

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the worst sports disaster of the century occurred on February 26, 1918 at Hong Kong when 604 punters were killed after the stands at a local race course collapsed.

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-26

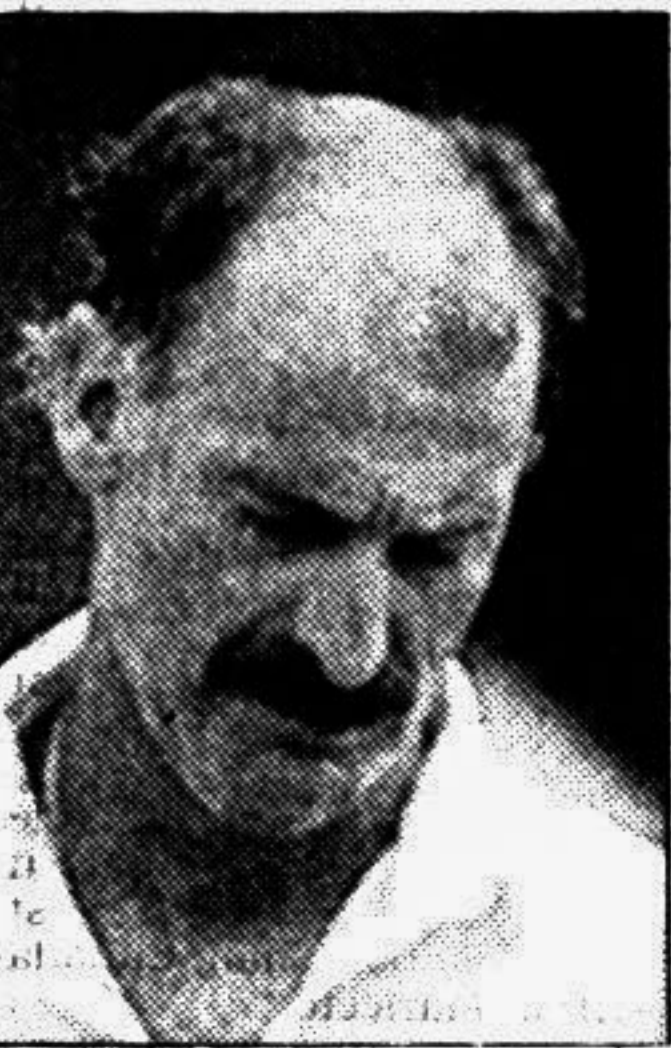
Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes 8 p.m. Feb 16, 1996)

- 1. Munich Olympics were held in 1970 1972 1974
- 2. The name of the first three cricket World Cups were
- 3. 1978 soccer World Cup was won by Brazil England Argentina
- 4. The current national cricket manager is
- 5. 2000 Summer Olympics will be held in London Beijing Sydney

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SPORTS TALK



Dennis Lillee

(Australia's legendary fast bowler)

"When I was bowling well, really well, I didn't see the ball going to the batsman or to the stumps. I used to imagine the ball going through to the keeper. That's where you have to project."

Sonali Div II football Mirpur Chalanika rout Adamjee

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Chalanika SC recorded a thumping 3-0 win over Adamjee SC in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The suburban outfit, appearing in one of the three matches billed for the day, took an early lead through Mokhes before Shajahan, who struck twice in a span of only two minutes at the stroke of the breather, completed the Adamjee rout.

In the other matches of the day, BRTC SC prevailed over Gandaria Famous by the odd goal in three with Munna notching both the goals for the winners, while Lalmatia Club and Mohakhali split points to a one-all draw.

Progoti Div III football

Dipali, R'ganj, Fire, Matuail win

Sports Reporter

Dipali Jubo Sangha, Rahmatganj Club, Fire Service and Matuail Udayan Sangha won their respective Progoti Insurance Third Division football league matches at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first match, a sixth minute strike from Shah Alam paved Dipali's way for a shaky 1-0 win over Govt. Printing Press while Fire Service and Matuail, who followed the trend set by Dipali also recorded identical victories over Kawanbazar and Moghbazar respectively.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, Rahmatganj defeated Chalanika 2-1 with Ripon and Sohail scoring once each for the winners.

WHIZZ KID-25 correct answer

- 1. Chinaman is a term associated with Ans: Cricket
- 2. The MCC cricket team currently touring Bangladesh is from Ans: England
- 3. The SAF Games hockey championships are Ans: India
- 4. The Australian Open tennis women's competition was won by Ans: Sales
- 5. Ziauddin Shovan is the captain of Ans: Brothers.



Ziaur Rashid Rupom in all concentration as he prepares for a backfoot stroke. Rupom made an impressive debut for the national side yesterday. — Star photo

Bulbul, Akram blast MCC bowlers

Bangladesh's emphatic win

By Hasan Masood

A brilliant unbeaten 119-run partnership for the fourth wicket between Aminul Islam and skipper Akram Khan steered the Bangladesh national team to a resounding seven-wicket victory over the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in a limited over exhibition cricket match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Facing a hard but accomplishable task of scoring 116 runs to win in the last 16.3 overs with Bangladesh chasing MCC's 249, Bulbul and his captain Akram scored 119 runs to reach home with three balls to spare.

Bulbul, considered to be the best middle-order bat in the country who led his local side Mohammedan Sporting Club to an emphatic one-wicket victory over arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra with an unbeaten 99 last week, once again played the pivotal role in yesterday's victory with a swashbuckling 82 not out which came off only 79 balls.

During his century-plus unbeaten winning partnership with Akram, Bulbul showed his batting elegance hitting seven beautiful boundaries.

On the other hand Akram, who have been running out of his form in recent days, played a gutsy unbeaten 59 off 51 deliveries inclusive of a huge six and half a dozen boundaries.

Bangladesh, bogged by the psychological pressure of scoring five runs per over, made a slow but steady start with their opening duo putting on 30 runs before Athar Ali was bowled by MCC's new-ball bowler Kelvin Williams in the ninth over.

But the other opener Ziaur Rashid Rupom, making his first appearance for the national team, and Faruque Ahmed, the infamous Kenya tour captain who returned to the national team after almost two seasons, gave Bangladesh a firm footing sharing 59 runs for the second wicket.

Rupom, the talented Bi-man skipper, celebrated his call in the national team as a patient but useful 40 off 86 deliveries inclusive of four boundaries before the right-hander was caught and bowled by former English Test cricketer Ian Salisbury in the first ball of the 26th over.

Faruque, who scored an unbeaten 56 against the same team as Bangladesh A skipper on December 5, kept up his good work with the willow adding another 45 runs for the third wicket with Bulbul before the former national captain departed for a breezy 41 off 62 balls, leaving the score at 134 33.3 overs. In his chancy innings Faruque three sweetly-timed hits to the fence.

Earlier put in to bat, the visitors piled up a commanding total with one down Laurie Potter and middle order bat Kelvin Williams sharing 144 runs for the fifth wicket.

Potter and Williams, who played sensibly during their marathon 23.1 over stay at, dealthed their side from a precarious 96 for four to a huge 238 before the former was eventually perished, caught at wildish mid-wicket brilliantly by Faruque off a

Opener Nicholas Gaywood, who scored 49 off 76 balls inclusive of six fours, was the other notable MCC willow-wielder.

For Bangladesh, right-arm seamers Saiful Islam and Hasibul Hossain Shanto grabbed two wickets apiece. Saiful with two for 32 in his 10 overs, proved to be the most economical among the local bowlers while young Shanto finished with an expensive figures of 10-0-65-2.

On the other hand, off-spinner Rupom took one wicket conceding 38 runs in nine overs.

For the brilliant knock of unbeaten 82 runs, Aminul Islam Bulbul was adjudged man-of-the-match by adjudicator Ihtale Ahmed, a former national player.

Both teams will involve in their second one-day exhibition match at the same venue today.

Scoreboard

MCC	Bat	Run	Wicket
N Gaywood	lbw b Rupom	49	
A Fordham	c Pilot b Saiful	18	
L Potter	c Faruque b Saiful	77	
C Hollins	b Shanto	2	
D Capel	lbw b Shanto	73	
K Williams	not out	3	
I Salisbury	not out	27	
Extras	(lb-13, nb-2; w-12)	27	
Total	(for 5 wks in 50 overs)	249	
Fall of wickets:		1-59; 2-85; 3-86; 4-94; 5-238	
Bowling	O M R W		
Anis	10 2 47 0		

Result: Bangladesh won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Aminul Islam Bulbul.

WHIZZ KID-24 WINNERS

- 1. Javed Jahangir King Khaled Institute, Dhaka.
- 2. Md Abdullah al Amin Tutorial Home School, Dhaka.
- 3. Samita Kaiser GCE Tutorial, Dhaka.
- 4. Farhad Haq Scholastica, Dhaka.
- 5. Md Farooq Bhuiyan Dhanmendi International School, Dhaka.
- 6. Sahruddin Model School, Dhaka.

We were outplayed, admits MCC skipper

Sports Reporter

Everybody was looking for Bulbul to congratulate him for his brilliant match-winning innings of 82 runs.

"He is a gem of a batsman who is capable of changing the fate of a match when he is on song," said a proud Bangladesh cricket manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu on his reaction to Bulbul's magnificent batting performance.

While talking to the press after Bangladesh beat the visiting MCC team by seven wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, Lipu said his side won because of their natural batting performances which saw almost all the batsmen scoring handsomely.

"Our boys have really played well today. Chasing 249 in one-day is not an easy task. But the way Rupom, Faruque, Bulbul and Akram played, our victory was inevitable today. And we got that," said a gleaming Lipu.

Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan also praised his batsman for their responsible innings.

"We were a bit slow in our chase today in the initial overs. But we made it up because of our huge desire to win. It happens in one-day matches, sometimes you get slow and sometimes you get fast," said the happy captain.

He also congratulated MCC for their glorious performance.

"They are very strong, we should never underestimate them," he added.

On the other hand, man-of-the-match Aminul Islam Bulbul said he was confident of their victory yesterday. He also praised Akram for his 51-ball 59 runs. "Akram proved today how much important he is for the national team. Everybody goes through bad patches today or tomorrow. Thank God! Akram is back with his batting form."

MCC captain Allan Fordham also congratulated Bangladesh for their emphatic win. "The standard of cricket in Bangladesh has improved a lot and the result of today's match is nothing but the reflection of your deeds," said the MCC manager John A Jameson while talking to the press after the match.

"Our boys are tired, they had a busy week, may be they can show a better result tomorrow," hoped the MCC manager.

MCC captain Allan Fordham also congratulated his Bangladeshi counterpart for their win.

"We were outplayed in every aspect today. Your boys have come up with a better show and they won," said Fordham.

Khulna spikers to the fore

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Khulna set the stage for a unique double when their male and female spikers romped into the final of the Incontrad Inter-district volleyball championship eliminating their respective semi-final opponents at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the men's first semi-final, Khulna rolled up a helpless Rangpur by 15-8, 15-3, 15-12 to set up a final clash with Rajbari, who defeated Dinajpur 15-8, 8-15, 15-7, 15-13.

Meanwhile, on the distaff side, the Khulna eves recorded an emphatic 15-11, 16-14, 17-15 points win over Tangail while Rangpur blanked Kushtia in three sets.

Both the finals will be held today.

Dahlin dying for Italy

STOCKHOLM, Feb 9: Swedish international Martin Dahlin has turned down a move to Bayern Munich insisting he will quit the German First Division at the end of the season, reports AFP.

Dahlin's contract with Borussia Moenchengladbach runs out at the end of the season and the 27-year-old striker says he is determined to play in Italy.

"I have received several concrete offers from several top Italian clubs but I don't want to say more than that," Dahlin told the Swedish daily Expressen on Thursday.

Juventus, Napoli and AS Roma have all been linked to the Swede. French first division side AS Monaco have also shown an interest in him.

WHIZZ KID-25 winners

- 1. Syed Takshad Karim Wills Little Flower School, Dhaka.
- 2. H M Raiyan Shakeel BAF Shaheen School, Dhaka.
- 3. Ashraf Tanvir Hossain Govt Laboratory School, Dhaka.
- 4. Ahmed Tausif Ihtiaque St. Joseph School, Dhaka.
- 5. Faruk Zahur French first division side AS Monaco have also shown an interest in him.

Wise words from Waugh



BRISBANE, Australia, Feb 9: Senior player Steve Waugh had some words of advice for the younger members of Australia's World Cup cricket squad as they left here Friday for India and this month's 12-nation tournament, reports AFP.

"Getting used to the heat and not whingeing. I guess that's the key to the tournament," 30-year-old Waugh said after the side completed a three-day training camp in sweltering Brisbane.

"Take things as they come and don't get offside with little things that are going to crop up over there — people wanting autographs and photos and people hassling you in the hotels and stuff like that."

"There'll be a lot of media so you have to stay cool under pressure."

"But sometimes it's a lot easier to play overseas, just to get away from everything. Back home there's a lot of commitments, people wanting your time."

"You can relax and get away from it all. In a way I find it easier to play away from home but the downside is you're away from your family."

Waugh and fast bowler Craig McDermott, 30, are the sole survivors from Australia's previous World Cup triumph in 1987 — also in India.

"It's definitely an exciting place, different to any other

place in the world you play cricket," he said.

"The atmosphere's different, it's a lot noisier, the grounds aren't that flash, but there is something different about games over there."

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Meanwhile, with only a third of the season left to play, Bari's Igor Protti looks set to achieve the rare distinction of being the Serie A's top goalscorer and relegated to Serie B at the same time.

Match of the day in Spain is second-placed Barcelona at deadly enemies and reigning champions Real Madrid.

Barca may have home advantage at the Nou Camp but Real have been revitalised since coach Jorge Valdano was sacked and replaced with Arsenali Iglesias - with three straight wins and 11 goals scored.

Europe in the doldrums

PARIS, Feb 9: The Bundesliga rolls back into action after the winter break this weekend with champions and league leaders Borussia Dortmund determined to widen the two-point gap over Bayern Munich, reports AFP.

With the championship a two-horse race - third-placed Stuttgart are ten points behind Bayern - history is on Dortmund's side.

Ottmar Hitzfeld's men travel to Kaiserslautern on Saturday for an encounter which they should easily win on paper, with their hosts just a point off the bottom three.

But the European Cup quarter-finalists will not be underestimating Lautern, who forced a 1-1 draw in Dortmund earlier this season.

On Sunday, Bayern travel to Hamburg, whom they beat 3-2 in the Olympic Stadium on the opening day of the term. Felix Magath has taken Hamburg to fifth since Benno Mohlmann's sacking in the autumn, but his men are hampered as the division's draw specialists — eight to date.

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Newcastle complete deal

MILAN, Italy, Feb 9: The problem riddled transfer of Parma's Colombian World Cup striker Faustino Asprilla to English Premier league leaders Newcastle was completed on Thursday, reports Reuter.

"The negotiations are finally over. The player now belongs to Newcastle," said Parma's lawyer Leandro Cantamessa.

He said the deal had been concluded at the original price of 10.1 million dollars despite assertions by the Italian club earlier this week that Newcastle were seeking a discount.

Cantamessa said outstanding issues concerning the transfer had been settled in more than four hours of talks on Thursday.

"There were problems with Asprilla's residence permit which have been resolved by the English authorities," Cantamessa said.

Asprilla's move to Newcastle had been beset with problems on both sides.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 "Cheers" soundtrack
- 40 Bazaar drawing
- 5 Dandy
- 8 Standard
- 12 Inventor's inspiration
- 13 Mined-over matter?
- 14 Wheels of fortune
- 15 "Hud" Oscar winner
- 16 Pre-Lent goings-on
- 18 Airport schedule entry
- 20 Revise
- 21 Army rank: abbr.
- 22 Hydrogen or helium
- 23 Panama-born batting champ
- 26 They often come to the box
- 30 Past
- 31 Charged bit
- 32 Khan title
- 33 Locket, e.g.
- 36 Like the Rockettes
- 38 Sothern or Sheridan
- 39 Work on the
- 11 Hirschfeld
- 22 Baiter
- 25 Feeder
- 3 Bring up
- 4 Harmful play
- 5 Centrally located
- 6 Exam format
- 7 Piece
- 8 Insubstantial
- 9 Not pre-recorded
- 10 " — with seven wives"
- 11 Medal
- 17 Approach
- 19 Promise
- 22 Oakley
- 23 Upper limit
- 24 Candle count
- 25 Director
- 26 Make
- 27 Periodical, for short
- 28 Eventual eagle
- 29 Unfavorable vote
- 31 B&B
- 34 Nureyev or Nijinsky
- 35 Followers of the King?
- 36 Actress
- 37 Banished ones
- 38 Crenshaw, e.g.
- 40 Gush forth
- 41 Far, in combination
- 42 Mel
- 43 Latest fashion
- 44 November duty
- 45 Literary conflict
- 46 Impart briefly
- 48 Name: abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: SIGN AT GARDEN CENTER READS: WE'RE A GROWING CONCERN.

Today's Cryptogram clue: Y equals C

The Cryptogram 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.