

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THE true home of ice skating is Scandinavia, although popular belief would rather it were the European Alps.

The most ancient ski known was found in a peat bog in Sweden, estimated to date from 2000 BC. A rock carving in Norway of the same date shows two men on skis hunting elk.

Skating in the Scandinavia has also given credence to many a legend — of Ahab who is said to have gone on his arrow round the world without eating.

I would not think of food either, if I could go around the world on an arrow. Imagine having it so cheap. Do you know what it costs to go from Mohakhali to Maghabazar on a hartal day?

Arrow? Around the world. Hah!

SPORTS TALK



Lothar Mathaeus

(Germany's soccer captain)

When you have a chance to play in the World Cup final, I don't care if you have two broken hands or two broken legs, you still play for Germany with my heart.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID

competition-25

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Feb 9, 1996)

- 1. Chutnam is a term associated with Cricket, Squash, Table Tennis.
- 2. The MCC cricket team currently touring Bangladesh is from England, Australia, New Zealand.
- 3. The SAF Games hockey champions are Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka.
- 4. The Australian Open tennis women's competition was won by Graf, Seles, Pierce.
- 5. Ziauddin Shorin is the captain of Mohammedans, Brothers, Abahani.

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Yamaha Div 1 cricket

Sports Reporter

Ajax Sporting Club recorded a seven-wicket victory over Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangharsha in the lone Yamaha First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

KHELAGHAR SKS: 77 in 19 overs (Rais Anjad 45, Colonel 5/29, Vola 5/32). **AJAX SC:** 78 for three in 11.5 overs (Morshed 31, Sumon 19, Babu 2/13).

WHIZZ KID-24 winners

- 1. Farhat Haq, Scholastica, Dhaka.
- 2. Samita Kaiser, GCE Tutorial, Dhaka.
- 3. Javed Jahangir, King Khalid Institute, Dhaka.
- 4. Md Abdullah Al Amin, Green Tutorial Home School, Dhaka.
- 5. Md Faraz Bhuiyan, Dhamond International School, Dhaka.

WHIZZ KID-24 correct answers

1. The fliker opposite to mid-wicket across the pitch is

- Ans: Cover
- 2. Boris
- 3. Becker
- 3. Australian Open Tennis Championship 1996 is hosted by the city of
- Ans: Melbourne
- 4. The World Cup cricket 1996 opening ceremony will be held in
- Ans: Calcutta
- 5. Mohammedan SC are currently taking part in the
- Ans: FA Shield



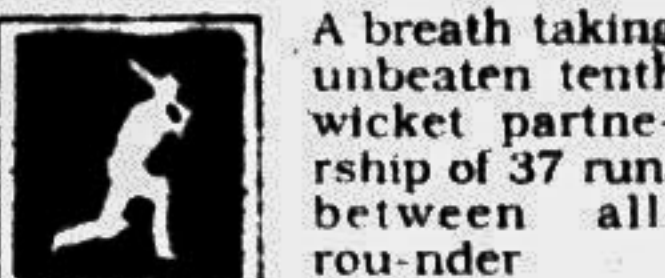
Biman's middle-order bat Shanewaz Shaheed Shanu tries to cut a outgoing delivery from Kalabagan's Pakistani pacer Amin Abbas yesterday.

Biman win battle finale

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 174 in 43.3 overs (Masoom 104, Saikat 27). **BANGLADESH BIMAN:** 178 for nine in 42.1 overs (Nasir Khan 55, Rafique 40 n.o., Zakir 4/38).



A breath taking unbeaten tenth wicket partnership of 37 runs between all-rounder Mohammad Rafique and pacer Anisur Rahman navigated Bangladesh Biman to a sensational one-wicket victory over Kalabagan Kira Chakra in their Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium.

In a low-scoring affair, Rafique, the national team left hander, and Anis, also a left arm new ball bowler, did exactly what their star top order batsmen should have done when they had the target of scoring only 175 runs to win in 43 overs.

The pair began their rescue mission when Biman were trembling on 141 for nine in 33.5 overs needing a further 34 runs to win in remaining 11.1 overs. The last pair took exactly 7 overs to accomplish their task with the combination of their brave and cool cricketing sense.

Rafique, a natural hard-hitting batsman who often plays useful innings for his side, continued with his

chanceless strokes as he scored an unbeaten 40 off only 42 balls inclusive of two big sixes and three boundaries. On the other hand, thanks to Anis who's job was to remain in the crease and provide support to Rafique. He remained not out on eight facing 23 balls including a brilliant four which he glanced through third man for the winning score.

Scoring 175 was not a very difficult task for Biman who reached 115 for three at the end of 25 overs and were needing a further 60 runs from the remaining 20 overs with seven wickets in hand.

But a sudden collapse in the Biman's middle order saw their six batsmen returning back one after another adding only a further 26 runs in 8.5 overs.

Biman opener Nasir Khan of Pakistan (55) and skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom (27) were the only two who played sensible innings for their side.

Nasir Khan scored his fourth half century of the league facing only 74 balls before he was caught behind off Salfur Islam in his first ball of the 24th over.

Kalabagan's new ball bowler Zakir, Hossain grabbed four wickets conceding 38 runs in his allotted nine overs while medium pacers Amin Abbas of Pakistan and Salfur Islam took two wickets each.

Earlier put in to bat, Kalabagan were booked in 43.3 overs collecting only 174

runs which includes a magnificent century of opener Zahid Razzak Masoom. The former national team right hander, who also scored a century this season in the Damal Summer tournament, faced only 129 deliveries for his yesterday's 104 runs including two sixes and seven boundaries.

Among others, left hand lower order bat Saikat and captain Faruque Ahmed added 27 and 21 respectively to Kalabagan's account.

All-rounders Athar Ali and Rafique earned two wickets each for Biman conceding 19 and 32 runs respectively.

The match was delayed by an hour yesterday due to wet pitch condition beside the astroturf and five overs were reduced from each side's stipulated 50 overs with yesterday's match, both teams who have already confirmed their places in the super league, completed their first phase of the league.

It was the eighth victory of Biman in eleven matches which raised their tally to 16 points while Kalabagan, who suffered their fifth league defeat yesterday, have 12 points.

There will be no matches today in the Premier and First Division league today due to the half day hartal called by the opposition political parties. Therefore today's important match between arch rivals Abahani KC and Mohammedan SC will now be held tomorrow at the same venue.

MCC now in town

The MCC cricket team led by Alan Fordham arrived in the city yesterday to play five one-dayers and one four-day match.

Officials of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board received the team at the airport, reports BSS.

The visiting team will play their first one-dayer against Bangladesh 'A' on February 5 at the Dhaka Stadium, the second at Sylhet against Bangladesh youth team on February 7.

They will play their third one-day match against Bangladesh team in Dhaka on February 9, the next match at Rajshahi on February 11. The last one-dayer between the MCC and Bangladesh team will take place at Chittagong on February 13.

Before returning to London the visitors will play their four-day match against Bangladesh team from February 16 to 19.

The members of MCC team are: Alan Fordham (captain), Jonathan Hattyl, David Capel, Nicholas Gaywood, Robert Goston, Keith Greenfield, Christopher Hollins, Angus Mackay, Colin Matson, Gordon Morgan, Laurie Potter, Ian Salisbury, Nicholas Tubbs and Kelvin Williams.

John Jameson is accompanying the team as manager while Donald Osear as an umpire.

Wari's waltz at GMCC's cost

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

WARI CLUB: 237 in 49.5 overs (Hassan 83, Biplob 45; Merchant 4 wkts.). **GMCC:** 183 in 47 overs (Merchant 51; Munna 2/18).

Hassanuzzaman Hassan cracked sparkling half-century as surprise package Wari Club pipped Greater Myemensingh Cricket Club for the last super league berth in the season's Premier cricket league when they recorded a resounding 54-run victory at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

With both sides hanging on the balance with five wickets in their ten previous engagements, Wari, the traditional giant-slayers in local sports, ran away with the tie to ensure a place in the elite six along with Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Kira Chakra, Bangladesh Biman, Brothers Union and Kalabagan Kira Chakra.

Sent into bat, Wari made a defensible 237 runs before being all out with one ball of their stipulated 50 overs left. GMCC, in reply, could only manage a sorry 183 losing all their wickets in 47 overs.

Hassan, who has been selected for the Bangladesh 'A' team to play against the visiting MCC selection, celebrated his maiden call to the national ranks as he hit a masterly 83 off 116 deliveries inclusive of seven boundaries and two sixes. The knock was his fifth half-ton of the season.

M Rahman Munna, another 'A' team selection from the Wari ranks, took two for 18 in seven economical overs.

Kamal Merchant fought a lone battle for GMCC first taking four wickets with his military medium pace and then hammering a steady 51.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Chalanika extended their solo lead in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league when the suburban outfit recorded a thumping 4-0 win over Rayer Bazaar at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In an one sided affair, Zahurul struck twice. Shahajan and Mizan once apiece to propel Chalanika to the sixth win in the league. Chalanika are now leading the table with 23 points from 11 matches.

In the day's second match, Little Friends, who are closely follow in the league leaders with 21 points, prevailed over Adanjee by 3-2. Uttam, Zia and Rifan Lal were the scorers for the winners while Hanif struck both the goal for the vanquished.

Fresh blood for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has announced three different local selections to feature in a series of exhibition cricket matches against the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), which arrived in the capital on a 18-day tour last evening.

In a welcome revelation of much-needed change, the BCCB have come away, although by only a shade, from their stereotype of choosing the same, sometimes ageing, players year in year out when they included a number of young debutants in both the Youth team and the Bangladesh 'A' team.

Even more surprising was BCCB's defiant courage of omitting many players from the influential top clubs — something cricket enthusiasts ruefully thought would never happen.

Besides BCCB also did away with their fickleness of naming a different manager on every occasion when they re-assessed their faith on former national skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, the triumphant manager of the recent West Indian under-19 tour of Dhaka.

Faruque Ahmed, the crest-fallen skipper of the infamous Kenya tour, retains his captaincy of the 14-member shadow national side. His team sees five new faces — Moniruzzaman Moni, Hassanuzzaman Hassan, Halim Shah, Faraz Ahmed and M Rahman Munna.

Moni, who plays for Wari, came to the spotlight when he hit a sound half-century against giants Mohammedan Sporting Club while his team-

mate Hassan celebrated his call by hitting his fifth half-ton in the league, a brilliant 83, against GMCC yesterday to propel his side to a surprise super league place. Hassan had earlier hit half-centuries against Bangladesh Biman and Brothers Union.

Halim Shah, one of the most consistent performers with the bat this season for Brothers, got a call after a long absence at national level. Two other inspiring inclusions in the team are Ziaur Rashid Rupom and Mizanur Rahman Babul — skipper of Biman and GMCC respectively. Both have been performing brilliantly with the willow as well as the cherry. Babul being one of the leading wicket-takers in the league.

Although the 'A' team, in general, has a positive look to it, at least adventurously speaking, the inclusion of middle-order duo Habibul Bashir Sumon and Selim Shah — ordinary performers this season — raised a few questions in the stadium-arena.

Allrounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy was named the newly-appointed skipper of the Youth team. Durjoy had earlier captained the under-19 team with unparallel success for a number of years. But questions arise about his inclusion as he has not been able to keep up the form he showed against the West Indians early in the season.

Durjoy's side also has a number of new faces — the most notable being Brothers match-winning wonderkid Sanwar Hossain and Biman pacer Nazimuddin Manna. Sanwar's batting, bowling and outstanding fielding will certainly add dimension to the

team while Manna's lively pace should aptly supplement Habibul Hossain Shanto and Sajal Chowdhury's experienced arm.

But Manna's inclusion in the first eleven is uncertain as the outfit contains five pacers. Morshed Ali Khan Sumon, the only left-arm seamer in the side, may get the nod for his ability to move the ball while Abul Hassan Nahid, another new blood, has superior batting skills up his sleeves.

BCCB has only named six players for the national team. The rest will be announced as per their performance against the MCC for the other two selections. Akram Khan retains his captaincy.

THE TEAMS

BANGLADESH 'A': Faruque Ahmed, Ziaur Rashid Rupom, Moniruzzaman Moni, Selim Shahed, Habibul Bashir Sumon, Khaled Mahmud Sultan, Khaled Masud Pilot, Mohammed Rafique, Mizanur Rahman Babul, Anisur Rahman, Hassanuzzaman Hassan, Halim Shah, Parvez Ahmed and M Rahman Munna.

BANGLADESH YOUTH: Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Javed Omar Belim, Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, SanwarOB Hossain, Zakaria Intiaz, Al-Shahriar Rokan, Atiar Rahman, Sharifuddin Saikat, Habibul Hossain Shanto, Sajal Chowdhury, Abul Hassan Nahid, Nazimuddin Manna, MA Khan Sumon and Mustadr Littu.

BANGLADESH: Akram Khan, Athar Ali Khan, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Enamul Huq Moni, Salfur Islam Khan, (rest yet to be named).



The visiting MCC team pose for photographers on arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

Kenya refutes reports

the ability and was selected on merit.

The Kenyan team comprises eight blacks and six players of Indian ancestry. The small but wealthy Asian community in Kenya dominates cricket leadership and owns all the cricket clubs.

But Singh admitted to what he called a 'slight hiccup' regarding player allowances. The players wanted a daily allowance of 80 dollars while cricket authorities offered only 50 dollars. Singh said the matter was solved amicably but some players have said they were threatened with expulsion from

their clubs if they did not comply.

Players also wanted match fees but cricket authorities refused, saying such cash was handed out only to professionals.

Singh also said there was no racial tensions between the players of Asian ancestry and their black colleagues.

"I am pleased to say that we have excellent (racial) harmony in the team. No problem between Asians and Africans,"

Singh said the team had also practised with white balls for three weeks. A senior player had complained that when the team asked for white balls they were given red ones painted white.

Singh said the team had received only two red balls painted white which had been used for one over and then discarded.

He conceded players had not received a bowling machine they had demanded.

"Regarding a bowling machine, it is an idea for the future and the association is looking into purchasing," he said.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Akhter Hossain notched up a hat-trick as Matuati Juba Sangha romped home with a 3-0 victory over Kadomtala Sangsad in one of the two Progot Insurance Third Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the other match of the day, Aminur Rahman struck the all-important goal to inspire Prantick RC to a 1-0 win over T & T Club.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Thank-giving
- 4 Half of all parents
- 7 Household helper
- 11 Infinitive
- 13 Employment
- 14 Spindle
- 16 Hawaiian resort area
- 17 Curse
- 19 Depend (on)
- 20 Calamity
- 21 They're alive and kicking
- 22 Father's day gift
- 24 Kitchen gadget
- 26 One of the 3 Tenors
- 32 Jack
- 33 Fairy-tale
- 34 Hokey
- 36 Radar screen
- 37 Perry's

DOWN

- 1 Talks on and on
- 2 On
- 3 Lisa
- 4 Litter
- 5 Member
- 6 Since
- 8 Baiting
- 9 Carities
- 10 Psycho
- 11 Cast
- 12 Chopstick
- 13 Not up to
- 14 Office note
- 15 Options
- 16 Whip
- 18 He played
- 19 Legut in
- 20 Solution time: 24 min.
- 21 Family
- 22 T strain
- 23 Brief visit
- 24 Beele-
- 25 But's forte
- 26 Workout
- 27 Ranch
- 28 Admitting customers
- 29 Defoe's
- 30 Miss Planders
- 31 Gun the engine
- 32 Expert
- 33 Egg-yang
- 34 Cager
- 35 Patrick
- 36 Verifiable
- 37 Prompted
- 38 Where not to throw
- 39 Space
- 40 Led for a
- 41 Tramcar
- 42 Hubbub
- 43 Honest politician

CRYPTOQUIP

W L M K I L R K J K B M U N
F A V X R B K N B N J L F
Z O B X I X R V X V O Z
M K B W U D U V D A B X
Saturday's Cryptoquip: SO FACE IT. POOR ACCIDENT-PRONE VEGETARIANS ARE FOREVER BEING BRANED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V 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.

Adams, the adored 'Gogga'



ISLAMABAD, Feb 2 (AFP): Anybody heralding from the Adams family has the right to be a bit of a freak.

South African wrist-spinner Paul Adams is a total freak.

In November he was an unknown Cape coloured teenager, with a laughably unconventional bowling action and a couple of first class games under his belt.

A few days later, the son of a sea captain had taken nine England A wickets, television pictures of his bowling were being beamed round the world and the laughing had gone quiet.

Since then he has become his country's youngest-ever Test player, filled a crucial role — ironically with the bat — in beating England, added a new dimension to the South African game and becoming a World Cup symbol. His value is priceless.

When the springboks won the rugby World Cup last year, winger Chester Williams made a miraculous late return from injury to star in the tournament at the same time acting as the perfect role model for the formerly disenfranchised black population.

Adams is already generating similar excitement. Even the Adams family scriptwriters would have shied at inventing a character so far fetched as this one.

First of all, no coloured South African player, according to the experts, was due to get anywhere near the Test

team until the turn of the century.

Then there is left-arm wrist spin. Doesn't Adams know that nobody bowls the stuff nowadays? It's inaccurate, ineffective and the art died out long ago.

And as for that contortionist's action — any coach worth his salt would have suggested he take up synchronised

swimming rather than waste his time on a cricket pitch.

When Adams releases the ball, he is looking not at the batsman but at his boots, a sight which moved an English journalist to memorably dub him the "frog in a blender".

And the list goes on. Even his grip is odd, the ball held merely by his thumb and first finger, and he bowls more googlies — the ball turning away from the right-hander — than chinamen, the one cutting back in which should be his stock ball.

He only played against

England A because of the rule which stipulated that there should be two non-whites in the team.

His second ball that day accounted for Alec Stewart and two more Test players, Graham Thorpe and Graeme Hick, followed for the cost of a single run.

Thorpe was later to become Adams' first Test victim at Port Elizabeth, while Michael Atherton the second, while an incessant brass band trumpeted his praises from the grandstand.

National coach Bob Woolmer said after the game: "He played as if he had been in Test cricket for 15 years, and I only hope he's going to be."

Skipper captain Hanste Cronje added: "I thought he had an incredible debut."

Yet Adams had not yet finished to amaze. In front of his family and friends in Cape Town, he teamed up with Dave Richardson in a 73-run last wicket stand that won the series.

Nobody had supposed he knew what to do with a bat before that day. Woolmer would say: "In the end, England cracked under the pressure. I think that last wicket stand between Adams and Richardson created the crack."

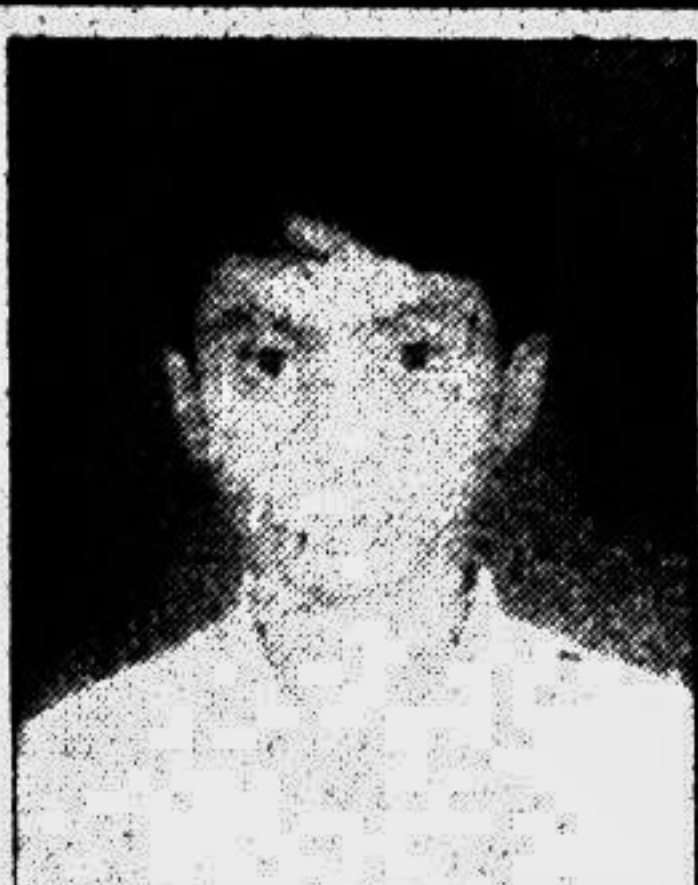
Then came his man-of-the-match performance in the sixth one-dayer after being left out of the earlier games.

Adams' South African nickname, coined by western province teammate Brian McMillan, is "Gogga". Afrikaans for little insect. Clearly, this is an insect with a hefty sting.

WHIZZ KID-23 WINNERS



1. Irin Nahar, Radhika High School, Monik Miah Avenue, Dhaka.



3. Faisal Tangle, Dhamond Govt Boys' High School, Dhaka.



5. Sara Nowreen, Engineering University School, Dhaka.

2. Rony BKSP, Savar

4. Nabeeel Fahmi Ali, Sunnyside, Dhaka