten 58 off 84 ball, hitting four boundaries in the process.

The other mentionable feature of the Brothers innings was that out of the five batsmen who took the long walk back to the tent, three were run out.

Earlier, Pakistani Rais Ahmed helped take GMCC to a respectable total with a characteristic half century after his side elected to use the wicket first.

Rais hit two fours and a six in his unbeaten 58, carved in 65 balls. He was followed by Zakaria Imtiaz (37), Sadek Amin (36) and Faiyaz Ferdousi (25) for the bowling side. Iqbal Hossain took 3 for 39 in 10 overs.

The final match between Brothers and their unexpected opponents Wari will be held at the same venue today.

Bima book semis berth

Sports Reporter

isthan and part-timer Golam Faruq Rana both had the same bowling figures of three for 28 while Aminul Islam bagged two wickets conceding 16 runs.

In reply, Khelaghar suffered a big blow when they lost three wickets within a span of only three runs. The collapse began with opener A M Babar (13) who returned to the dressing room in the 14th over with the board on 37.

One down Zamil Faisal was next out on 38 before he could open his account while the other opener Shahiduzzaman Jewel (12) completed the misery on 40.

After losing three successive wickets, Khelaghar launched a comeback with a fifth-run partnership between all-rounder Rana (48) and Rais Ahmed (22) for the fourth wicket. But after their departure none of the remaining Khelaghar batsmen could maintain the tempo as they kept on losing wickets.

Their innings folded in the 45th over with 164 on the board.

Niaz Hasan of Bima took three wickets conceding 22 runs in eight overs while R A Tareque (two for 8) and Ismail Miah (two for 28) were the other successful bowlers for the winners.

Sadharan Bima will take on Ajax Sporting Club in the second semifinal of the ten-team meet tomorrow at the same venue.

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Sadharan Bima Kriya Sangstha earned a berth in the last four of the Shaheed Smriti cricket tournament with a marginal seven-run victory over Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangstha at the City Club ground, Mirpur yesterday.

After scoring a moderate 171 in 44.3 overs in the morning, the Bima cricketers booked Khelaghar in 44.4 overs with the board reading 164.

A brilliant 53 of 73 ball by middle order batsman Ehsanul Haq Seezan was the main feature of the Bima innings in the morning as they were invited to bat first by their opponents.

Seezan's half century came from only 66 balls which included four boundaries. Opener S H Biplob and all-rounder Syed Nakib Halder added 22 and 19 runs to Bima's total respectively.

Khelaghar's new-ball bowler Rais Ahmed of Pak-

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Velez on the verge of crown

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Nat'l U-18 tennis from Jan 18

The national junior tennis championships will be held at the Banna National Tennis Complex from January 10 to 16, reports BSS.

Intending under-18 tennis players have been requested to send their entries either through the District Sports Associations or the affiliated clubs for four events of the meet, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

The events are: Boys singles and doubles and girls singles and doubles.

Acme div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Rainbow Cricket Club, Orient Sporting Club and DOHS Cricket Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches held at three different venues in the capital yesterday.

Rainbow recorded an eight-wicket victory over Young Pegasus 'A' at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Orient defeated Lancashire Cricket Club by six runs on the western side of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. In the remaining tie of the day, DOHS Club beat Shantinagar 'B' by 33 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Brief Scores

Rainbow vs Young Pegasus 'A': Young Pegasus 'A': 86 in 26.5 overs (Shahed 15, Sk Das 3/18, Mukul 2/21) Rainbow CC: 87 for two in 15.5 overs (Titu 20, Zahid 18)

Orient vs Lancashire Orient SC: 183 for 9 in 40 overs (Selim Mushtaq 41, Al-Imran 35, Saaluddin 3/25, Shamsul 3/45) Lancashire CC: 177 for 8 in 40 overs (Saju 30, Shuvo 28, Kabir 3/34, Nasar 2/25)

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Windies fail to unwind

ADELAIDE, Dec 15: Sri Lanka added to the woes of the West Indies, today by defeating them easily by four wickets in the opening fixture in the world Series limited overs competition, reports Reuter.

West Indies, distracted by the dispute surrounding absent batsman Brian Lara and beset by poor form, gave a lacklustre performance as their fellow tourists cruised to victory with five overs to spare at Adelaide Oval.

Put into bat after losing the toss, Richie Richardson's side laboured to a disappointing 160 for eight from their allotted 50 overs.

Sri Lanka then recovered from losing opener Roshan Mahanama to the first ball of the innings and replied with a disciplined 161 for six, based largely on a fine innings of 46 from 61 balls by Aravinda de Silva, who scored more freely than any other batsman on a slow, turning wicket.

"We are still struggling," Richardson said afterwards. "The way we are playing, we just have to work a bit harder."

The outcome was a repeat of Sri Lanka's much celebrated victory over the West Indies in the Champions Trophy final in Sharjah two months ago.

West Indies, beaten by eight wickets on Tuesday after being routed for 92 by the Australian Cricket Academy, a team of youngsters with virtually no first-class experience, struggled again with the bat.

Their lack of form was highlighted by Sri Lankan captain and man-of-the-match Arjuna Ranatunga who claimed the vital wickets of Richardson and opener Phil Simmons cheaply with his very gentle, Makeshift medium pace.

Ranatunga conceded a miserly 24 runs from his 10 overs as the Sri Lankans made maximum use of the turn provided by early moisture in the wicket.

He followed that by scoring a useful 27 after coming to the wicket at number five behind vice-captain De Silva.

West Indies, whose tour to Australia has been overshadowed by the lingering dispute over Lara's decision to stay at home, managed only five boundaries in 50 overs in overcast conditions.

Opener Sherwin Campbell prevented a total collapse with a patient but uninspiring

Series limited overs match between West Indies and Sri Lanka at Adelaide Oval today:

WEST INDIES Campbell lbw b Muralidharan 47 Simmons c Mahanama 18

Ranatunga b Muralidharan 5 Chanderpaul run out 1 Hooper c Tilkeratne b Muralidharan 23 Adams c Muralidharan 11

Dharmasena 11 Harper c Jayasuriya b Vaas 23 Browne run out 6 Bishop not out 8 Ambrose not out 0 Extras: (lb-10, nb-2, w-6) 18 Total: (for eight wickets, 50 overs) 160

Fall of wickets: 1-20: 2-50: 3-56: 4-101: 5-122: 6-122: 7-136: 8-160.

Bowling: O M R W Vaas 7 1 17 1 Wickremasinghe 7 0 22 0 Ranatunga 10 1 24 2 Muralidharan 10 0 35 2 Gurusinha 8 0 25 0 Dharmasena 8 0 27 1

SRI LANKA Mahanama c Campbell b Ambrose 0 Jayasuriya c Bishop b Walsh 28 Gurusinha b Bishop 15 De Silva c Browne b Hooper 46 Ranatunga c Campbell b Bishop 27 Tilkeratne not out 17 Kaluwitharana c Browne b Bishop 8 Dharmasena not out 5 Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-2, nb-7) 15 Total: (for six wickets, 45 overs) 161

Fall of wickets: 1-0: 2-24: 3-54: 4-113: 5-130: 6-152.

Bowling: O M R W Ambrose 7 0 29 1 Walsh 10 5 23 1 Bishop 10 1 38 3 Simmons 3 0 17 0 Hooper 10 1 23 1 Harper 5 0 25 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by four wickets. Man-of-the-match: Arjuna Ranatunga (Sri Lanka).

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the World

Fresh move to break Lara stalemate

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec 15: Trinidad cricket chiefs say they have a plan to resolve the dispute between Brian Lara and West Indies officials that has caused one of the game's biggest upheavals in the Caribbean, reports Reuter.

Controversy flared after Lara withdrew at the last moment from West Indies' current tour of Australia after he had three other players were fined for misconduct during this year's tour of England.

The penalty - 10 per cent of the tour fee - was imposed by West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC), which has called a special meeting in Bridgetown today in an attempt to settle the issue.

Alloy Lequay, president of Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control, said he and fellow WICBC representative Richard de Souza met Lara and his mentor, former Test batsman Joey Carew, had forged a plan to solve the problem.

Lequay and De Souza left here for Bridgetown on Thursday to attend the WICBC meeting that is likely to determine the cricket future of Lara, holder of the world record score for both Test and first-class cricket.

"We had a long and informative discussion with Brian and we feel we have a plan to resolve the impasse which will be nearly satisfactory to everybody," said Lequay.

Lequay said De Souza and himself now had a fuller grasp of all the issues involved and considered the problems should be over at the weekend.

There are two key elements to the controversy - Lara is at odds with the WICBC and is uncomfortable with the captaincy of Richie Richardson.

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CRYPTOQUIP

NBQ V B Q R F T N T F B C U G R V W C U R W T F F C E I U N K G V G C J G R L B B E Q V W F E B L W G K U U B J G Yesterday's Cryptoguy: GUY 1: CROSS CENTIPEDES WITH PARROTS AND WHAT DO YOU GET? GUY 2: WALKIE-TALKIES.

Today's Cryptoguy clue: U equals I

The Cryptoguy 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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Gov. 1 Sub 1 spotter 6 Gridiron 11 Pierce 12 Take 14 One and the same? 15 Nicks or Wonder 16 Pasha Creed word 17 They're out-standing 19 Civic cooler 20 Old fogey 22 Place to insert a plug 23 Paradise 24 Equine noise 26 Everest conqueror 28 Charity concert 30 Sounder! 31 Boston suburb 35 Piano piece? 39 Ant's men

DOWN 1 Bar 2 Exaggerate 3 Re the feet: abbr. 4 On in years 5 1986 champ song, "Walk Away..." 6 Stomach-related 7 Performances 8 Billie for Lamieux 9 Battle 10 Arachno- phobe's fear 11 Faxes 13 Infinitesimal 18 "Poppycock" 21 Diplomas hurdles 23 Presbyterian 25 "the season..." 27 Once around 29 War condition 31 Abrade 32 People 33 Strand 34 Ms. Gardner 36 Prophecy 37 "Res-taurant" 38 Spillages 41 Polonius' hiding place 44 Clutter 45 precedent 48 10th anniversary gift 50 Witticism

