

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT Sunil Gavaskar, Cricketer turned commentator, has blown his top. In yesterday's Singer Cup match at Singapore...

Now, who is Gavaskar to question the feeling of players, be they of any side, when they are toiling blood, sweat and tears for their team.

There should be a code for commentators, even if they are too big for their own shoes.

SPORTS TALK



Mark Waugh

(Australia's master batsman) "When I finish my cricket career, I would like to be remembered as an all-rounder, a good player, someone who could play well in both forms of cricket. Hope I can do that."

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-33

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 12, 1996)

- 1. Thomas Muster is a master of Hand-court, Grass-court, Clay-court
2. The defending Olympic soccer champions are Spain, Poland, Italy
3. Ma Junren is a famous coach Swimming, Athletics, Hockey
4. Who are the Cup sponsors of the next Sharjah cricket tournament? Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Sprite
5. The recently concluded The Daily Star World Cup cricket quiz was sponsored by Philips, Sony, Saiger

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Yamaha cricket

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 134 in 33.4 overs (Pavel 32, Philip 21; Fand 4/39, Babu 3/9)
LALMATIA CLUB: 135 for seven in 37.3 overs (Babu 30, Halim Babu 16 n.o.; Kamrul 2/22)

Lalmatia Club defeated Bangladesh Boys Club by three wickets in their Yamaha First Division cricket super league encounter at the City Club ground, Mirpur yesterday.

Visitors anger AITA

CALCUTTA, Apr 5: Indian tennis officials have lodged a protest with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) over derogatory remarks reportedly made by the Swedish Davis Cup team about their Indian hosts, reports AFP.

WHIZZ KID-32 winners

- 1. Tanzila Taj Vigarunnisa Noon Dhaka
2. Emil Sharmin Shaheed Anwar Girls School Dhaka
3. Samrina Ahmed Green Harald Int'l Dhaka
4. Syed Faisal Md Ali Scholastica, Gulshan Dhaka
5. Syed Taneem A Salim BIT Dhaka

Abahani under the sea

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KC: 185 in 46.2 overs (Moni 32, Rahul 31, Partho 29; Rafique 4/17, Sumon 2/15)

BIMAN: 189 for four in 44 overs (Nasir Khan 48, Rupon 46 n.o., Sumon 35)



Title hopes of Abahani Krishna Chakrabarti were virtually shattered when Biman handed them a six-wicket defeat in their Premier Division cricket super league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Biman's skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupon invited his opponent Akram Khan to bat first. Rupon's decision proved worthy when the Dhakamondri-based outfit were bundled out for only 185 runs in 46.2 overs. In reply, the Bijoy Dibash champions had little trouble in chasing such a small target and eventually prevailed with exactly six overs to spare conceding four wickets.

This was the fifth defeat for Abahani in the league in 14 matches putting them out of contention. With their nine wins, they now have 18 points to their account, six points ahead of arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club who are leading the standings with 24 points from 14 matches and need only a victory to ensure their league championship.

On the other hand, the win promoted Biman up the table. This was the tenth win for Biman, also in 14 matches, which raises their tally to 20 points and put them second in the standings jointly with Brothers Union Club leaving Abahani in the fourth position.

Put in to bat on a dry and hot morning, Abahani, the reigning joint champions with Mohammedans, playing without any foreign players yesterday, made a fair start as 57 runs came from their opening pair in just eight overs.

But things began to turn otherwise when Biman's left arm spinner Mohammad Rafique sent both openers, Harunur Rashid Liton (27) and Inam, Hamid Partho (28), back to the dressing room in the ninth over before they could go any further.

The middle-order collapse which followed saw Abahani tumbling to 87 for five in the 23rd over. And things could have been worse had the lower order not play with some degree of responsibility.

With all-rounder Enamul Haque Moni's 32 off 45 deliveries, Niamur Rashid Rahul's 31 and Jahangir Alam Dulu's 23 off 28 balls, Abahani could finally cross the 150-mark and reached 185, which proved hardly enough, before they were booked in the 47th over.

Rafique was the most successful Biman bowler who bagged four wickets conceding 17 runs in nine overs while part-timer Sumon took two wickets for 15 runs.

In reply, Biman suffered an early set-back in the third over when national opener Athar Ali Khan, who was going great guns collecting 16 runs off 13 balls, was unlucky to be run out with the scoreboard on 19.

But the other opener Nasir Khan (48) from Pakistan and one-down Habibul Bashar

Sumon (35) took Biman to a commendable position adding 69 runs off 15 overs for the second wicket partnership before the latter was caught by Bappi off Salaudtin in the 18th over.

Nasir Khan then added a further 30 runs with Sahnewaz Shahid Shanu (27) for the third-wicket stand and took the score to 118 before he left the crease in the 30th over.

Skipper and national middle-order batsman Rupon joined Shanu next and scored 51 runs in their fourth wicket. After Shanu's departure in the 40th over with Biman's score on 169, Rupon partnered Shaheen and collected the required runs without any further damage. Both Rupon and Shaheen remained unbeaten on 46 and 7 respectively.



A JOB WELL DONE: Biman's skipper Rupon and partner Shaheen return to the pavilion after ensuring the emphatic victory against Abahani.

—Star photo

Pierce, Fernandez falter



HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Apr 5: Iva Majoli of Croatia and Czech Jana Novotna advanced but fellow seeds Mary Joe Fernandez and Mary Pierce did not fare as well Thursday in the second round of the \$26,250 Family Circle Cup, reports Reuter.

Majoli, the third seed and one of the hottest players on tour this year, defeated tough Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 7-6 (10-8), 6-3. The sixth-seeded Novotna employed her strong serve and volley game to upend Alexandra Fusai of France 6-2, 7-5.

Fernandez tried hard but came up short against Sabine Hack of Germany. Hack, playing on her favoured clay surface, was a 6-2, 6-4 winner over the American, a last-minute replacement for the ailing Monica Seles.

Pierce, playing in her first tournament in two months, suffered from nerves as much as from opponent Petra Bergerow's play. Bergerow fought back from five match-points in

the second set to defeat the Frenchwoman 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Hack, who won three matches in qualifying, used her heavy topspin game, superior fitness and experience on clay to defeat Fernandez.

"I think she doesn't like my ball, the topspin, and I had more patience than her. She really doesn't have so much to work with, just to play pretty deep and not miss," said Hack, ranked 36th.

"But against my ball, there's nothing she can do. So if I don't get nuts in my head or if I don't start missing, there's no reason why I shouldn't beat her."

Playing the 20-year-old Bergerow must seem like playing in a nightmare for Pierce.

While the sweet-faced German, covering the court well despite her heavily bandaged right knee, did little more than keep the ball in play, Pierce complained about line calls and knocked her big groundstrokes all over the court.

Though Pierce played well in the first set, at the crucial moments late in the second set she came unhinged. With

five match points in hand, Pierce failed to convert and later simply said she was "unlucky".

In the third set, Bergerow continued her calm, focused play while Pierce disintegrated. Cheered on by the crowd, the young German broke three times, the crucial time at 1-2 on a Pierce double fault, to gain her third victory over Pierce.

"I can play the ball as hard as she can, I like to play this way," said Bergerow of playing against the hard-hitting Pierce. Bergerow beat the Frenchwoman in 1995 in Hamburg and also just two months ago indoors in Paris by the score of 7-5, 7-5, when Pierce led 5-2 in the first and 5-3 in the second.

In today's quarter-final matches, Novotna will play Majoli, already a winner this year in Tokyo and Essen. Hack will play second seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, top seed Conchita Martinez of Spain will take on Bergerow, and Irina Spileva of Romania will play Barbara Paulus of Austria.

Asian u-16 soccer Bangladesh to take part

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh has finally decided to participate in the first round of the seventh Asian Youth (Under-16) football championship scheduled to be held in the Japanese city of Nagoya from May 1 to 5 next.

This was confirmed by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) last night after a hour-long meeting in its office.

A total of 25 young booters are now in the camp from which 20 will be selected for the trip.

In the preliminary rounds, Bangladesh are placed with Japan, Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam in group nine, the last group of the format. The champions of each group will meet in the final round likely to be held in September in Thailand.

BFF treasurer Khairul Anam Piaru has been selected as manager of the youth team with Iskander Khan Mujlish as assistant manager while German coach Otto Pfister and Mohammad Chand will act as head and deputy coach of the team.

Nat'l women's chess results

Sports Reporter

Zakia Sultana, Zaharana Haque Runu and Nazrana Khan Iva were leading the standings with full two points each at the end of Round Two of the qualifying rounds for the 17th national women's chess championship yesterday.

In the day's round at the NSC chess room, Zakia defeated Faizunnissa Poly, Runu beat Suralya Khatun Badhan while Iva outplayed Ferdousi Sultana Munni.

Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira and Masuda Begum were in the second position with one-and-a-half points each to their accounts as their second round clash ended in a draw.

In the day's other encounters, Farhana Fatima Tanu beat Nasrin Shamim, Jebunnissa defeated Bikis Sultana and Ruhani Anrin Tumpa beat Farhana Sharmin while in the remaining tie, Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon earned a bye against Delwara Munshi.

Simmons disciplined

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 5: West Indies batsman Phil Simmons has been fined 10 per cent of his match fee for a breach of conduct in the fourth one-day international against New Zealand on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The fine, imposed by International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Mike Denness of England, was announced in a statement by the Guyana Cricket Board of Control.

It said: "Simmons was fined for attempting to intimidate the umpire when appealing for a leg before wicket decision."

Simmons keeps his place in West Indies squad of 13 for the fifth and final game of the series, which is level 2-2, in St Vincent on Saturday.

West Indies have made one change, recalling Courtney Browne, who was dropped after the World Cup, for fellow wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs, who played in the first four games.

Lin Li books Atlanta berth

BEIJING, Apr 5: Lin Li, a gold medalist in 1992, lined herself up for her third Olympics by finishing second in the 200 metres breaststroke at the Chinese national swimming championships in Tianjin on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Lin, making a comeback at the age of 26, clocked two minutes 30.64 seconds to take second place behind World Championships silver medalist Yuan Yuan, who recorded 2:28.53.

She contests her main event, the 200m individual medley, today. The championships serve as China's trials for Atlanta.

Lin won gold in the 200 metres individual medley and silver in the 200 breaststroke and 400 individual medley at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. She managed only third place in the 400 individual medley on Monday.

Lin won both individual medley titles at the 1991 World Championships but did not defend them at the 1994 worlds.

World champion Liu Limin, won the 100 metres butterfly stepping up the pace after setting only the fourth-fastest time in the heats to take the final in 59.57 seconds. She finished just ahead of 16-year-old Cai Huijie, who clocked 59.01.

But coach Zhao Ge was not impressed. "I don't think she impressed well, neither in the preliminaries nor in the finals," he said.



A dejected Indian batsman Sanjay Manjrekar (R) walks back thinking he is run out while Pakistani wicketkeeper Rasheed Latif (L) and Saqlain Mushtaq celebrate the dismissal during yesterday's Singer Cup tie in Singapore. The umpires however ruled Manjrekar's partner Ajay Jadeja out after both batsmen were stranded in the middle of the pitch.—AFP/UNB photo

Haynes' new assignment



HOVE, England, Apr 5: Former West Indies captain Desmond Haynes faces one of the sternest tests in his illustrious career starting this month — to revive the flagging fortunes of English county Sussex, reports AFP.

The 40-year-old batsman, an integral member of the famous Caribbean side, who dominated Test cricket in the 1980s, now has to create a winning spirit as coach to a county whose success has dried up in recent seasons.

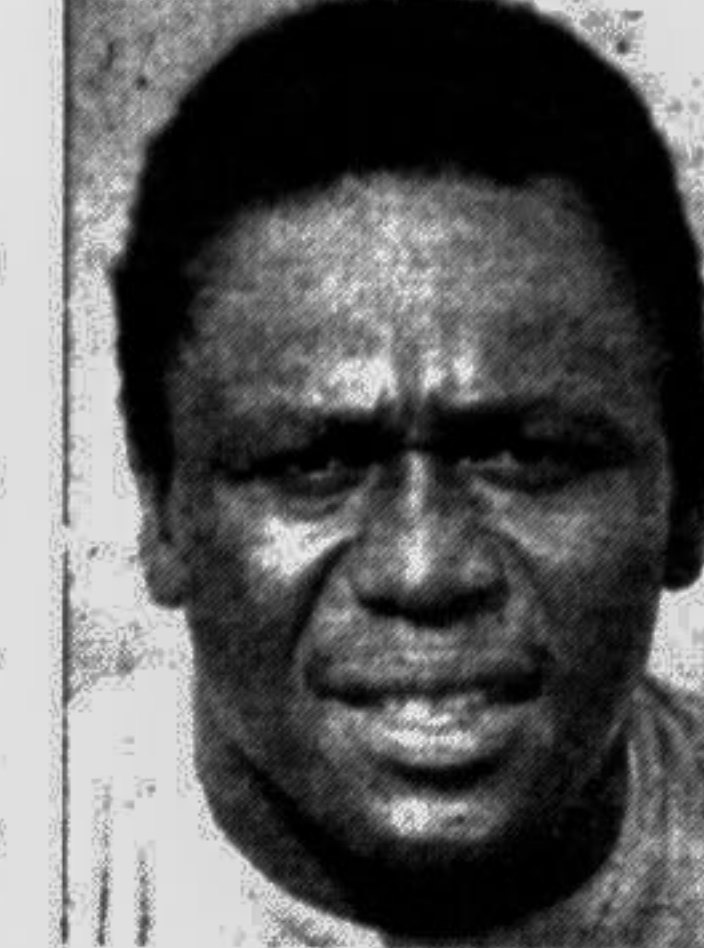
Sussex have gone nine years without winning a trophy but Haynes plans to create a happy atmosphere in the camp as the first step to success on the south coast.

Haynes admitted: "There has been a lot of pressure on the lads to perform and first I have to get them to relax."

"I will be speaking to all the players on a one-to-one basis when we go to Malaga on Saturday for a week to try and get everyone in the right frame of mind."

"As I look at my role as coach, I think of Clive Lloyd's style of captaincy with the West Indies."

"With Clive it was all about a family atmosphere and making people feel important and I want to treat the players at



DESMOND HAYNES

Sussex as I would want to be treated. I've already got a list of players' birthdays so everyone will get a card to show we care."

Haynes, who has a three-year contract, believes Sussex have got a good chance of winning a one-day competition this summer if the batting inconsistencies of last season can be corrected.

Haynes, who is having one final season playing for Western Province in South Africa, added:

"I'm not saying I will be a disciplinarian but I'll know when a harsh word is needed. The public and sponsors know when you are not giving 100 per cent at all times and I'll be expecting nothing less."

Sussex go into the season with a new overseas player in Vassbert Drakes, who has taken over from fellow West Indian Franklin Stephenson.

"As well as being a very promising fast bowler, his batting is progressing well," said Haynes. "Vassbert is certainly a player for the future."

Hall of Fame embraces Casals and Maskell



HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Apr 5: Women's professional tennis pioneer Rosie Casals and the late BBC commentator Dan Maskell have won election to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, it was announced on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Hall of Fame president Jane Brown made the announcement at a news conference at the Family Circle Cup tournament. The induction ceremony will take place on July 14 at the Hall of Fame, in Newport, Rhode Island.

Casals won a dozen Grand Slam doubles titles and was honoured as well for her efforts toward establishment of the women's pro tennis circuit in 1970.

One of the original nine players to sign onto Gladys Heldman's Virginia Slims Tour for one dollar, she worked tirelessly to promote women's tennis and was a founder of the Women's Tennis Association and member of its board of directors from 1974 through 1984.

"I suppose my legacy to the game is my personality and style, but also my actions for paving the way for women's tennis," said Casals, at 47 still active as a player on the Virginia Slims Legends' Tour besides running her own business.

"Not just on the court and not just in women's tennis, but the impact I and the others made on all sports was great," said Casals, about the women's movement in sports.

Casals won the first Slims event in Houston in 1970 and also won the first Family Circle Cup tournament in 1973, collecting a prize of 30,000 dollars, the largest paycheck ever paid to a sportswoman at that time.

"I finally beat Billie Jean, in the semis, and then I beat Nancy Richey, a clay court specialist, in the final, and I finally won 30,000 dollars and I went out and spent it all," said Casals with a laugh. The typical prize money for a tournament winner at that time was 1,800 dollars.

Maskell, well-known as the "Voice of Wimbledon" in his 40 years of commentary for the BBC, was also an accomplished player and coach.

Sixteen times the British professional champion and in 1927 the world professional champion, he became the first permanent coach at the All-England Club at Wimbledon and served in that capacity from 1929-39 and from 1946-55.

As both British Davis Cup and Wightman Cup teams coach, he led the Davis Cup team to championships from 1933-36.

Continuing his Wimbledon commentator duties until late in his life, Maskell died in December 1992, at the age of 84.

"I consider myself fortunate to have known Dan for as many years as I did. We first met when I was 15 and he was the national coach, and I was fortunate too to work with him at the BBC," remembered Virginia Wade.

"He was one of those amazing links in the history of tennis, and he would have been thrilled to little bits if he had known he was going into the Hall of Fame."

Davis Cup Sweden go two up

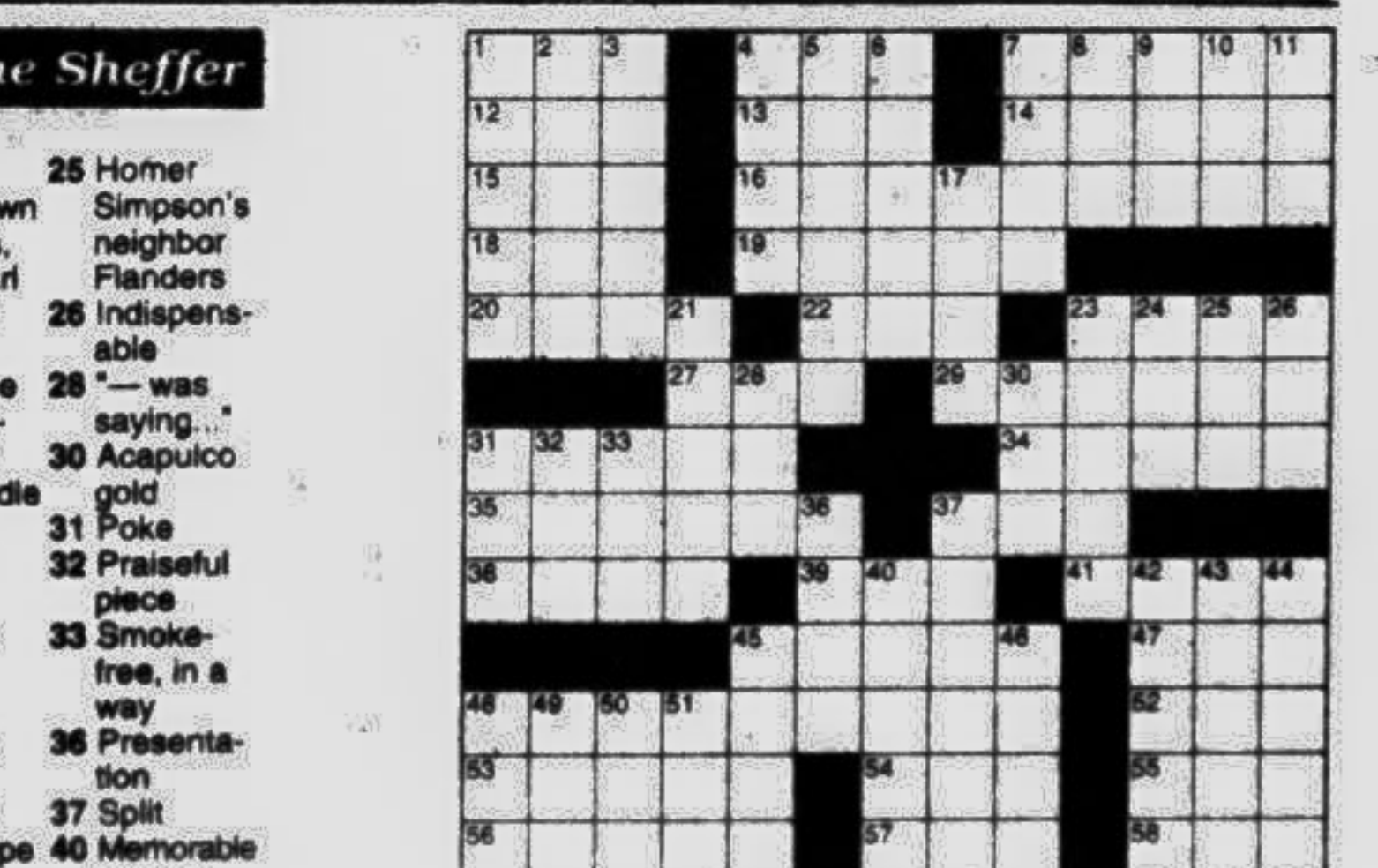
CALCUTTA, Apr 5: Thomas Enqvist defeated Mahesh Bhupathi in four sets to give Sweden a commanding 2-0 lead over India in their Davis Cup World Group quarterfinal here today, reports AFP.

Enqvist, the world number nine, dented the 342nd-ranked Bhupathi 6/7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/3), 6-1, 6-1 in two hours and 40 minutes on the grass courts of Calcutta's South Club.

In the opening singles, Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman defeated Indian number one Leander Paes 1-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP TQ TRDEYTG SZ EAGXQ ZCRW TQ TKSM DXTMXD YXRTCXZ WX FEKXZ AFSJJSQU JTUXZ Yesterday's Crypticquip: THE BOY CLOBBERED THE DENTIST BECAUSE HE VAGUELY GOT ON HIS NERVES. Today's Crypticquip clue: J equals P The Crypticquip 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.