(The Professor does)

HAT from today the first of the two World Cup Cricket Quizes, sponsored by The Daily Star and Philips, gets underway in these pages. The questions are very much answerable with most of the answers to be found

CD players and Two-in-ones are un offer. Somebody will win. It could be you. I have a feeling, it will be YOU. All the best!



Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m.

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SPORTS TALK



Mark Waugh

(Australian patting star) "One of us had to go (out), and brotherly love stops short when it comes to playing for your country." (On a run-out situation in-

volving himself and twin brother Steve)

Sacchi stays in saddle

ROME. Feb 3: Italy coach Arrigo Saechi has had his contract extended until the end of 1998, ensuring that he will be at the helm during the next World Cup, reports Reuter.

The contract, worth 1.7 billion bre (1.08 million dollars a year, had been due to expire on June 30, 1998.

A spokesman for the Italian soccer federation said on Friday that extending the contract by six months avoided having to re-negoti ate it before the next World Cup finals, to be held in France in June and July

Under Saechi, Italy reached the final of the Enropean Championship finals to be staged in England later this year.

Duva loses battle with cancer

LITTLE FALLS, New Jersey, Feb 3: Dan Duva, a promoter who gave many of boxing's champions their start, was buried here Friday, reports AFP. Duva died Tuesday after a

He was 44. Several hundred mourners paid their respects in funeral services Thursday night at nearby Fotowa. Since 1977. Duva's main events promotion company has been involved in over 100

year-leng battle with cancer.

world title bouts including 12 heavyweight championship fights, that accounted for 300 million dollars in gross revenue. His three showdowns between Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe came to more

than 100 million dellars. Duva's fights involved such champions as Sugar Ray

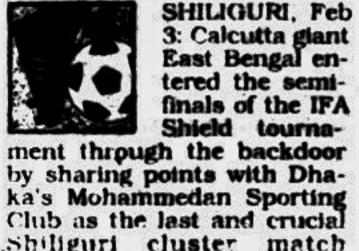
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The visiting MCC cricketers, who arrived in the capital Friday to play a series of exhibition matches against different local selections, enjoying a light practice session at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday evening. - Star photo

IFA Shield soccer

East Bengal draw with MSC



Club as the last and crucial Shiliguri cluster match ended goalless at Kanchenjungha Stadium here today. coports PTI. The fancied East Bengal

failed to tame the experiunced Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting. He stray attacks on the rival defence were nipped in the bud.

However, on the fifth minute of the first half it missed a golden opportunity when advancing striker Mizan lost control and shot the ball way outside the net with the goalkeeper at his mercy. Despite rousing support of the 35,000-strong spectators the East Bengal midfielders failed to organise any positive move, turning defensive in the second half.

Significantly, the Dhaka club did not field Mamun Joardar who had earlier engineered its 3-0 victory against Nepal's Friends Club. However, it wasted at least three chances to move ahead

in the second half. According to the East Bengal coach, Md Nayeemuddin, his team's performance was not at all satisfactory as almost all midfielders were injured. At one point captain Baichung Bhutia wanted to go out of the field but he had to continue in the

Sanskriti Majlish win in Barisal

interest of the team.

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Feb 3: Sanskritt Majlish beat Four Aces by three wickets in a local First Division cricket league encounter today Batting first, Four Aces

collected 168 in 27.1 overs before they were all out. Halim scored highest 35. Mailish's Rabi grabbed six wickets conceding 31 runs while Apu took two wickets.

In reply, Majlish reached home losing only seven wick-Milon was the highest scorer for the winners with

39 runs. TODAY'S MATCH Eleven vs Khe-Bright laghar KS

On the other hand, the coach of the rival team. Golam Sarwar Tipu, said that his boys played in a relaxed mood and a few youngsters were brought on the field as an experiment.

However the club entered the semifinals as it secured seven points, the highest, as agamst East Bengal's four.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SPORT-ING: Arifur Rabman, Rubul Amin, Jwel Rana, Monowar Hussain, Soliel Al Masum, Masud Rana, Md Arman, Zukir Hussain, Manik, Alfaz Ahmed, Imtiaz Ahmed, Maksudul Amin Rana (Shabidul Ahmed).

EAST BENGAL: Hematyata Dora, Dulal Biswas Ranjan Dcy. Debasish Pal Chowdhury, Biswanath Mandal, Amit Das. Basudev Mandal (Tauseef Jamal. Gautam Ghose) Gunbir Singh, Rekeeb Hussain, Baichung Bhutia, Meejan (Ranjan Chowdhury).

STANDINGS Following are the standing of the groups.

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Full-fledged Fabio force



ROME, Feb 3: Veteran Milah Captain Franco Baresi can celebrate the signing of a new club contract with a home win

against Roma on Sunday. reports Reuter. Baresi, who will be 36 in May, signed a one year con-

tract in mid-week, prompting Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani to commenta "This is very satisfying for us, Baresi is unique." Baresi and Liberian striker

George Weah both return for the Italian league leaders against Roma in what is always a competitive fixture. Weah has missed Milan's

last three games while playing for Liberia in the African Nations' Cup while Baresi was ruled out of last week's 2.0 win against Udinese by a minor injury.

Fabio Capello's men come into Sunday's game unbeaten in 14 matches and three points clear of second placed Fiorentina with Parma two points further back in third

With Frenchman Marcel Desailly suspended, Croat Svonimir Boban lines up alongside Roberto Donadoni and Demetrio Albertini in midfield, while Weah joins Roberto Baggio and Mondenegrin Dejan Savicevic in

Roma may be without Uruguayan striker Daniel Fonseca, suffering from a foot injury and due to be replaced match. by either Francesco Totti or

Marco Delvecchio. Argentine Abel Balbo will lead the Roma attack, with Swede Jonas Thern in midfield and Brazilian Aldair in Oliveira:

defence. One man hoping for a Roma win on Sunday will be Balbe's compatriot, Gabriel Batistuta, the leading goalscorer for second placed

Fiorentina who visit Cagliari.

Florentina welcome back

Jordan, NBA's January best

NEW YORK, Feb 3: Micheal Jordan, who sparked the Chicago Bulls to an unbeaten January, was named the National Basketball Association's player of the month for the first month of 1996. reports AFP.

Jordan averaged 32.5 points, seven rebounds, 3.6 assists and two steals a game while Chicago went 14.0. He sank 52 per cent of his shots and 45.6 per cent from three point range.

The Bulls began the year 40-3, the best start in league history



Ireland's Niail Bruton points his index finger after winning the Wanamaker Mile clocking 4 minutes 58 seconds at the 89th Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York on Feb 2. — AFP/UNB photo

midfielders Sandro Cois and Emiliano Bigica and defender Lorenzo Amoriso, all suspended for the Vicenza

Cagliart, humiliated in a 4-O defeat by Lazio last week. look to their Latin American strike force of Uruguayan Dario Silva and Brazilian Portugese midfielder

Paulo Sousa, surprisingly dropped by champions Juventus for last week's 2-0 home win against Piacenza, is expected to return for Sunday's match at Vicenza. Fourth placed Juventus,

who trail Milan by eight points, can expect a difficult game at in-form Vicenza, a point acknowledged by striker Fabrizio Ravenelli who said, "It'll be anything but easy for us to pick up three points but a Juventus that wants to win the title cannot settle for a draw in a game like this." Vicenza will be without

their suspended captain Domenico di Carlo but field key foreigners. Swedish defender Joachim Bjorklund. Uruguayan defender Gustavo Mendez and Uruguayan striker Marcelo Otero. Third placed Parma have

to choose between Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov and Alesandro Melli as partner for Gianfranco Zola in attack for their home tie with Sampdo-Parma will be at full

strength but Sampdoria will

be without suspended captain Roberto Mancini and injured defenders Riccardo Ferri and Moreno Mannini. Life-ban for

Sinclair SINGAPORE, Feb 3: Singapore's world champion

woman bodybuilder Jojo Sinclair has been banned for life by the International Federa tion of Bodybuilders (IFBB) for using steroids, reports Reuter. The Singapore Bodybuilders Federation (SBBF)

said on Friday that Sinclair has been ordered to return her gold medal to the IFBB headquarter Sin Montreal. Sinclair, the first Asian woman to win a world bodybuilding title, has denied taking drugs.

She tested positive for stanozolol, an anabolic steroid, after winning the world championship in Belgium last November. The findings of the first test were made public on

January 9 but Sinclair, claiming her innocence, insisted on a second. She went to Belgium last week to observe the second test, which was carried out on January 23. The Singapore

itive. Sinclair has two weeks in which to appeal to the IFBB for a final evaluation and investigation.

federation said the results of

the second sample were pos-

MSC-AKC clash today

Sports Reporter Arch-rivals in local cricket, Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club, will lock their horns in a crucial Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium this morning.

The match will start at 9:00 am and will be broadcast live by Radio Bangladesh from Dhaka Stadium.

A win in today's match will enable the Mohammedans to take a solo lead in the 12-team league standings. They have played ten matches, winning nine as against a defeat to Wart Club, and have 18 points to their credit.

On the other hand, Abahani, who have lost two matches so far in ten outings, will obviously look for a win today to level their tally with Mohammedans. The Dhanmondi outfit earned 16 points from 10 matches.

Incontrad v'ball from today

The Incontrad inter-district men's and women's volleyball championship begins today at the volleyball court. eports UNB.

Defending champions Khulna DSA will take on Comilla DSA in the men's inaugural match of the tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation. Holder Khulna DSA will encounter Dinajpur DSA in the women's opening match, both at 3 pm, at the volleyball stadium.

Nine teams, eight zonal champions and holder Khulna DSA, splft into two groups, will compete in the men's groups to be played in round-robin league system. The teams are: Group A -

Khulna, Dhaka, Kushtia, Comilla and Patuakhalt DSAs. Croup B - Tangail, Rangpur. Rajshahi and Satkhira DSAs.

In the women's division, eight teams including titleholder Khulna DSA, divided in two groups, are taking part, also on round robin league basis.

Group A - Khulna, Tangail. Dhaka and Dinajpur Group B - Raibari. Narayangani, Rangpur and

Chittagong DSAs. Later, two top teams of each men's and women's group will play in the semifinals, scheduled for February

The final match of both the groups will be held on February 10 at the same

Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Isiam will be chief guest at the inaugural function that starts at 2:30 pm. Managing Director of the tournament sponsors, Incontrad, Yousuf A Haroon will be special gue it.

for Nigeria

ZURICH, Feb 3: FIFA said Friday it will wait for a report from soccer's ruling body in Africa before deciding whether to punish Nigeria for withdrawing from the African Nations' Cup, reports AFP.

The African Football Confederation (CAF) said earlier Friday that Nigeria had been banned from the Nations' Cup till the turn of the century, raising fears that FIFA might also ban them from the 1998 World Cup.

A spokesman for football's governing body worldwide said here: "FIFA is waiting to be officially informed of the sanctions decided by the CAF, and any recommendations it may have. "The possibility of extend-

the World Cup does exist." he added. "But it is not automatic. Everything depends on the circumstances. FIFA are set to discuss Nigeria's case next week. CAF rules state any team which pulls out less than 20

days before the finals, as happened with Nigeria, will be banned for the next two tournaments. The next two are scheduled in 1998 and 2000. Nigeria's' government pulled the defending champions out after South Africa

over the execution of nine minority rights campaigners. The official reason for the withdrawal was that Nigeria leared for the welfare of players following worldwide condemnation of the executions

led an international outery

Chess for peace BELGRADE, Feb 3: Six chess Grand Masters, headed

in November last year.

by official world champion Anatoly Karpov, will take part in a "tournament for peace" opening in Belgrade on Saturday as part of a campaign to promote the children's chess Olympiad, reports Reuter. "The tournament will be very interesting because the

participants are quite strong.

We conceived it as a promo-

tion for the children's chess

olympiad which will be held

in Belgrade from August 12 to 20 this year." Karpov said. The other participants in this month's fournament, to be played in Belgrade and Budva on the Montenegrin 33 Mid-May coast from February 3. to 14. are Russians Valery Salov and Yevgeny Bareyev, Peter Leko of Hungary and Yugoslav Grand Masters Petar Popovic | 37 Chinese and Zlatko Ilincic.

A cruel hoax to Craig?



BRISHANE, Feb 3 A hoax bomb threat against Australian fast bowler Craig Mc-Dermott here Friday further raised tension among mem bers of the World Cup cricket squad preparing to play in strife-torn Sri Lanka, report

agencies. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) late Friday confirmed they were investigating written threats made against the Australian Cricket A statement from AFP

headquarters said police could not comment on specific aspects or the nature of the threats because of ongoing investigations, except to say the matter was being treated as a hoax.

McDermott's manager, Geoffrey Schuhkraft, said the 30-year-old Queensland paceman was shocked by the hoax and his family was up-

"His (McDermott's) wife Sue is very upset. Craig's got young children. His kids are in tears and Craig's devastated. The whole things extremely upsetting." said Schuhkraft.

He said a man with a foreign accent had telephoned Queensland cricket offices and told them a bomb had been planted at McDermott's

Board (ACB) in Melhourne decimed comment, except to say senior ACB representatives had been in close contact with McDermott

throughout the day.



CRAIG MeDERMOTT

tive on the board, Cam Battersby, said: "We're distressed for the McDermott. anybody would be.

But there is constant dia logue between the players and the ACB and I'm sure the right decision will be made as soon as possible." in the meantime, India's

Hindustan Times suggested

The Australian Cricket on Saturday that Australia's concerns about playing World Cup cricket matches in Sri Lanka might be motivated not by security fears but by fear of reprisals over recent charges

of ball-tampering. Referring to last Wednesday's Colombo bomb blast which killed up to 80 people and injured 1,400. Hindustan Times said "the scare

this count is quite misplaced." "It is clear that Australian fears stem not from the security aspect but the adverse consequences of the home Test and the one-day series played recently against Sri Lanka and Pakistan." the newspaper said in an edito-

whipped up in Australia on

"As long as legitimate concerns about security are addressed, the tournament must go on as scheduled. with the venues remaining unchanged," it concluded. The Indian Express said

however that Australian fears about the safety of players in Sri Lanka might be justified. The editorial said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam

are players would be exposed "If a venue is unsasafe, the match must be rescheduled. given to another centre where the safety of players

and spectators can be as-

sured. the Statesman said. The loss of face in having a game taken away is surely less than what deaths on the field, or around it, will involve," it added.

SL hoping against hope



NEW DELHI, Feb 3, World Curp organisers said on Saturday they would follow the advice of Sri Lankan cricket authorities on whether to go shead with matches there following a bomb attack. virtually ruling out any changes of venue, reports Reuter. "We have asked the Sri

Lankan cricket board for their assessment since they are in the best position to comment on it," Pakistan-India-Lanka-Committee (PILCOM) secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya told Reuters by

phone from Calcutta. Dalmiya was commenting on security fears following last Wednesday's Colombo bomb blast which killed up to 80 people and all four matches should go ahead. TILCOM will come out

with our observation on Monday after hearing Sri Lanka's views," he said. Ana Punchihewa, President of the Board of Control

for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), has passed on to PILCOM the assurance of maximum security for the teams by the Island nation's president. Chandrika Ban-

daranaike Kumeratuuga. Bindra quoted the BCCSL president as saying no sports event in Sri Lanka had even been a target of attacks and the cricketers had nothing to

Dalmiya said the three

hosts were in constant con tact and had asked the Austraitan Cricket Board and the International Cricket Conference (ICC) to allow them until Monday to make an assessment. Australia will decide on Monday on the options avail-

Colombo, seek a change of venue or forfeit the game. The playing conditions of the World Cup do not mention anything about the penalties for forfeiting a

able to the squad - to go

ahead with the first match in

match. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka yows to stage its four fixtures at the World Cup Cricket chief Ana Punchihewa said in

West Indies, Zimbabwe and Kenya are the other countries scheduled to play in Sri Lanka. Zimbabwe team manger

Dents Steak said on Thursday his team were not concerned about the blast "Hopefully security will be good, we don't see it as a ma-

Kenya Cricket Association vice-chairman Harilal Shah said the team had not made violence in Sri Lanka a priority concern. West Indies assembled in

for problem," he said.

Barbados on Thursday for a week-long training camp and officials said they were waiting for an independent assessment on the security situation in Sri Lanka. Punchihewa said he was pleased at what he called the

very positive response from "Zimbabwe has taken a very positive stance and they have also supported our view that cricketers were not at

risk," he said. "I am, confident that on February 17 our cricket fans will have the pleasure of seeing the Australians playing here in Colombo."

Anxious week. Zimbabwe puzzle Kiwis

Colombe on Friday.



NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 3: Zimbabwe outs-

hone New Zealand under lights in their third international on one-day Saturday, beating the home side by 21 runs, reports

New Zealand won the

three-match series 2-1. Zimbabwe made 267 for seven after being put in by New Zealand in the first daynight international played in this country. New Zealand were on target to win the match until

Zimbabwe bowler Charlie

Lock took five wickets in 11 balls at the end of the innings as New Zealand plummeted from 227 for five after the ing the sanction to include 44th over to be all out for 246 in the 49th. Lock finished with five for 44 from 8.1 overs.

> New Zealand started their chase in spectacular fashion with Craig Spearman and Nathan Astle putting on 65 in 10 overs before Eddo Brandes got rid of both of them in his second over. Astle went for 30 off 37

> balls and Spearman made 28 off 26 balls. Both hit sixes out

lofting Charlie Lock over mid-wicket and Astle pulling Paul Strang to the same place. Roger Twose (60) and Stephen Fleming (50) looked

to be taking New Zealand to

victory but both departed too

early and the tail was ex-

of the ground, Spearman

posed for Lock to wrap up. Earlier Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower steered his side to 267 for seven wickets from 50 overs. He made 57 in 66 balls and featured in a 55 run partnership with Alistair Campbell.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard from the third and final one-day international between Zimbabwe and

New Zealand at McLean Park on Saturday: # ... ZIMBABWE G. Flower c Astle b Morrison C. Evans a Fierling b Merrison G Whittali c Harris b Merrison A. Flower Ibw Pater A. Campbell c Germon b Nash

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NEW ZEALAND C Spearman Ibw b Brandes N Astle c A. Flower b Brandes S. Fleming Ibw b Strang R. Twose Ibw b Lock A. Parore c Streak b G. Flower C. Harris C A Flower b Strang L Germon b Lock D. Palel c and b Lock D. Nash b Lock

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2-1.

D. Morrison Ibw b Lock R. Keenedy not out Extras:(lb-11, w-14, nb-4) Total: (all out-48.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-65; 2-72: 3-164: 4-169: 5-201: 6-228; 7-229; 8-233; 9-235.

0 44 2 Strang 0 49 0 Whittall 0 16 G. Flower Result: Zimbabwe won by 21 runs. New Zealand won series

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VNGHIT. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW IRONIC IT WAS: MY DENTIST A COMPUTER ENDED TO WITH A SAD. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

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> KUUUML BYTE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: k equals 8