

**Column One**

**DID U' KNOW?**  
(The Professor does)

THAT Belgium has been largely responsible for the development of the sport of pigeon racing. The world's first long distance race was held in 1818 between Paris and Lige, a distance of some 100 miles.

By the mid-19th century Antwerp had become established as the pigeon racing centre of the world, and Britain had become involved in the game. Soon there was a thriving trade in pigeons between the two countries, including the first pigeons to be owned by the British Royal family. To this day the Queen keeps a well stocked pigeon loft.

Today Belgium is still the leading pigeon raising nation in the world with well over three million registrations being issued annually. Britain is next with about two million.

Alas! despite lovey-dovey pigeons all over, Charles failed to see the pigeon in Diana. *Bak Bak Bakoom!*

**SPORTS TALK**



**Yevgeny Kafelnikov**  
(Russian world No 6 tennis player)

"I want to be number one, even if for one week, even if for just one second - I just want to remember the feeling."

On his ambitions in tennis after his fourth round victory in the Australian Open yesterday.

**Sports WHIZZ KID**  
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

**Sports WHIZZ KID competition-23**  
Tick the Correct Answer

- (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Jan 26, 1996)
- Shaqille O'Neal is famous for playing  Football  Cricket  Basketball
  - Chetan Sharma plays local cricket for  MSC  ABC  Victoria
  - Sprinter Mahbubul Alam won SAF gold in  100m  200m  400m
  - The first century in cricket this season was by  Sumit  Ope  Durjoy
  - City Club ground for cricket is located in  Mirpur  Dhanmondi  Bakda

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**Swedish tennis coach in city**

ITF development officer for Central Asia Leonardo Snellman arrived in the city yesterday from Sweden to conduct a training course for tennis coaches, reports UNB.

The six-day level-one training programme with nearly 20 leading coaches from 15 clubs and DSAs begins today morning at the Ramna National Tennis Complex under the supervision of Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

The participants are: Moazzem Hossain (Chittagong University), Sukumar Roy (Chittagong), Moshiur Rahman (BPATC), Rakhal Chandra Ghosh (Naravanganj Club), Babul Ghosh (Railway Officers Club), Manjoor Quader (Dinajpur), Ahmed Ziaur Rahman (Comilla), Mohammad Khasru, Uttam Kumar (Rajshahi), PK Ghosh, Hiralal, Fazle Rabbi and Moshiur Azad (BTF), Major Rezaul Islam and Imdul Lal (Officers Club), Majumdar Mamun (Dhaka Club), Chowdhury Moniruzzaman (Rajshahi University), and Shamim Ahsan Rouny (Dhaka University).

The Swedish Tennis expert will also introduce the country's first ever mini-tennis programme under the auspices of International Tennis Federation.

The mini-tennis will initially start in three metropolitan schools - St Scholastica, Viharunnissa Noon School and Rajarbagh Police High School.

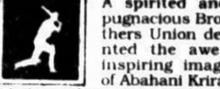
**Brothers abash Abahani**

Sports Reporter

**BRIEF SCORES**

**BROTHERS UNION:** 223/9 (Sanwar 96, Halim Shah 40, Naveed Anjum 5/18)

**ABAHANI, KC:** 117 all out in 26.1 overs (Partho 52, Sajal 3/31, Sanwar 4/37)



A spirited and pugnacious Brothers Union defeated the awe-inspiring image of Abahani Krira Chakra when the Gopibagh outfit handed the joint-holders a humiliating 106-run defeat in a Premier cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an eventful match where aggression was the overriding force against some reckless batting, Brothers Union, who were defending a modest total of 243, went on to skittle out Abahani for a meagre 117, the lowest total of the giants in this league. The win, their seventh, propelled Brothers Union to the solo lead in the 12-team elite group with 14 points from nine engagements.

Although the resounding victory of Brothers Union may suggest a motivated and disciplined team effort but it was the brilliant all-round display by Sanwar Hossain which paved the way for a memorable win.

Sanwar, the right-handed bat who had earlier hammered a magnificent 96 to pull his side from a precarious position to a modest total, also returned most successful with the cherry claiming four wickets to inflict Abahani their second successive defeat.

Nevertheless, on a placid wicket a target of 224 in 50 overs was a daunting task for a team like Abahani. But, what made the difference between the two evenly balanced outfits, was their respective attitudes.

Brothers Union, who were very much aware of the total not being enough, adopted a do-or-die approach to go for the wickets and successfully lured the Abahani batsmen into their in-

triguing web.

Abahani opener Harunur Rashid Liton was the first to go in the second over when the right-hander turned a half-volley to a catch at cover off balding Brothers new-ball bowler Iqbal.

Right-arm seamer Sajal Chowdhury then reduced Abahani to 2/22 when he castled one-down Khaled Masud Pilot's citadel, inspiring his skipper Ziauddin Shovon to bring off-spinner Sanwar into the attack as early as in the sixth over.

Sanwar put paid to his skipper's bold decision when he tempted dangerous Pakistani Manzoor Akhter to offer a simple catch at short square leg leaving Abahani in dire straits at 26 for three in 5.4 overs.

Sajal, the quickest among the local bowlers, then struck the vital blow claiming two wickets in successive deliveries to swing the match the brothers way. He first removed big Akram Khan (7) and then sent back Naimur Rahman Durjoy for a duck reducing Abahani to 59 for five in 10.2 overs.

But it was Akram, the Abahani skipper, who was largely responsible for throwing his wicket. With every one expecting a sensible inning from the robust national skipper and Imran Hamid Partho going great guns at the other end, Akram in a bid to hit Sajal over the mid-off region fell to a brilliant Amir Hanif catch at extra-cover.

Partho, the stout big hitter who helplessly watched wickets fall at the other end like nine pins, blasted an electrifying 52 off only 48

**Railway overrun City Club**

Bangladesh Railway defeated City Club by 7 wickets in the lone Yamaha First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club Ground yesterday.

**City Club:** 186 in 44.1 overs (Simon 47, Gary 47, Mithu 3/30)

**Bangladesh Railway:** 187/3 in 40.2 overs (Iftikhar 102 n.o., Arif 31 n.o.)

deliveries inclusive of 11 firm hits across the rope.

The Abahani make-shift opener, who capitalized on the field restriction in the first fifteen overs, hitting each and every Brothers bowlers with vindication, became the second victim of Sanwar in the 16th over.

The offie, who had Partho caught and bowled, later claimed the scalps of Rahul Niamur Rashed (6) and national left-arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni to finish with impressive figures of four for 37 in his nine overs. Sajal finished with three for 31 in his eight overs. Although Amir Hanif, the Pakistani right-handed bat and a very effective mover of the ball with his deceptive medium pace, failed with the willow he captured the prized head of compatriot Naveed Anjum to end Abahani's last hopes of a comeback.

Aamir, who played a key role in rotating the bowlers, put the last nail in the Abahani coffin when he uprooted the off-stump of Rakib Hossain Bappi to wrap up the match.

Earlier, electing to use the wicket in the morning, Brothers Union made a disastrous start losing their first four wickets for only 76 runs on board before Sanwar found an agile partner in Halim Shah to deadlift his side en route to a reasonable total.

Together they put on 104 runs for the fifth wicket before Halim Shah departed for a polished 40 off 59 balls leaving the Brothers total at 172 for five in 41.3 overs.

Sanwar scored a dazzling 96 to propel his side across the 200-mark and was almost certain to reach the magical three figure mark.

But Naveed Anjum, the newly blooded Pakistani right-arm seamer in the Abahani ranks who bowled with venom to rip through the top order, denied Sanwar his first century in the league when he yorked him for his fifth victim in the match.

Although Naveed finished with a telling analysis of 10-2-18-5, Sanwar, who was crying all the way back to the dressing room, later had the last laugh.



**BEDEVILING ABAHANI**... Sanwar in full flow as he plays a blazing cover drive off Bappi as a hapless Pilot looks on in despair.

**Muttiah in SL WC squad**

COLOMBO, Jan 22: Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, no-balled for throwing during the team's current tour of Australia, was included today in his country's 14-man squad for the forthcoming World Cup, reports Reuter.

Muralitharan was called for throwing during the second Test in Melbourne last month as well as in a subsequent World Series Cup one day match against the West Indies in Brisbane.

He was subsequently replaced in Sri Lanka's one-day team, but has been named in the squad despite the International Cricket Council's advice he should change his style to ensure his career can continue.

Arjuna Ranatunga was named captain and Aravinda de Silva his deputy. Duleep Mendis was named manager for the competition to be held in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan starting on February 14.

**SQUAD**

Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Aravinda de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Sanath Jayasuriya, Asanka Gurusinha, Hashan Tillekeratne, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Pramodya Wickramasinghe, Kumar Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Marvin Atapattu, Upal Chandana, Ravindra Pushpakumara.

**Despicable!**

NEW DELHI Jan 22: A trivial issue during a cricket match between two teams led to a violent bat swinging culminating in the death of a youth in east Delhi yesterday reports PTI.

Police sources said the players of the two teams pounced on each other and fought a pitched battle with bats and wickets during the match which was being played on a round in Shalada.

One youth, Anurag (18), was injured in the process and was later declared dead in the hospital he was admitted to.

Police have arrested two persons, Dinesh and Sitaram, on charge of murder.

**Gorgeous going for GMCC**

Sports Reporter

**BRIEF SCORES**

**GMCC:** 264/5 (Merchant 90 n.o., Zakaria 32, Ujjal 32, Babul 28 n.o.)

**ESKATON SS:** 204 in 46.2 overs (Majid Hanif 96 n.o., Babul 3/26)



Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) kept up their slim hopes for a place in the six-team super league when they defeated Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by 60 runs in their Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday with the victory GMCC have collected eight points from

**DU cricket Sociology eliminate Pol Science**

Sports Reporter

Sociology pipped Political Science by five wickets in their Dhaka University inter-department cricket tourney encounter at the Jagannath Hall Ground yesterday.

Batting first, Political Science made an impressive 134 for eight in 28 overs with Shakil making a solid 47. Shamim and Zahed took three wickets each while pacer Rabeed picked up one.

In reply, Sociology recovered well from being 25/3 in the sixth over to win, making 137 for five with two and half overs to spare.

Rabeed and Zahed were the mainstay of the innings with a fourth wicket partnership of 103 runs. Zahed was not out on 40 while Rabeed hit six boundaries for a handsome 46.

their nine league encounters, thanks to their four victories. They are equal in points with both Victoria Sporting Club and Wari Club but have played one game more than the other two sides.

To ensure a place in the super league-bound bus, the Mymensingh outfit have to win both their remaining matches and both Victoria and Wari must lose two of their three games in hand. If one of the two latter teams wins two matches then a tie would occur and the team with the best net run-rate will reach the super league leaving the other to battle it out in the relegation zone.

In the day's game, GMCC again won the Kamal Merchant-Mizanur Rahman Babul duo for the resounding victory. The two - their side's savours in many a match this season - turned up with handsome performances with both bat and ball for the umpteenth time.

The two hit 93 runs in only 12.3 overs in an unbroken sixth wicket partnership to take GMCC to a secure 264 for five in the stipulated 50 overs and then contributed significantly to dismiss Eskaton for 204 in 46.2 overs.

Although skipper Babul's performance can not be downplayed, Kamal Merchant certainly played the most influential role in the game. Coming in to bat at no 6 with his side cruising at 110 for 4 in the 27th over, the middle-aged Pakistani hit three sixes and six fours for a blistering unbeaten 90 off 81 balls.

The most entertaining moment of the game: Merchant picking up 28 runs in one over (48th) off Zeeshan Haas including three sixes and two fours.

Babul kept him company to the end making an unbeaten 28 off 30 balls with two fours.

During the Eskaton innings, it was the skipper's chance to outshine the expatriate, picking up three wickets for 26 in 8.2 overs. Merchant, in his turn, bowled nine economic overs with figures of one for 38.

Majid Hanif, one of the quartet of Hanif brothers playing in the league, fought a lone battle for the vanquished hitting an unbeaten 96 runs. The Pakistani was headed for his second century in the league but, alas, he ran out of partners.

**Int'l Jr tennis in Dhaka from Feb 26**

The 10th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis championship will be held at the National Tennis Complex in the city from February 26 to March 3, reports BSS.

In all, 47 countries from Asia, Europe and the United States have been invited to take part in the international junior ranking tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF).

The invitees are: Austria, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India, UAE, Indonesia, Qatar, Oman, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Nepal, China, Myanmar, Singapore, Russia, Philippines, Bahrain, Brunei, New Zealand, France, England, the Netherlands, Greece, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Syria, Uzbekistan, Kirgizstan Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Hong Kong, Sudan, Germany, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Australia and Thailand.

The last date of receiving entries is February 5.

An organising committee was formed with A N Hossain, commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police, as its chairman.

**It's not chucking but bullying!**

COLOMBO, Jan 22: A former Australian Test cricket coach has come to the defence of Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan saying he bowls and doesn't throw, reports Reuter.

Daryl Foster, currently coaching English county side Kent, wrote to the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka saying video of the bowler from six different angles showed that the apparent chucking was a "visual illusion."

"With respect to Muralitharan's leg-spinner, all views indicated that he does not extend his arm, therefore his leg-spinning action is also legitimate," Foster said.

The verdict adds weight to Sri Lanka's plea of innocence during its rocky tour of Australia during which the team was also found guilty and then exonerated of ball-tampering.

"It's another opinion from a specialist," said cricket board honorary treasurer Hilary Marcelline. "It's a split split-second thing. What may appear to the naked eye may not do so on video," he said.

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**Acme Div II cricket**

Sports Reporter

Udayachal Club, DOHS and Nababganj Club recorded wins in their respective Acme Second Division cricket league encounters at three different city grounds yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Ground, Udayachal defeated Lalbagh Union SC by four wickets.

DOHS were four-wicket winners over Kalindi KC at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West).

Away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Nababganj beat Azad Boys Club by six wickets.

**BRIEF SCORE**  
**LALBAGH UNION SC:** 200 in 39.2 overs (Swamik 46, Rahman 37, Babu 4/31)

**UDAYACHAL CLUB:** 201 for six in 35.1 overs (Shahnewaz 40, Iqbal 17)

**KALINDI KC:** 185 in 38.5 overs (Hossain 44, Mamun 34, Siqin 1/10)

**DOHS:** 146 for six in 39.4 overs (Matiur 54, Ashrafal 34)

**AZAD BOYS:** for eight (Zulfiqar 45, Ashiqur 3/33)

**NABABGANJ:** 185 for four in 32 overs (Irfan 57 not out, Dutta 53, Ashiqur 37)

**Fed Cup soccer**

KANPUR, Jan 22: Holders JCT Mills, Phagwara, beat East Bengal 5-3 in the tie-breaker in the 20th Liqueur Federation Cup football tournament here yesterday after the match ended in a one-all draw in the regulation time and in the 30 minutes extra-time, reports PTI.

**Obviating the oddballs**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Jan 22: Cricket authorities in South Asia want to dispel security concerns raised by some Australian players, several of whom say they received death threats in the run-up to next month's World Cup, report agencies.

A number of Australian players say they have received threatening letters after recent incidents in matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, both of whom along with India are to host World Cup matches.

Extra security measures and crowd control at all cricket venues should help reduce safety concerns during next month's World Cup, a senior cricket official in Pakistan said Monday.

World Cup organisers are eager to ally fears on the part of Australia's squad that their lives could be in jeopardy if they participate in the cricket event.

"All the players here will receive the same courtesy and security we would expect to receive when we travel to their countries," said Arif Abassi, chief executive of Pakistan's cricket board of control.

"The best situation for security is not to reveal the specific measures," Abassi said. "But we've made sure that safety is provided by the police and other law enforcement agencies."

The Australians say the death threats began after spinners Shane Warne and Tim May and allrounder Mark Waugh accused Pakistan skipper Salim Malik of trying to bribe them during a tour in October 1994.

Malik has since been exonerated by a judicial

inquiry, but the controversy continues to hound both the Pakistanis and Australians.

Similar troubles have marred Australia's relations with Sri Lanka. During their latest tour in Australia, the Sri Lankans were charged with ball-tampering, which was later reversed.

But off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was no-balled for throwing in two matches. The Sri Lanka controversy has fans in the capital Colombo seeking revenge.

"We would love to see Sri Lanka thrashing Australia," said university student Asoka Gunawardena. "They (Australia) can only win by cheating."

Despite heated emotions against the Australians, cricket board officials in Sri Lanka have offered their assurances that security for the players will be adequate.

"The Australian players will be quite safe here," Sri Lanka Cricket Board President Ana Punihiweva said Monday. "The public anger is against the Australian, umpires and not the players."

Pakistan's top cricket official told The Associated Press the Australians have nothing to fear during the World Cup in any country.

**PWCCA formed**

ISLAMABAD, Jan 22: Women cricketers in Pakistan have formed the first national body to promote the game amongst girls of school age and organise national tournaments, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported today, says AFP.

The Pakistan Women's Cricket Control Association, established Sunday, will invite a women's cricket team from England in the near future, it said.

Meanwhile, in Sydney, Australian Cricket Board chief executive Graham Halbish will meet with World Cup squad members on Tuesday in a bid to allay their fears of being attacked.

The 14-man Australian squad is due to be named on Tuesday morning and Halbish then will brief its members on security plans for the tournament.

"I'm meeting with the players tomorrow to discuss the World Cup and any other matter that may arise," Halbish said Monday.

"I'm not going to comment on specific matters until after I've talked to the players."

Taylor has urged cricket fans on the sub-continent to separate his players from troubles that have befallen Sri Lanka on their current tour.

"The problems the Sri Lankans have had, people (overseas) will see that as an Australian problem caused by the Australians. Well it's got nothing to do with the Australian cricket team," Taylor told the newspaper.

Taylor said the decision on whether the team should go to the World Cup was clearly the most difficult of his 18-month-old captaincy.

"Most definitely, I want to go," he said.

"We all want to go because it's the World Cup and it only comes around every four years and not to go would be a major incident."

"That's the last thing any of us would want, including me, because it's a chance for us to win a World Cup and that's something we'd like."

The Australians are scheduled to leave for the tournament on Feb 5 with their first preliminary match scheduled for Colombo on Feb 17 against Sri Lanka.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOR SALE: MAPLE DESA PERFECT FOR WOMAN WITH THICK LEGS AND LARGE DRAWERS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals D

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.



Action from the national junior chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.