

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Torquay United's Pat Kruse, playing against Cambridge United on Jan 3, 1977, headed the ball into his own net only six seconds after kick-off in an English Football League match. It was one of the fastest own goals in history.

Not a bad idea at all, gives your team 89 minutes 54 seconds to equalize.

Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID

competition-22

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Jan 19, 1996)

- The length of a badminton court is (in feet)

44	45	46
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- How many judges in Olympic diving competition?

Three	Five	Seven
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- The legendary marathoner Abebe Bikila was from

Tanzania	Ethiopia	Kenya
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- How many events in Olympic decathlon?

Five	Ten	Twelve
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- The first Bangladeshi to win SAF 100 metres sprint was

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SPORTS TALK



Marlene Ottey

(Jamaican ace sprinter)

"I don't know how much longer I can last in this sport. I think I can keep going for my ego. But I don't want to get out when I'm being beaten by everybody. I don't want to be one of those also-runs."

Rajib sub-Jr chess champ

Sports Reporter

Promising youngster Enamul Hossain Rajib emerged champion in the 16th national sub-junior chess competition after beating Ruhul Islam Bobby in his final round encounter at the NSC chess room yesterday.

This was the eighth win for Rajib in the nine-round Swiss League meet from which he earned eight points, a half point lead over runner-up Abu Sufian Shakil who earned 7.5 points after receiving a bye against Mahbubul Alam Sumon yesterday.

Pirote Ahmed of Narayanganj and national junior champion Adnan Faisal earned third and fourth position respectively with both having seven points.

ROLL OF HONOUR

- 1980: Sayeed Ahmed
- 1981: SM Jaber
- 1982: Idris Ali
- 1983: Syed Wahid
- 1984: Syed Iqbal
- 1985: Not held
- 1986: Reefat-bin-Sattar
- 1987: Ziaur Rahman
- 1988: Ruhul Kabir
- 1989: Reefat-bin-Sattar
- 1990: Ruhul Kabir
- 1991: Ruhul Kabir
- 1992: Showkat Hossain
- 1993: Showkat Hossain
- 1994: Mahfuzur Rahman
- 1995: Mahfuzur Rahman
- 1996: Enamul Hossain

Charity match

Sports Reporter

A charity football match between film and football stars of the past and present will be held this afternoon at 3 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

Noted musician and filmmaker Khan Ataur Rahman will witness the match as chief guest while former national football coach Gafur Baluch will be present as special guest.

The match will be followed by a cultural show, starting after Magreb prayers.

The programme has been jointly organised by Bangladesh Football Players Welfare Association (BFPWA) and Bangladesh Film Artists Association (BFAA) to raise funds for distressed footballers and film artists.

Hanif's ton tumbles BU

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 257 for eight in 50 overs (Shahid Sayeed 81, Nobel 80; Sajal 3/49)

BROTHERS UNION: 261 for seven in 49.3 overs (Aamir Hanif 113 not out, Bidyut 53; Amin Abbas 3/46)

WARI CLUB: 249 in 49.5 overs (Ehsan 69, Biplab 63; Sarwar 4/45)

ESKATON SS: 204 in 46 overs (Parvez 60, Majid Hanif 36, Munna 3/45)



Pakistani international Aamir Hanif blasted his second ton in the ongoing Premier cricket league to inspire Brothers Union to a sensational three-wicket win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a high-scoring affair, Aamir Hanif cracked a dazzling unbeaten 113 as Brothers Union, chasing a huge Kalabagan total of 257 for eight in 50 overs, posted 261 for the loss of seven wickets and with three balls to spare for their fifth win in the league.

Aamir Hanif, who had earlier played the sheet-anchor role for his side's five-wicket win over Gulshan Youth with a blazing 113 not out on Jan 11 at the same venue, once again carry the candle single-handedly to put an end of the soring Kalabagan spirit of an intriguing finish.

On a placid wicket, Aamir Hanif, who strolled in the middle with Brothers limping on two for 30, took the Kalabagan bowlers to the sword plundering 142 runs off only 140 deliveries for the third wicket with opener Sharar Hossain Bidyut.

Together with Bidyut, the Pakistani right-handed bat made a mockery of a commanding Kalabagan total rattling up 156 for two in 27.2 overs to brighten the hopes of an easy win for the Gopibagh outfit.

But once Bidyut, the young right-hander, departed after scoring a polished 53 off 65 deliveries punctuated with six fours and a massive sixer off national right-arm seamer Saiful Islam, Kalabagan were brought back into the game with some bizarre batting display from Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon and Ziauddin Shovon.

An out-of-form Shipon, who consumed 32 balls for a

sedate 10, was bowled like a novice by Saiful while Shovon, the Brothers skipper, scored a painstaking 2 off 12 balls before being run out leaving his team at the dire straight, 217 for six in 43.3 overs.

But thanks to a breezy 16 off 20 deliveries by long-handed bat Sajal Chowdhury,



AAMIR HANIF 113 n.o

who shared a priceless 35 runs for the seventh wicket with the illustrious Pakistani to dig their side out of danger. And when Sajal was out, played on to the wicket in the penultimate over, Brothers were only six runs short of target from the remaining ten-ball.

Aamir Hanif, who completed his century off 123 balls, fittingly ended the chase pulling the third ball of the last over off Shaheed Sayeed over the mid-wicket region for a four.

The stockily-built Pakistani, however, offered a simple catch at deep mid-on in the 46th over while he was on 104 and with 246 for six on the board. But Masum, the tall former national opener, dropped the catch diffusing Kalabagan's chance of a late resurgent. Aamir's unconquered 139-ball knock featured with 13 sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

For Kalabagan, right-arm seamer Amin Abbas claimed three wickets for 46 runs in his ten overs followed by Saiful, who finished with two for 54.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, Kalabagan total was built around by the two, 75-plus knocks from opener Nurul Abedin Nobel and Pakistani middle-order bat

Shahid Sayeed.

Nobel, the former national opener and elder brother of Minhazul Abedin Nannu, chanced his arms to score a patient 121-ball 80 embellished with five hits to the fence.

On the other hand Shaheed, so far the highest scorer in the league, hammered a whirlwind 81 off 73 deliveries. His polished innings featured with six fours and two towering sixes. With this well-made half-century Shaheed took his personal score to 445 from only seven matches.

Among the Brothers bowlers Sajal Chowdhury, who later did one better with the willow, returned most successful with the figures stating three for 49 in his 10 overs. Left-arm spinner Biplab Sarker Billu took two for 54 in his expensive seven overs.

It was Kalabagan's second defeat from seven league matches. They are now sharing the third position with Brothers Union with five wins apiece.

WARI'S FOURTH

In the day's other Premier league match at the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Wari Club recorded their fourth win with a 45-run defeat on Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Sent into bat, Wari compiled a commanding total of 249 before being all out with one ball to spare in the 50-over-a-side match.

Mofizul Islam Biplab scored a patient 63 off 103-ball inclusive of seven boundaries while lower-order Ehsan, who was responsible for the huge Wari total, cracked a swashbuckling 69 off 90 deliveries embellished with five fives.

Sawar Imran, the veteran right-arm pacer, was the Eskaton wrecker-in-chief with four for 45 in his 9.5 overs.

In reply, Eskaton, facing a daunting task of scoring exactly five runs per over, could muster only 204 before being bundled out in 46 overs. Among the Eskaton willow-wilders opener Parvez Ahmed scored 60 off 83 deliveries followed by Majid Hanif, younger brother of Aamir Hanif, who chipped in with a sedate 67-ball 36.

It was Eskaton's seventh defeat in a row to remain at the bottom of the table. With this win Wari collected eight points from seven league matches.

Pak visa for Indians still inflexible

NEW DELHI, Jan 18: The Pakistan government today laid out procedures for granting visas to Indian media persons and fans visiting Pakistan for the Wills World Cup to be held from February 11 to March 17, reports PTI.

Journalists planning to visit Pakistan for coverage should contact the Pakistan high commission's press division here, a release from the high commission, here said.

For spectators, applications should be received in groups of a minimum of 20 persons through recognised tour operators before January 30. Applications received after the deadline would not be entertained, the release said.

The visa applicants should furnish evidence of tickets for specific matches and confirmed hotel bookings. Confirmed reservations by air and rail alone would be cleared and road travel would not be permitted, it added.

Pakistan will host 15 matches, including two quarter-finals and the March 17 final at Lahore. Karachi, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Peshawar and Gujranwala are the other venues.

The PILCOM (Pakistan-India-Lanka Joint Committee) had held its meeting in Calcutta yesterday to thrash out various issues and was attended by Pakistan and Sri Lankan members.

UAE name WC squad

DUBAI, Jan 18: Sultan Zarawani will lead the 14-man United Arab Emirates squad in the cricket World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka next month, officials said today, reports Reuters.

Zarawani, a leg-spinner and lower-order batsman, led the UAE team to victory in the ICC Trophy in Kenya which earned his side their ticket for the World Cup.

Besides Zarawani, the squad includes only one of the players are expatriates hailing from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

They are also without a coach. Madan Lal, the former Indian Test all-rounder who guided the team to victory in the ICC Trophy but quit because the Emirates Cricket Board failed to offer him a long-term contract. He now coaches the Indian A team.

SQUAD

Sultan Zarawani (captain), Saeed Al-Saffar (vice-captain), Vijay Mehra, Saleem Raza, Shahzad Alta, Shaikat Dukanwala, Ganesh Mylvaganam, Syed Azhar Saeed, Mazhar Hussain, Arshad Lal, Mohammed Aslam, Johanne Samarasekera, Imtiaz Abbasi (wicket-keeper), Ishaq Mohammed.

Pete overcomes hiccup, Becker's great escape

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

World number one Pete Sampras overcame a small hiccup against compatriot Michael Joyce in his second round match at the Flinders Park Thursday.

Against an unknown opponent, the best player of 1995, looking for his third consecutive Grand Slam title since Wimbledon 95, faltered unexpectedly. The 22-year-old Californian broke through Pete's service games taking the number one seed by surprise.

Sampras, who was runners-up last year to Andre Agassi, quickly got into rhythm and started giving lessons to his young opponent.

Sampras had a nice practice session in the next three sets rehearsing time & again, the shots that went wrong in the first set. But Joyce was not to be taken lightly. He stood up to the pressure of playing against Sampras and took away as many as 11 games in the next three sets.

The big server finished off the two hours seventeen minutes match with his 20th ace of the day.

Boris Becker had to perform one of his greatest escape acts against Thomas Johansson of Sweden.

Before Becker could come to his senses, he was down two sets and the Swede was about to roll into the third round.

Becker, who so wary and disenchanted that every shot he played, took him to the edge of desperation. But he had a vociferous crowd that brought him out of his slumber. The last three sets turned out to be nightmares for the young Swede who gave in 2-6, 1-6, 4-6. Becker moved into third round.

Easy win for Heryanto Arbi

TOKYO, Jan 18: World champion Heryanto Arbi easily thrashed Japan's Fumihiko Machida in the second round of the 150,000-dollar Japan Open badminton on Thursday, reports AFP.

His 15-8, 15-11 win showed the gap between Indonesian's best and the top Japanese, who was just "happy to be able to make rallies" and take an 11-5 lead in the second game.

Lankans show lassitude



MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Sri Lanka collapsed dramatically to hand Australia victory in the first World Series Cup final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Thursday, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka seemed to be cruising home at 107-2 in the 24th as they chased Australia's total of 201 for 7. But their final seven wickets went for 45 runs.

Australia had earlier done well to even reach 201 after themselves crashing to 39-4 in the 14th over.

Sri Lanka opened in great fashion with opener Ramesh Kaluwitharana hitting three boundaries off Paul Reiffel's first over.

However the man who smashed the Australians for 77 and 74 in his last two outings at the MCG fell lbw to paceman Glenn McGrath for 13 in the next over.

Asanka Gurusinha and Ar-



Australian spearhead Craig McDermott exults while being congratulated by his jubilant teammates after sending back Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas during the first final of the World Series Cup in Melbourne yesterday. Australia won by 18 runs in a low-scoring encounter.

— AFP/UNB photo

A stubborn 31-run last wicket stand between captain Arjuna Ranatunga and Ravindra Pushpakumara made the losing margin a more respectable 18. But the tourists were stunned at the way they were bowled out in 48.1 overs.

Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne and fast bowler Craig McDermott picked up five wickets between them to put the brakes on Sri Lanka's innings.

avinda de Silva combined for a 61-run third wicket stand and the tourists looked set to go 1-0 up in the best of three series.

Then Warne struck, dismissing De Silva for 34 with a leg break that caught the edge and flew to first slip and in the same over he had the out-of-form Hashan Tillekeratne caught behind for one.

Sri Lanka still needed only 92 runs off 26 overs but lurched from mistake to mis-

take. Gurusinha's frustration led him to hole out to mid-wicket off McDermott in the 31st over for 47.

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Sri Lanka's middle and lower-order offered little resistance apart from Ranatunga's 31. He was the last man off, bowled when swinging lustily at a McGrath delivery.

But Sri Lanka's cause was not helped by Roshan Mahanama injuring his leg and retiring hurt. He was in obvious pain when he returned to bat with a runner and was finally bowled by a Mark Waugh off-spin for 16.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the opening match of the best of three limited overs World Series final between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today:

AUSTRALIA:

M Taylor c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	0
M Waugh b Vass	0
R Ponting run out	51
S Waugh c Gurusinha b Wickremasinghe	13
S Law c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara	0
M Bevan c Mahanama b Pushpakumara	59
I Healy not out	50
P Reiffel b Vaas	15
S Warne not out	3
Extras: (lb-3, w-2, nb-1)	6
Total: (for seven wickets, 50 overs)	201

Fall of wickets: 1-0: 2-9; 3-39; 4-39; 5-100; 6-155; 7-192.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	1	42	3
Pushpakumara	10	1	34	2
Wickremasinghe	8	0	30	1
Dharmasena	10	1	31	0
De Silva	5	0	24	0
Jayasuriya	7	0	37	0

SRI LANKA:

S Jayasuriya c S Waugh b McGrath	19
R Kaluwitharana lbw b McGrath	13
A Gurusinha c Bevan b McDermott	47
A De Silva c Taylor b Warne	34
H Tillekeratne c Healy b Warne	1
R Mahanama b McGrath	31
A Ranatunga b McGrath	16
K Dharmasena b McDermott	4
C Vaas c Healy b McDermott	2
P Wickremasinghe c Taylor b Reiffel	0
R Pushpakumara not out	8
Extras: (nb-1, w-2, lb-5)	8
Total: (48.1 overs)	183

Fall of wickets: 1-17: 2-46; 3-107; 4-110; 5-120; 6-120; 7-131; 8-132; 9-152.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	10	1	41	3
McGrath	9	1	28	3
Reiffel	10	2	44	1
M Waugh	6	0	23	1
Law	3	0	13	0
Warne	10	1	29	2

Result: Australia beat Sri Lanka by 18 runs.

Donald destroys England



DURBAN, South Africa, Jan 18: A record third wicket partnership between Hansie Cronje and Jacques Kallis along with some fiery fast bowling from Allan Donald won South Africa the fifth one-day international against England on Wednesday and clinched them the series, reports Reuters.

After Donald had led the way in bowling out England for a paltry 184 in 49.5 overs with a return of 4-41 from his 10 overs, South Africa lost Gary Kirsten and Andrew Hudson to Dominic Cork with just nine runs on the board.

But thanks principally to Cronje (78) and Kallis (67), they reached their target with 10 balls to spare.

After a sober start the 118-run partnership flourished and Cronje and Kallis went on to break the previous third wicket record of 106 for South Africa in one-day internationals, set by Cronje and Jonty Rhodes against Australia at the Wanderers in 1994.

Cronje was dropped three times on his way to 50, one of them a steeping chance which Philip DeFreitas got under but failed to cling on to. When he was finally bowled by Craig White the victory was just two runs away. He had faced 133 balls and hit four fours and a six.

But it was the 20-year-old Kallis who looked the more assured, displaying great maturity in his shot selection and placement, which brought him six boundaries from 107 balls.

He was finally expertly caught on the midwicket boundary by Graeme Hick.

Kallis had earlier been dropped on 55 when Alec Stewart spilled a stinging chance at mid-wicket.

For his troubles Stewart split the webbing next to the little finger on his left hand and needed four stitches. Assistant England manager John Barclay described the injury as "not too serious," but Stewart was likely to miss the last two matches of the series.

He was expected to be fit for the World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka starting next month.

Earlier the England innings was halted in its tracks by Donald who bowled with genuine pace to take four wickets, in the space of 27 balls and was awarded the man-of-the-match.

"I think Allan's got better and better during the summer. He looked a bit rusty or tired at the start of the Test series but he has just got better since then," said England captain Atherton who made 17.

He and Alec Stewart (31)

had given England a solid start and posted the 50 in the 14th over. In the next over, though, Donald accounted for them both, having Atherton caught behind by Dave Richardson and then comprehensively bowling Stewart.

With Graeme Hick and Robin Smith falling shortly afterwards to the Donald-Richardson combination England were suddenly struggling at 78 for four and they never really recovered.

Graham Thorpe weighed in with a well-crafted 63 from 74 balls, his third half-century of the series. He got good support from Craig



ALLAN DONALD...m-o-m

bowlers, backed up by some world-class outfielding, restricted England to 184.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth 50-over one-day match between South Africa and England at Kingsmead on Wednesday:

ENGLAND:

Atherton c Richardson b Donald	17
Stewart b Donald	31
Smith c Richardson b Donald	8
Hick c Richardson b Donald	6
Thorpe b Matthews	63
White b Pollock	16
Russell run out (Pollock)	21
Cork b Matthews	3
DeFreitas b Pollock	1
Gough b De Villiers	3
Martin not out	2
Extras: (lb-1, lb-6, w-6)	13
Total: (all out in 49.5 overs)	184

Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-52; 3-61; 4-78; 5-132; 6-164; 7-170; 8-177; 9-178; 10-184.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	1	31	2
Matthews	10	1	37	2
De Villiers	9	0	35	1
Donald	10	0	41	4
McMillan	8	0	25	0
Cronje	2	0	8	0

SOUTH AFRICA

Hurdson lbw b Cork	5
Kirsten c Russell b Cork	0
Cronje b White	78
Kallis c Hick b DeFreitas	67
McMillan c Hick b DeFreitas	