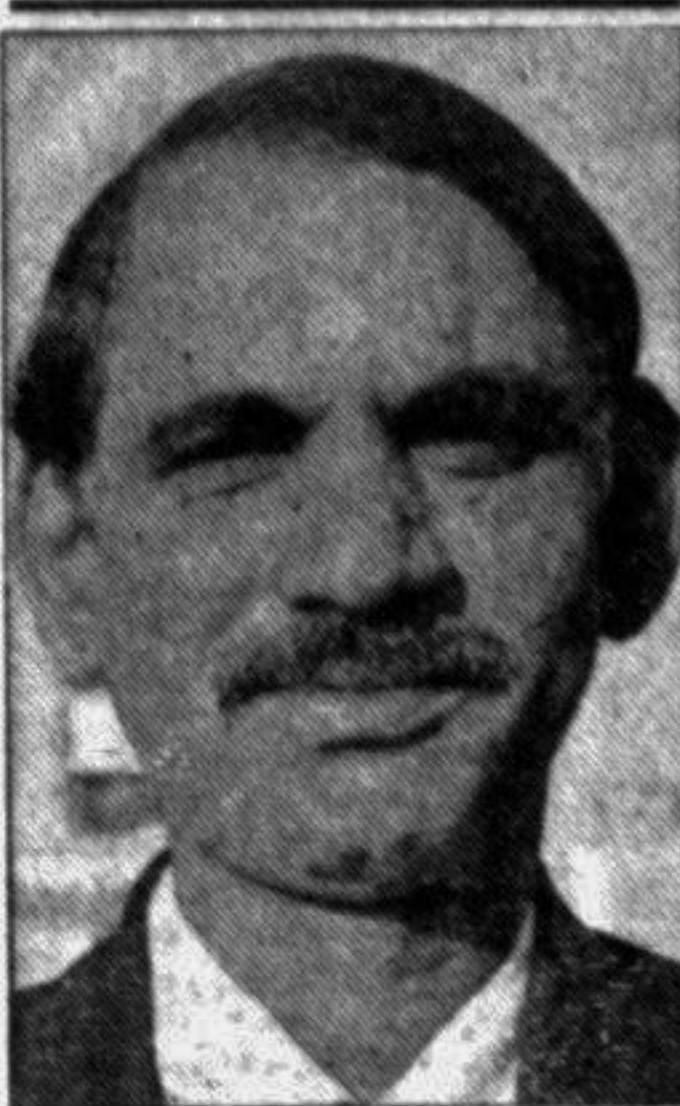


Column One

SPORTS TALK



VK Ramaswamy

(Noted Indian cricket umpire)
"When we umpires take up our task, we know that we are taking up a duty which will receive little appreciation. When we make mistakes there are many people who will pick on us but when we do a good job everyone takes it for granted."

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT even heroes have their heroes. In a game like cricket which is effectively an individual as well as a team sport, stars are not as egocentric as we mortals may suppose.

Hansie Cronje, the South African skipper, considers Brian Lara the world's best. So, it might be interesting to find out what is Lara's opinion. If he is the world's best, there can't be anyone better. But, Lara thinks otherwise. The holder of the highest test is first-class scores thinks he is not as great as Viv Richards.

The trouble with Lara's modesty is that Graham Gooch and Richie Richardson has little doubt that indeed the incredible run machine from West Indies is the best batsman under the sun.

Does all this mean that Sachin has no fans among the greats? Hardly! David Boon, Australia's mainstay for several years and Mohammad Azharuddin, India's most successful captain (ever) (Gavaskar, please note), considers Sachin Tendulkar as having an old head on young shoulders and the very best.

The professor will abstain from casting his opinion unless, of course, there is a tie.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



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✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes 8 p.m.

April 12, 1996)

1. Thomas Muster is a master of Hard-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 Singer

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Russian boxers to the fore

VEJLE, Denmark, Apr 7: Three Russians, led by super-heavyweight Alexei Lezin, gained title bouts during Saturday's second semifinal session in the 31st European Amateur Boxing Championships, reports AP.

Russia, Germany and Bulgaria will have four finalists each in Sunday's championship session of the six-day meet that also is a qualifying event for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Lezin will meet Ukraine's Vladimir Klitschko in the superheavy (over 91-kilo) class. Lezin, the reigning world champion, won on walkover over René Monse of Germany, who was injured in the quarterfinals earlier this week. Klitschko decisioned Attila Levin of Sweden 7-0 in the other semifinal.

The other Russian finalists were Albert Pakeev, who decisioned Damaia Kelly of Ireland 9-3 in the 51-kilo class, and Ramazan Paliani, who scored a 9-3 decision over Scott Harrison of Scotland in the 57-kilo division.

Bulgaria's two semifinal winners came in lighter divisions. Mihailov Stoyan (51-kilo) and Serafim Todorov (57-kilo).

Dulu's spell sinks Mohammedans AKC's triumph over trivia

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 181 in 47.5 overs (Nannu 55, Sujon 21, Shahed Mehmud 19; Dulu 5/14)

ABAHANI KC: 185 for 4 in 40.2 overs (Partho 56, Liton 38, Akram 36, Bulbul 2/25, Shanto 2/26)

Former national left-arm seamer Dulu unearthened his richest vein of talents in this season as Abahani Kira Chakra decimated their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club's title hopes when the Dharmoddi outfit handed the black and whites a crushing six-wicket defeat in a crucial Premier cricket super league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The gangling Jahangir Talukder, popularly known as 'danger Dulu', captured five wickets for only 14 runs, took two brilliant catches and effected a vital run out as Mohammedans sent into bat in the morning by Abahani skipper Akram Khan, could hardly muster a defendable total.

In reply, Abahani, powered by a century partnership for the first wicket between Imran Hamid Partho and Harun-ur-Rashid Liton, rattled up the targetted runs with six wickets in the bank to pull off a memorable victory with more than nine overs to spare in the 50-over-a-side match.

With this defeat Mohammedans, who began their six-team super league cam-

the charge.

The long-haired left-arm seamer, who ripped through the Mohammedans top order, started the rot in the third over when he dismissed Pakistan-recruit and opener Nadeem Younis for five. He then had a shaky Selim Shahid (2) caught at extra-cover to reduce Mohammedans to 13 for two in 6.1 overs.

Jahangir, the other Mohammedan opener, with a plucky 18, tried to stick around for a while but when right-arm seamer Ruhul Niam Rashid uprooted his off-stump Mohammedans plunged into deeper trouble with 3/31 in 12.3 overs.

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Rahul, who evenly shared four wickets among them.

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