#### (The Professor does)

DID U' KNOW?

T HAT keeping sports clean of politics is more easily said than done. Nowadays, either politicians get involved with sports or sportsmen indulge in politics For instance, in the case of Bangladesh badminton, a politician is carrying its mantle whereas the players are getting into the politics of it. Although, every match begins with the umpire shouting "Love all," & think not many badminton players want to abide by the umpire. Is it not high time that the National Sports Council stepped in to ensure that future National Championships are not farcical and that only the best become champions? But, then, it is more important for the best to behave like a champ. Sportsmanship is a player's all-important virtue.

SPORTS TALK



Hassiba Boulmerka (Algeria's ace long distance runner)

"When I win I think the title is for me, but the gold medal is for the girls of Algeria. And for the people of Al-

Sports

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published

every Saturday)

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

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	Jamaica	Barbados	Trinidad			
•	Who is Bangladesh's national football coach?					
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#### Libya's change of heart CAIRO, Dec 27: Libya is

reviving its sports teams, banned more than a decade ago by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, to show the country can function despite UN sanctions, Libyan television reported, reports AP.

The state-run television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp in London, said Monday night that sports competitions will resume Jan

In the early 1980s, Gadhafi banned all sports competitions, especially soccer, saying that game allowed only 22 people to play, while everyone should be allowed to

join any game. The TV report quoted a letter sent by sports officials to Gadhafi saying that under his instructions, they will rebuild their athletic teams for international tournaments "in a bid to challenge and break

the unjust sanctions." The UN Security Council imposed economic, arms and diplomatic sanctions against Libva in 1992 to try to force it to hand over two Libyans suspected in the 1988 bombing of a Pam Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people.

### New FIDE chief's pledge

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec 27: The new president of the World Chess Federation, or FIDE, promised Tuesday to mend the current split in the world's chess organisations.

reports AP. "There will be only one world champion," said Kirsan llyuchinov, who also is president of the Russian region of Kalmykia. He is on an unofficial visit to Indonesia.



Two Bangladesh forwards are caught off-side at the Indian goalmouth after skipper Monem Munna (foreground) hit a typically testing free-kick from the edge of the box - TV photo

## Madras Games' montage

MADRAS, Dec 27: Despite the disappointment in football, Bangladesh have done well to haul seven golds in the seventh SAF, Games which concluded at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here today, according to BSS.

In the inaugural Games in 1984 in Kathmandu, Bangladesh had two golds, seven silvers, and 13 bronzes. In 1987 Calcutta Games Bangladesh reaped only three golds, 19 silvers and 32 bronze

Bangladesh had a very poor showing in Islamabad two years later where they won only one gold 12 silvers and 23 bronzes. At the 1991 Colombo Games Bangladesh bagged four golds, eight silvers and 29 bronzes.

However, hosting the second Games in Dhaka in 1985 Bangladesh garnered nine golds including five won by Mosharraf Hussain in swimming. In the last Games held in Dhaka in 1993 Bangladesh got 11 golds, 19 silvers and 34 bronzes.

Sri Lanka with their sterling performance challenged India's authority in the athletics events snatching 11

SAF boxing

results

MADRAS, Dec 27: Bangla-

desh won two silvers and five

bronze medals in the boxing competition of the seventh

SAF Games here on Tuesday,

Bangladesh's Sheikh Ala-

uddin in the upto 91 kg class

took the silver. India's Lakha

Singh won the gold and

Kapur Thapalia of Nepal

In the up to 60 kg cate-

gory, Raihan Ali Sarder of

Bangladesh picked up the sil-

ver, Indian Bhusan Saini the

gold and Nepal's Ranamagar

got the gold in the up to 51

kg category Sri Lankan

Banadara Ratnayake took the

silver and Bangladesh's Mo-

hammad Akhtarulla bagged

In the up to 54 kg class,

Shabbir Sikilkar of India took

the gold, Pakistan's Abdul

Khaliq the Silver and Bang-

ladesh's Mohammad Asadur

In the up to 67 kg class,

Bahadur Thapa of India took

the gold and Abdul Rashid

Bolach of Pakistan got the sil-

ver. Bangladesh's Mohammad

Moniruzzaman picked up the

In the 71 kg category Ab-

dul Rashid of Pakistan got the

gold, India's Lalit Prasad the

silver and Abu Salek of

Thapa of India garnered the

gold, Tanveer Butt of Pak-

istan the silver and Bangla-

desh's Zulfikar Rahman took

In the 75 kg class. Shabbir

Bangladesh got the bronze.

Rahman took the bronze.

India's Kiran Sagar Dandu

bagged the bronze.

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reports BSS.

golds including the honour of being the fastest man and woman of South Asia.

Chinataka Tilekeratane



Sri Lanka became fastest woman and man with new marks in the events. Bangladesh's Mahbub Alam came to the spotlight with his astonishing speed by taking the 200 meters sprint In almost all the 14 disci-

plines including swimming. athletics, shooting, boxing. wrestling and weightlifting India outclassed their rivals to take medals with ease.

India bagged 21 athletics

golds, out of 37 that were on offer. Besides, the hosts country took 20 golds in shooting out of 30 while Bangladesh and Sri Lanka took five golds each. Except the gold won by Bangladesh's Karar Mizanur Rahman India picked up all the other 15 golds in swimming. India also made almost a complete sweep of the golds in boxing, wrestling and weightlifting.

The seventh edition of the Games witnessed setting up of the highest number ever of new records in different events. About of 22 new records were created in athletics of out of the 37 events while in swimming 13 records were improved out of the 16 events. Moreover, seven records were bettered in weightlifting.

### Complete medals tally

MADRAS. Dec 27(UNB): Following is the discipline-wise final medal list of the 7th SAF Games which concluded

Event	Country	Gold		ronze	Total
Athletics:	India	21	24	10	55
	Sri Lanka	11	7	11	29
	Pakistan	2	2	10	14
	Nepal	1	2	1	4
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Basketball:	India	1	Ō	0	1
	Pakistan	ŏ	1	Ų	1
	Sri Lanka	0	Ų	1	7
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	Nepal	3	2	3	5
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5	Pakistan	0	1	0	1
	Bangladesh		0	1	1
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	Nepal		3	2	8
	Bangladesh	0	3	4	7
	Sri Lanka	0	2	3	5
Kabaddi:	India	1	0	0.	- 1
	Bangladesh	0	1	0	1
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	Pakistan	3	2	5	10
	Bangladesh Sri Lanka	0	3	3	6 3 1
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	Nepal	0	1	0	
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	Sri Lanka	ŏ	3	ă	12
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Shooting:	India	20	14	7	41
	Sri Lanka	5	7	7	19
	Bangladesh	5 5	4	10	19 19
	Pakistan	0	5	3	8
10	Maldives	0	0	1	1
7.1	Nepal	0	0	1	
<b>Table Tennis:</b>	India	7	5 2	0	12
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	Sri Lanka	0	0	5	5
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Volleyball:	India	2	0	0	3
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# Smooth ride for GMCC

#### BRIEF SCORES

VICTORIA SC: 130 all out in 46.2 overs (Rajindar Singh 32; Morshed 2/17, Golla 2/15)

GMCC: 131 for seven in 39.5 overs (Kabir 41, Zakaria 41; Nahid 2/28)



Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) beat Victoria SC by seven wickets in the only match of the Premier league

at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB. Needing only 130 runs for victory, GMCC reached 131

for 3 in 39.5 overs.

One down Alamgir Kabir (41 off 75 balls) and Zakaria Imtiaz, the young burly middle order bat, who scored an unbeaten 41 (71 balls) ensured GMCC reached the post. This is their maiden win of the league following their defeat to Brothers Union.

Imtiaz joined Kabir after GMCC lost both their openers in the 18th over with the score on 43. They added a match-winning 64 runs in 21 overs before Kabir was caught and bowled by Indian spinner Visal Singh Yadav in the 38th over with the side 40 runs

#### shy of the total. Americans to Hopman Cup

PERTH, Dec 27: Richey Reneberg and Chanda Rubin will represent the United States in the Hopman Cup teams tennis tournament, organisers announced Wednes-

day, reports AP. The United States pair was called up to replace Sweden in the eight-nation event after Swedish veteran Mats Wilander announced his withdrawal. Wilander was to

have partnered Asa Carlsson.

However, Imtiaz along with one of the veterans Rais Ahmed, who also remained unbeaten on 9 reached the target.

The only Victoria success was Abul Hasan Nahid who claimed both GMCC openers for 24 runs in his eight overs that included one maiden.

Earlier, electing to bat Victoria SC found life very difficult at the wicket and were dismissed for 130 in 46.2 overs.

Indian Rajinder Singh. who made highest 32 off 52 balls, tried to put up some resistance along with national top order Al-Shahriar Rokon (12) but the run out of Singh made a big hole in the Victo-

Another Indian, Visal Singh was the other notable run-getter with 21. GMCC new-ball bowler

Morsed Alam figures read 10-2-17-2 while occasional bowler national opener Zaved Omar Belim Golfa also took two for 15 in his 5-over spell.

#### Jayasinghe, Jaspal Games' two bests

MADRAS, Dec 27: Indian pistol prodigy Jaspal Rana and Sri Lankan sprint gueen Susanthika Jayasinghe have been voted the best male and female competitors of the seventh South Asian Federation (SAF) Games by the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association, reports PTI.

The Bangladesh scribes covering the Games, which ended here today, chose Jaspal Rana for his record sweep of eight gold medals from the range. Susanthika clinched the sprint double and led the 4x100 metres relay squad to victory, all with new Games marks.

Ahbab Ahmed, chef-demission of the Bangladesh squad, handed over a citation and memento to them at a function in the Games village today.

#### Sarcastic security!

MADRAS, Dec 27: Overzealous security almost forced abandonment of the football final between India and Bangladesh after the bus carrying the visiting team was denied entry through the main gate and the players were forced to take a long walk to reach the ground, reports PTI.

The security personnel, who have already proved a thorn in the flesh for all those legitimately connected with the Games, stopped the bus and forced them to take a detour. Piqued by the attitude, the Bangladesh team refused to play but relented after the All India Football Federation vice-president, C R Viswanathan — also the Indian team manager pleaded with them.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) secretary. Peter Velappan, also suffered a similar fate when his car was refused entry into the stadium. Velappan, a special invitee here to oversee the development work done in South Asia and watch the final encounter, arrived with the All-India Football Federation president, P Radasun Hi. They eventually managed

to enter the stadium. Interestingly the closing

ceremony is timed at 1630 hours and if the match goes into extra time and tiebreaker a piquant situation could arise.

### A gaggle of gaga!

NEW DELHI, Dec 27: The Indian media went to town over their national hockey team's sensational 5-2 win over world champions Pakistan in the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games final, reports AFP.

"India consign Pak to the dustbin of hockey," screamed a front-page banner headline in the Pioneer today, as the country celebrated a longawaited victory over their arch-rivals. Respected hockey writer

S Thyagarajan of the Hindu described India's display on Tuesday as "methodical, mobile and mellifluous." The Times of India said "India knocked the stuffing out of Pakistan. "India manifested the

charm and craft of hockey aesthetics of an incredible dimension to outplay and outmanoeuvre the world champions," the Hindu wrote. "It was an emotionally filling moment for every Indian hungry to see the hockey image restored."

India, winners of eight Olympic titles, have seen their fortunes fall dramatically over the last two decades, failing to win tournaments even at the Asian level.

India barely managed to qualify for last year's World Cup in Australia, and must take part in an eight-nation qualifying event in Spain next month for next year's Atlanta Olympics. But the disappointments

of the past were forgotten on Tuesday as the home team weaved circles around the Pakistani defence, going 5-0 up by the 46th minute of the pulsating 70-minute encounter.

"India played such superb hockey that even the most ardent follower of the game rubbed his eyes in disbelief," said the Times of India. "It was hockey out of this

world," wrote the Pioneer, and added that "All the 100odd medals India won the regional games have somehow been swiftly pushed to the background." Amidst the euphoria, a

note of caution was sounded by India's chief hockey coach Cedric D' Souza who said the team had yet to prove itself at the world stage.

"Defeating a champion team like Pakistan is great, but it is only the beginning of the revival of Indian hockey." D' Souza said.

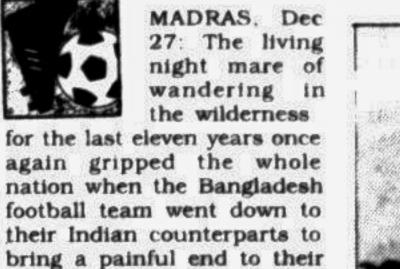


Shabbir Pasha (R), the hero of India on the day, is joined by fellow star striker Vijayan - TV photo while celebrating India's gold in SAF football.

### Munna desires to retire

# Second fiddle, once again

From Al-Amin



yesterday. The stakes were high and the emotion upbeat for the long-eluding title for Bangladesh, where soccer is a passion.

crusade to win a maiden SAF

Games football gold here

But, the burden of carry ing the hopes and dreams of 120 million people seemed too much for our high-profile booters who let the nation down with a pathetic, if not irresponsible, display.

"My main concern is the growing injury problem in the team. I can't tell the players to put in their best on a hard pitch where there is always a risk of fatal injuries, said Bangladesh's German coach Otto Pfister on the eve of the final. As if bringing their coaches words to reality, the acclaimed booters played way below their par



and were thoroughly outplayed by the also not-so-impressive Indians.

And, if the lack-luster show from the men in the middle fueled the agony of the nation, then the aftermatch reaction from Pfister provided another nail to the injured press from Bangladesh as the professional German trainer tried to justify the defeat with lame

"The boys have played their best under the condi-

tions. But we were not lucky enough to win the match. said Pfister, adding, "Besides the atmosphere is not ideal for the final. The match was played under a scorching sun, the ground conditions were poor and we had to play four games - one more than Indian in seven days - a physically improbable task."

Asked whether he is satisfied with his team's showings. Pfister said. "I'm satisfied," reminding the pressmen that his pre-SAF aim was to reach the semis.

Skipper Monem Munna has expressed his desire to retire from the national team after failing to inspire Bangladesh to win their maiden SAF football gold.

"I will request the BFF to omit me from the national team to allow upcoming youngsters to come in. I tried my best to give the nation the SAF football gold but I have failed. I don't believe in luck only. There is something going wrong on every occasion I don't know what it was. But I must say the authorities should do something about that," elaborated Munna with a heavy hart & a choked

## Shearer shows his prowess



27: England striker Alan Shearer kept up his amazing Ewood Park sco-

ring record on Tuesday to help champions Blackburn to 2.0 win over struggling Manchester City, reports

Shearer had found the target in all nine of Rovers' previous nine home league games this season and he needed just 11 minutes to maintain that record against City, slotting home from 20 metres for his 24th goal of the season. It was his 99th in

the Premier league. By contrast, Blackburn's other goal, in the 50th minute, came from England midfielder David Batty, scoring his first goal for the club since moving from Leeds 26 months ago. Batty unleashed a right

footer which screamed into the top corner for his first goal since netting for Leeds against Middlesbrough in January 1993. After a poor start, Black-

burn have now moved up to ninth position while Manchester City slip back into the bottom three. In other Premier league

action earlier in the day, two second hall goals by Paul Merson helped Arsenal bounce back from their weekend defeat by Liverpool Queen's Park to beat Rangers.

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Merson's goals ensured Arsenal's first victory over Rangers since April 1991 and ended a spell of five league matches without a win.

But fellow Londoners Tottenham again frittered away a chance to make a serious championship challenge as they were held to a 0-0 draw at Southampton.

Wimbledon captain Vinnie Gazza back with a bang GLASGOW, Dec 27: Paul

Gascoigne marked his return after a two-match ban with a fine display, winning a penalty and scoring a superb goal as Rangers beat Kilmarnock 3-0 to increase their lead in the Scottish Premier league on Tuesday. reports Reuter.

With all other Premier league matches postponed because of snow and freezing grounds Rangers moved five points clear of closest challengers Celtic.

Russian Oleg Salenko scored the opener in the 24th minute, volleying home from close range when he was left unmarked. It was the 2 million

pounds (3.1 million dollars) striker's seventh goal in 17 appearances for Rangers. The penalty came after Gascoigne chested down a cross by Gordan Petric.

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Jones was again in trouble, sent off for the 11th time in his career in the match at Chelsea. But his team still managed to cling on to win

Jones was dismissed in the 54th minute for a foul on Ruud Gullit. clattering into Chelsea's former Dutch international three metres outside the Wimbledon

penalty area. It was his second bookable offence le had already been shown the yellow card for a 14th minute foul on Dam Petrescu.

Runaway leaders Newcastle visit main challengers Manchester United today in one of the matches of the Newcastle, on 45 points

are 10 clear of Manchester

and Tottenham and 11 ahead of Liverpool and Arsenal. Liverpool were prevented from continuing their challenge on Tuesday when their match at Aston Villa was postponed because of a frozen pitch. West Ham ver-

Middlesbrough, another side with hopes of a place in Europe next year, received a setback when they were

sus Coventry met the same

trounced 4-0 at Everton. Brazilian Juninho was replaced by Jamie Moreno with 16 minutes to go after struggling to find any fluency and missing the influence of injured midfield partner Nick

Barmby

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals C
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.