

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT the only Briton to win three gold medals in an Olympics is Henry Taylor in swimming who achieved the feat in 1908. His events were 400m freestyle, 1500m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relay.

Henry later got two bronzes making him one of the three Britons to win most medals in Olympic Games. The others to win five medals were Jack Beresford in rowing (3 gold and 2 bronze) in 1920 and 1932, and Kitty McKane in lawn tennis (1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze) in 1920 and 1924.

Wipe that smile of your face. Mark Spitz!

SPORTS TALK



Andre Agassi

(American tennis superstar)

My career seems full of things I should have done and didn't and things I shouldn't have done and did.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports Whizz Kid competition-21

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Jan 12, 1996)

Table with 5 questions about Olympic medals, snooker, marathons, and boxing.

Name, Class, Roll No, School Address, Phone fields.

Nat'l U-18 tennis from today

Sports Reporter The national junior under-18 tennis championship will commence at the National Tennis Complex this morning under the auspices of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

A total of 52 boys and seven girls from ten districts and organisations are taking part in the week-long tourney. These are Dinajpur DSA, Natore DSA, Naogaon DSA, Rajshahi DSA, Meherpur DSA, Rajbari DSA, Mymensingh DSA, Bangladesh Agricultural University, BKSP and Dhaka DSA.

Gurmeet lifts Aga Khan golf

The 24th annual Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club last weekend, according to a press release.

The two-day event, played over 36 holes, was participated by over 170 golfers, men and women, including members of Bhatiyar Golf Club, Chittagong.

The following are the winners of the tournament: Winner - Gurmeet Singh, Runner-up - Saad Rahtim, Best Gross - Sadek Qudus.

Kalabagan stoop to Bank

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 181 in 49.4 overs (Saiful 51, Shahid Sayeed 41, Saikat 33; Khurshed 3/28, Zakir 3/30)
AGRANI BANK SC: 182 for six in 45.2 overs (Nasir Ali Khan 67 not out, Huda 25) Result: Agrani Bank won by four wickets.



Title-aspirants Kalabagan Krira Chakra became the latest victim in the top-spy-turvy Premier cricket league when low-rated Agrani Bank handed them an imposing four-wicket defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

On the resuming day after a two-day unscheduled recess due to hartal the defeat ended Kalabagan's four-match unbeaten run in the 12-team elite group. Besides, the outcome of yesterday's match left joint holders Abahani Krira Chakra as the only undefeated team on completion of five engagements.

However, in the day's match the presence of Pakistani all-rounder Nasir Ali Khan in the Agrani Bank made all the difference between the two outfits with the tall right-handed bat hammering an unbeaten half-century to propel his side to their second win.

Chasing a modest Kalabagan total of 181 in the allotted 50 overs, Nasir Khan scored a swashbuckling unbeaten 67 as Agrani reached the victory target by scoring 182 for six with 14 balls to spare.

After a muted start with Agrani Bank being reduced to 3/57 Nasir Khan played the sheet anchor role to guide his side to an impressive victory. He shared 21 runs for the fourth wicket with Azam Iqbal (10) and then added another 17 odd runs for the fifth wicket with Nahid (10) before the latter departed leaving the scoreboard at 97 for five in 30.4 overs.

Then came the most vital stand of the day between Nasir Khan and Kamrul Huda. Together they put on 82 runs for the sixth wicket to propel their side close to success.



NASIR ... 67 n.o.

While Nasir, the robust Pakistani who plays for Customs in their domestic cricket, kept the other end intact in his composed 84-ball undefeated knock. He completed his half century with a lusty off-drive for a four off fellow Pakistani Amin Abbas.

Nasir, who is particularly very strong on the on-side, clouted four fours and two towering sixes in his polished knock. Among them, two of his over-boundaries in successive overs off right-arm seamer Amin Abbas was a treat to watch.

He flayed his compatriot for his first six over the long-on boundary that landed at the VIP stand while the second one, a superb flick off the toes, went straight over mid-wicket.

It was Nasir Khan's third half century in the league. And with yesterday's essay the most sensational foreign recruit this season took his personal score to 251 from five matches averaging an astonishing 83.66.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning Kalabagan made

a disastrous start losing half of their wickets for only 21 runs in 10.5 overs in the face of some devastating spell from Zakir Hossain and Khurshed Alam, the new-ball pair of Agrani Bank.

Zakir, who was particularly hostile with the cherry, struck in the very first over claiming the wicket of Nurul Abedin Nobel for a duck. The former national opener, who was partially responsible for his own doom, went for an injudicious hook of a rising ball from Zakir, only to be caught at backward square leg.

Kamrul, who eventually finished with impressive figures of four for 30 in 10 economic overs, then removed the other opener Wahidul Islam (3) who turned a half volley to a simple catch at mid-wicket.

Kalabagan skipper Faruque Ahmed also departed in the same way after scoring only five. The former national skipper became the first victim of Khurshed Alam, who had also finished with four wickets giving away only 28 runs in 8.4 overs.

Khurshed then dismissed Zahid Razzak Masum (0) reducing Kalabagan to four for 20 in 9.5 overs. For Masum the dismissal would be a living nightmare as the tall former national opener lost his leg stump while going for a half-hearted pull leaving his defence exposed.

After the early debacle with most of the recognised Kalabagan batsmen being removed, Shaheed Sayeed, so far the highest scorer in the league, tried to mend the damage with a patient 41 off 67 balls embellished with four hits to the rope.

Once the Pakistan all-rounder was removed by spinner Shariful Huk Plabon, Kalabagan almost headed for an ignominy when they slipped to 80 for seven in 28.2 overs.

But thanks to a brilliant 93-run partnership for the eighth wicket between seamer Saiful Islam and Saikat that deadlifted Kalabagan from a precarious position to a face-saving total.

Saikat scored a scintillating 51 off 57 balls including three boundaries and a massive sixer while Saikat chipped in with a plucky 33 off 69 deliveries.



South African fast bowler Allan Donald (R) on his way to run out England all-rounder Dominic Cork during yesterday's first one-day international in Cape Town, South Africa. The hosts won by six runs. — AFP/UNB photo

Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

GOPBAGH PFA: 130 in 43.2 overs (Shupu 44; Nakib 4/21)

SADHARAN BIMA KS: 131/7 in 43.5 overs (Kamal 25, Ismail 21; Hasan 3/41)

Sadharan Bima KS defeated Gopibagh Friends Association by three wickets in their Yamaha First Division cricket league engagement at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

Batting first, the Gopibagh outfit, surprise winners of the Shahid Smriti tourney last month, could only muster a paltry 130 before they were all out in 43.2 overs out of a possible 45.

New ball bowler Nakib Haider was the wrecker-in-chief sending back the first four Gopibagh batsmen with the score on only 45. But S Islam Shupu salvaged some pride for his side, picking them up from dire straits to the relatively respectable total scoring a painstaking 44 off 97 balls.

Nakib returned with impressive figures of 9-2-21-4 while Tarque and Ratan took two wickets each, the latter conceding only 11 runs in his 8.2 overs.

In reply, Sadharan Bima looked to be in deep trouble when they faltered to 56 for five in 25.3 overs. But a 47-run partnership between Faruq Kamal and Ismail Mia in the sixth wicket guided the insurancemen to victory in 43.5 overs with three-wickets in hand.

Kamal scored 25 while Ismail added 21 to the total. Ahsanullah Hasan took three expensive wickets for 41 runs.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

LALBAGH ANWAR SC: 157 for 9 in 40 overs (Zafar 36, Masum 28, Mithu 3/34)

KATHALBAGAN CC: 158 with out loss in 30.4 overs (Mithu 79 not out, Riad 60 not out). Result: Kathalbagan won by 10 wickets.

NABIN SANGHA: 193 for 9 in 40 overs (Rusho 61, Biplob 50)

UDITY CLUB: 168 in 37 overs (Sohel 26; Apolo 2/11) Result: Nabin Sangha won by 25 runs.

SHANTINAGAR 'A': 145 in 35.5 overs (Shariful 28, Sujon 28, Masud Rana 3/16)

YOUNG PEGASUS 'B': 143 in 39.2 overs (Masud 39 not out, Bubul 2/16) Result: Shantinagar 'A' won by 2 runs.

Kathalbagan Cricket Club, Nabin Sangha and Shantinagar 'A' won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league encounters held yesterday in three city different venues.

An unbeaten 158-run opening partnership between Mithu Saha (79) and Riad Rahman (60) propelled Kathalbagan to a big 10-wicket victory over Lalbagh Anwar Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

In the day's other two matches, Nabin Sangha defeated Udy Club by 25 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Shantinagar 'A' recorded a marginal two-run win over Young Pegasus 'B' at the Mirpur Utopia Stadium.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Maghbazar Krira Chakra began their Progoti Insurance Third Division football league campaign on winning note when they defeated Chalanika Krira Chakra narrowly by one goal to nil in their opening Group B encounter yesterday at the Rajuk ground.

Pollock plunders England



CAPE TOWN, Jan 10: Shaun Pollock showed his emerging all-round talents with an unbeaten 66 and four for 34 as South Africa beat England by six runs in the first one-day international on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Pollock's half-century lifted South Africa from 107 for six to 211 for eight in their 50 overs and his pace bowling reduced England from 155 for three to 205 all out in the day-night game at Newlands.

Man-of-the-match Pollock's influential performance in his first one-day international gave South Africa their first limited-overs victory against England in the fifth meeting between the two sides.

England had appeared to be easing towards a comfortable victory after solid batting had steered them to their healthy 155 for three in the 37th over.

Yet the return of Pollock to the attack at that stage caused a slump which saw England's last seven wickets tumble for 50 more runs, the innings ending with one ball remaining.

The final nail in England's coffin was the dismissal of Graham Thorpe in the 48th over as he top-edged a pull to Craig Matthews coming in from the deep mid-wicket boundary.

Once the innings began to subside, Thorpe carried the side's hopes. He finished with a gutsy 62 from 95 deliveries, hitting two fours.

Atherton (35) and Stewart (23) had launched England's reply in solid fashion with a first-wicket stand of 59 in 15 overs and the platform was

expanded by Graeme Hick (21) and Neil Fairbrother (28).

Hick threatened to play a major innings as he hit left-arm wrist-spinner Paul Adams out of the attack on his way to an 18-ball 21.

But, having shared with Thorpe in a third-wicket stand of 30 in only six overs, Hick was adjudged out leg before wicket to an Allan Donald delivery which may well have been destined to miss leg stump.

The two left-handers, Thorpe and Fairbrother, produced the highest stand of the match as they added 61 before England self-destructed in the face of tight bowling in the final phase of their innings.

After South Africa batted first on winning the toss, committed England out-cricketer restricted the home side to 77 for five by the 22nd over.

But South African captain Hansie Cronje (24) and Jacques Kallis (38) combined in a sixth-wicket stand of 30 and Kallis and Pollock added 45 for the seventh wicket in 11 overs.

Although Kallis engineered his own dismissal after skylining a pull to deep square leg, Pollock and Craig Matthews accelerated the momentum over the final eight overs with an invaluable eighth-wicket stand of 59 — a South African one-day record for that partnership.

Pollock, surviving a chance to Thorpe off Dominic Cork on 30, powered with his unbeaten 66 from 66 deliveries and struck six boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first one-day (50 overs) international between South Africa and England at Newlands on Tuesday.

SOUTH AFRICA

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like Kirsten, Richardson, Stewart, Martin, McCullin, Rhodes, Cronje, Kallis, Pollock, Matthews, Reeve, Extras, Total.

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-20; 3-44; 4-57; 5-77; 6-107; 7-152.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Cork, Martin, Gough, Reeve, White, Smith.

ENGLAND

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like Atherton, Donald, Hick, Thorpe, Fairbrother, Adams, Pollock, White, Reeve, Cronje, Smith, Gough, Martin, Extras, Total.

Fall of wickets: 1-59; 2-64; 3-95; 4-155; 5-161; 6-166; 7-177; 8-189; 9-199.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Matthews, Pollock, Donald, McMillan, Adams, Cronje, Kallis.

Result: South Africa won by six runs. Second one-day international: Blomfontein, Thursday, Jan 11.

Diego dodged dizzy days?



BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan 10: Soccer star Diego Maradona says he wanted to fail his drug tests while playing for the Italian club Napoli in a desperate effort to get help and treat his addiction, reports AP.

In Napoli, drugs were everywhere, he said. "They practically brought it to me on a tray."

In the second instalment of an interview with the weekly magazine Gente, Maradona said he "hoped to test positive because it was the only way I found to ask for help and to return."

In the first instalment, Maradona discussed his drug problem at length.

"I was, I am and I always be a drug addict," he said. The player first tested positive for cocaine following a league game in 1991 and

was suspended for 15 months. By his own admission, he had been using drugs since 1982, when he was 22.

Maradona related that in Naples he had been a favourite of the Camorra, as the Neapolitan mafia is called, "not because I was pretty or good, but because I made the people happy, the same people that maybe they exploited."

He went on to explain that drugs made him miss many happy moments in his life. "I missed many of my (two) daughters' birthdays because I was so drugged that I was unable to enjoy them," he said. "I missed nights with Claudia that I will never recover because I locked myself up and wouldn't come out."

Maradona's wife, Claudia Villafane, interviewed for the first time, said she found out about his drug habit in 1984, at a party to celebrate his transfer from the Spanish club Barcelona to Napoli.

"It was a party at our pool that lasted until three, four, five in the morning," she said. "I noticed what the other guests were doing. That's when everything began for me."

She said they only began to talk about the problem in Naples "when people came at two or three in the morning to bring him things."

Claudia said that "once or twice I thought of letting him go to hell. But he's the man I love, and I'm not about to leave him when he needs me most."

Maradona's decision to talk about his cocaine problem coincided with the launching of a government campaign against drug use by young people called "Sun Without Drugs."

The 35-year-old star launched the campaign last week at a news conference he shared with President Carlos Menem.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid and solution key.



Anatoly Sobchak (L), St Petersburg city mayor, conversing with International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief Juan Antonio Samaranch after submitting the candidature of his city for hosting the 2004 Olympic Games at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Jan 9. A sculpture of Baron Pierre de Coubertin — founder of the IOC — is also seen in the foreground. —AFP/UNB photo