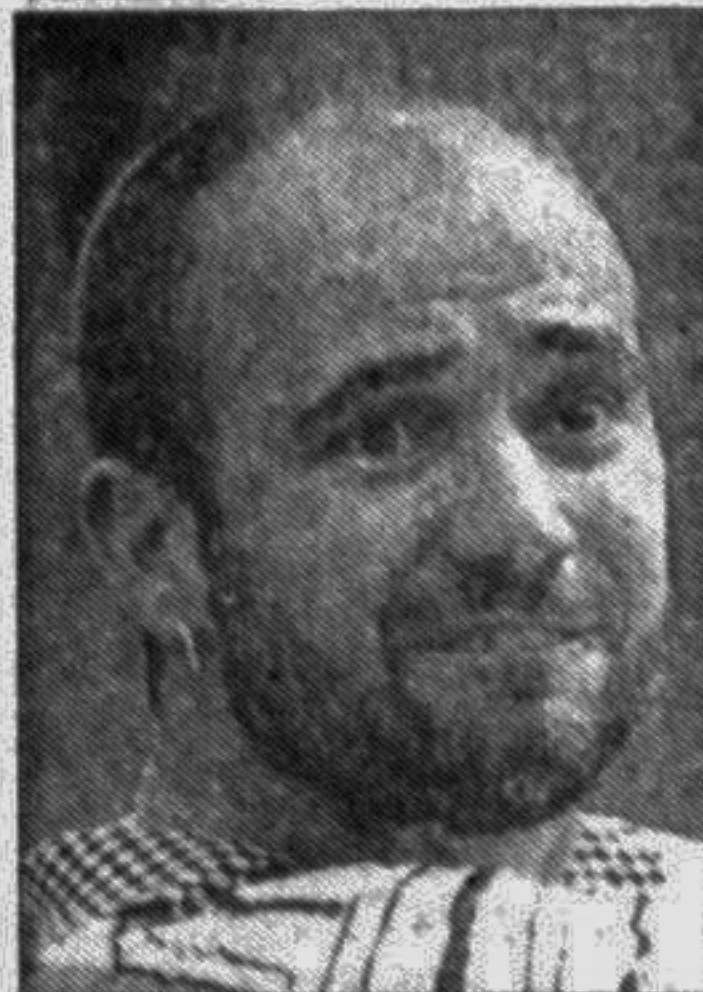


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Andre Agassi
(American tennis superstar)
"I strongly believe that any sport thrives on rivalries. Rivalry is what creates interest. It creates a passion for the sport."

Sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID
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- (Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 12, 1996)
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Wanderers win
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BRIEF SCORES

DHAKA WANDERERS CLUB: 268 for three in 50 overs (Monirul 105 n.o., Kiron 96)
GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB: 202 in 40 overs (Ripon 33, Rabbar 32, Rafique 4/38)

An unbeaten century by Pakistani batsman Monirul Haq steered Dhaka Wanderers to a convincing 66-run win over Gulshan Youth Club in their Premier Division cricket relegation league encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Wanderers, who have already confirmed their relegation to First Division next year being second from the bottom of the league table, decided to bat first and piled up 268 for three in their stipulated 50 overs which included a brilliant knock of 105 off 101 balls from the bat of Monirul, inclusive of eleven fours.

Besides, opener Kiron scored 96 off 118 balls, while Nayan and Momir added 28 and 23 to the Wanderers account.

In reply, Gulshan were booked for 202 in 40 overs with skipper Ripon scoring highest 33 runs.

With yesterday's game, both the teams completed their league campaign with Gulshan having 14 points and Wanderers 10.

Yamaha Div I
cricket
Sports Reporter
BRIEF SCORES

LALMATIA CLUB: 242 for eight in 45 overs (Biplab 43, Ripon 35, Khokon 3/32)
SURJOYATUN CLUB: 209 in 45 overs (Khokon 47, Raju 39, Mithu 2/29)

DMP v'ball
champs
Sports Reporter

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) clinched the police national volleyball championships defeating Khulna Range Reserve Force (RRF) 15-6, 15-7 in the final at city's Uttara RRF ground yesterday.

Constable Deen Mohammad of DMP was adjudged the best spiker of the meet.

AKC ride on Liton's ton

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 209 for 8 in 50 overs (Faruque Ahmed 43, Masum 33, Selim 29, Dulu 3/46)
ABAHANI KC: 212 for 7 in 47 overs (Liton 106, Durjoy 29, Anup 23)



Opener Harun-ur Rashid Liton blasted his second ton of the season as non-hoppers Abahani Krira Chakra ended their Premier cricket league campaign on a winning note with a three-wicket defeat on Kalabagan at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Liton cracked a dazzling 106 as Abahani, chasing a fighting Kalabagan total, reached home with three overs to spare and as many wickets in hand. In the course of their not-so-impressive campaign, it was Abahani's 11th win from their overall 16 league engagements including five super league matches.

But with both the Dhanmondi neighbours already out of the title race, the outcome of the otherwise insignificant affair salvaged some sort of pride for Abahani, who with this win ensured their place ahead of Kalabagan in the standings.

Nevertheless, for Abahani, one of the two giants in the domestic circuit, the season turned out to be a disastrous one as they have failed to win a single title this year.

However, with this win Abahani, who had greatly decimated their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club's title hopes with a sensational six-wicket victory in their previous match, once again proved that they are more inspiring

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without any foreign assistance. Liton, the stout right hand bat who lost his opening partner Inran Hamid Partho quite early, mend the initial setback sharing 81 runs for the second wicket with rookie Anup Kumar before the latter departed for a gritty 23 off 54 deliveries. Abahani were comfortably poised with 2/110 in 22.1 overs.

Skipper Akram Khan then joined Liton to put on a brisk 24 runs for the third wicket before the burly middle-order bat was dismissed by his Kalabagan counterpart Faruque Ahmed.

Faruque, better known for his batting prowess, surprisingly had a happy hunting with his slow right-arm bowling as the former national skipper finished with two for 36 in his ten economic overs.



LITON 106

After the fall of Akram, Liton, who complete his 50 off only 46 deliveries, found an obdurate partner in Naimur Rahman Durjoy.

Durjoy, who had a disappointing season with the willow, shared 53 runs for the fourth wicket with Liton before being dismissed by Saiful Islam after scoring a sedate 29.

Liton, who reached the magical three-figure mark off 122 balls, clubbed 11 fours in his marathon 129-ball stay at the crease before he was eventually out in the 43rd over leaving his side 18 runs short of victory.

Liton had earlier hammered his first ton in a first leg engagement against lowly Eskaton Sabuj Sangha. Incidentally in that match he scored the same 106.

Earlier, left-arm seamer Jahangir Talukder Dulu, the architect of Abahani's six-wicket win over Mohammedans, once again sparked with the cherry to restrict Kalabagan to an chaseable target.

Dulu, who finished with a five-wicket haul against Mohammedans, kept up his good work claiming three wickets for 46 runs. He was well backed up by national slow left-arm Enamul Huq Moni who took two for 33 in his ten economic overs.

For Kalabagan, skipper Faruque Ahmed, who missed his side's previous match due to sore muscle, returned to action with a polished 43 off 61 balls.

Opener Zahid Razzak Masum with 33 and middle-order bat Mahabubur Rahman Selim (29) were the other notable run-getters for the losers.

Arantxa assails a Greek



AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, Apr 11: Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, happy to be back on her favourite clay-court surface, defeated Christina Papadaki of Greece 6-0 7-6 (7-3) at the Bausch and Lomb Championship on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Sixth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez of the US who defeated 85th-ranked Radhika Zrubakova of Slovakia 6-3, 6-3, also moved into the third round.

The second-seeded Sanchez-Vicario won last week's singles and doubles title in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

A two-time champion here, the third-ranked Sanchez-Vicario overpowered the 19th-ranked Papadaki in the first set. Sanchez-Vicario had an aggressive attack plan, which included taking the ball early. Papadaki could not handle the pressure and was barely able to keep a ball in the court.

"I feel great," Sanchez-Vicario said. "Last week I won the singles and doubles, so I have great confidence. I just played a great first set and I

didn't miss a shot." But Sanchez-Vicario slowed down her assault in the second set, which opened the door for Papadaki.

"Her come into the match," Sanchez-Vicario said. "After 3-2 in the second set, I relaxed a little bit. I was winning easily. Then my balls were

getting shorter." Papadaki lost her serve in the seventh game, and Sanchez-Vicario served for the match at 5-4 in the second set. But Papadaki was able to serve in that 10th game and push the match into a tie-breaker.

Down 0-2 early in the tie-breaker, Sanchez-Vicario recouped the minibreak on the fourth point. Ahead 4-3, the Spaniard won the final three points of the match on three cross-court wide, a double-fault and a backhand approach long.

In the beginning of the match the 13th-ranked Fernandez rushed play in an attempt to take control of the proceedings and made two many mistakes. She fell behind 0-3 before winning the next six games to take the first set.

"I got off to a little bit of a slow start," Fernandez said. "I was making unforced errors right off the bat."

In the second set, Fernandez lost her serve in the opening game, but broke Zrubakova's serve in the second and sixth game to secure the win.

South Africa 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

Shaky start
for Sampras
& Chang

HONG KONG, Apr 11: Top seed Pete Sampras and defending champion Michael Chang both struggled at times before reaching the second round of the Hong Kong Open Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Sampras, looking for the title to improve his chances of replacing Austria's Thomas Muster as world number one, lost the second set before beating Sebastian Lareau of Canada 6-1, 3-6 6-1, while fellow American Chang had a battle on his hands before he defeated Marcos Ondruska of South Africa 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

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fitness royale
with rani padamsee

Flexibility and Health

WHEN we come into this world as babies, we were fearless and flexible. We can sink on our toes and fall all ones the place with no problem. But late, in reaction to a myriad of physical & mental threats our muscles stiffen up. They become so

knotted up and intractable that sometimes they can even pull the whole spine out of whack. Since the spine houses and protects the lower line to the entire nervous system, and since the central nervous system governs all the organs of the body - including the

skeletal structure - this can make for big trouble. Its no wonder then, that the flexibility of the spine is the corner stone of all good workouts.

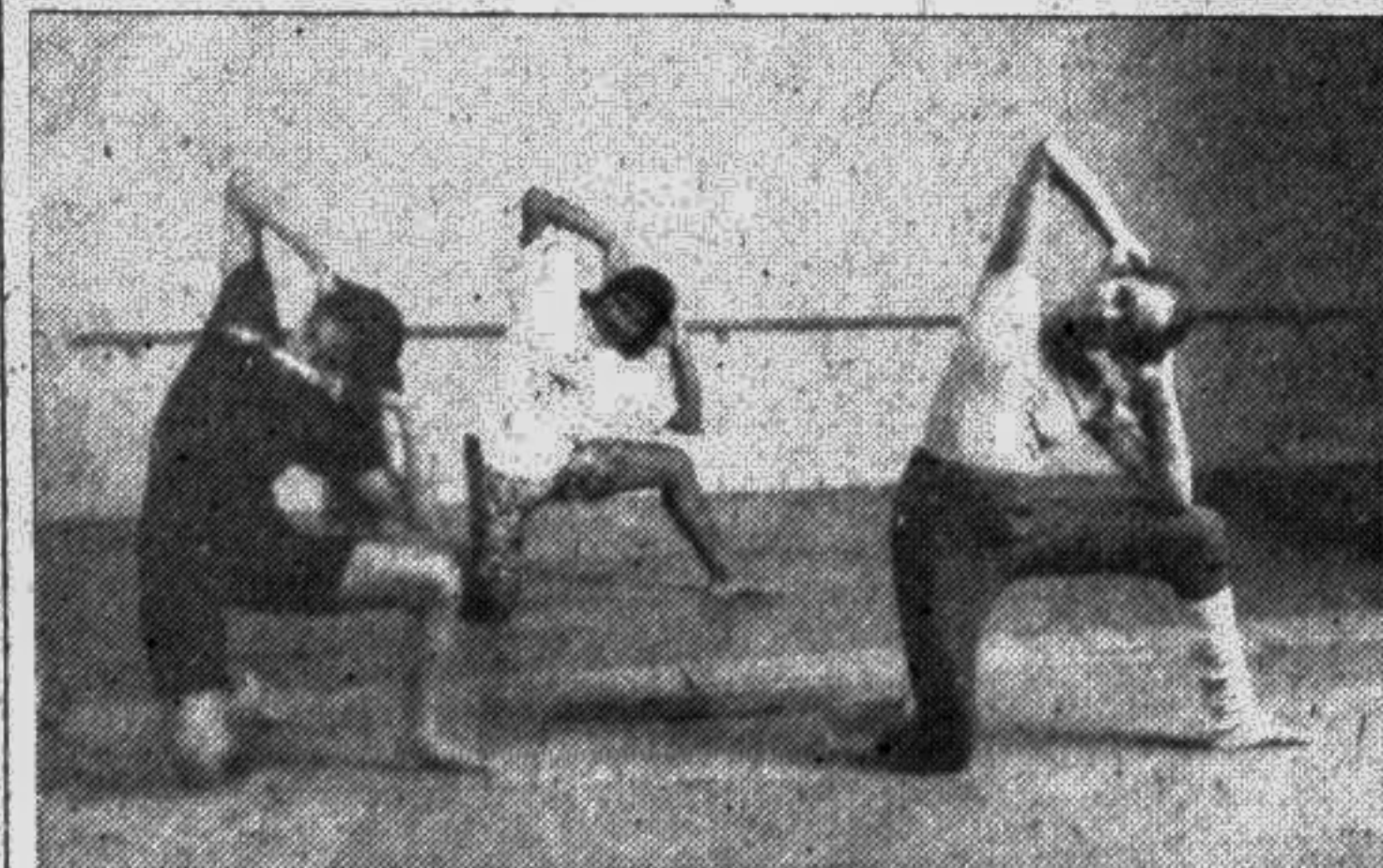
Most animals stretch their spines instinctively upon awakening. But the Human Animal seems strangely negligent about taking care of the very backbone of his existence. The flexibility of the spine depends on regular manipulation (stretching and compressing) of the vertebrae to stimulate circulation and also to decalcify and deposits that interfere with spinal mobility. This is just a fancy way of saying that the improved flexibility you get from this method is a wonderful safeguard against ravages of old age - arthritis, rheumatism, gout and countless other maladies.

Flexibility has never been high on the priorities for women seeking beauty or men body building, probably because they don't know how important it is.

We are told that we can burn off fat. Although in a sense that's true, certain kinds of muscle pumping will only firm existing fat into hard mass - solidifying all the bumps and bulges, almost as if preserving them in stone!

Flexibility, besides being an unvalued aid to good posture, also lengthens the muscles, giving your limbs a longer, leaner look that is desirable. The sleek appearance is achieved by stretching your body, thereby releasing the pockets of tension that store the toxins.

This method of increasing flexibility while building strength reduces fat and cellulite by squeezing, wringing and twisting the unevenness out of your skin as though by self massage. The result is a smooth, unlimpy appearance free of those unsightly bulges. Now its high time you moved flexibility closer to the top of your list.



Sit on the floor as shown in the picture. Keep your stomach in and bottom tight. Don't let the elbows hang. This is a wonderful exercise for stretching the sides of your body without too much straining. Do each side and breathe normal.

Models: (L to R) Sweetie, Shomen and Moushumi of Bengal School of Shotokan. — Photo: Shehzad Noorani



K Z Islam, promoter of school cricket, is being introduced to the players during the inaugural ceremony of the 14th Nirman Schools cricket championships (Dhaka Zone) at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Nirman cricket
Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES
DHANMONDI INTL SCHOOL: 104 in 24.2 overs (Zobair 24, Mizan 3/17)
RADIANT INTL SCHOOL: 108 for six in 25.2 overs (Zahid 22 n.o., Jashim 5/28)

Radiant International School recorded a four-wicket victory over Dhanmondi International School in the inaugural match of the 14th Nirman Schools cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Badminton GS
plays hide
& seek

The General Secretary of the Bangladesh Badminton Federation, Mobinuddin Ahmed, although failing to run his house as sportingly as one would expect, has proved to be exceedingly adept at playing hide and seek: the victim of his toady being this journalist.

On April 5, unable to find Mobin at his federation office, he committed over telephone that he would ring back in a day on two to give this reporter an appointment to respond to some queries of public interest. Mobin kept quiet for three days.

On April 8, this reporter caught Mobin over telephone and his excuse was that he was extremely busy with his office (Shilpo Bank) work.

However, he was kind enough to give an appointment for the following day, that is for April 9 at 5 pm.

On April 9, after waiting for half an hour at his federation office, a messenger came to inform this reporter that "Sir is in a meeting and would contact you later."

Till the writing of this report, forty-eight hours after yet another of Mobin's commitments, he did not make any contact. This reporter found the entire federation office locked from 6:30 to 8 pm on April 10 and yesterday.

One wonders if it is so difficult for Mobin to keep so difficult appointments, how does he ever find time to carry on such a huge responsibility of running a federation?

Tanima tames
Rani Hamid

Sports Reporter
Former champion Tanima Parveen took the sole lead in the 17th national women's chess championship after defeating IWM Rani Hamid at the end of the second round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Tanima, the youngster from Chittagong, playing with black pieces, tamed her more experienced opponent after 42 moves for her second successive win.

Last year's runner-up Afroza Khanom Babi, who drew with Jahannara Haq Runtu in this round closely following the table leader with one and a half point.

In the day's other matches, defending champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, who lost her first round match to Rani Hamid on Wednesday, returned to winning trace defeating her younger sister Syeda Aisana Parveen Nira while Zakia Sultan beat Fazilatunnessa Pili and Masuda Begum overpowered Nazana Khan Iva to open their account.

BAF football

CHITTAGONG, Apr 11: The annual inter-base football championship of the Bangladesh Air Force concluded at the BAF Base Zahurul Haque here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur won the title defeating BAF Base Bashur by a solitary goal in the final. LAC Malek scored the lone goal in the first half.

Sergeant Akher Alfio the BAF Base Zahurul Haque was adjudged the best player of the meet.

Haslam supplants Thomson
Kiwis whack WI Board XI



KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Apr 11: Preparing to encounter West Indies in a two-Test series New Zealand cleared their first hurdle by knocking over a West Indies Cricket Board of Control XI by 156 runs here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Set 365 to win after New Zealand, who had a first innings lead of 160 runs, declared their second innings at 204 for seven, the WICBC XI were dismissed for 209 in their second innings as fast bowlers Danny Morrison, Chris Cairns and Robert Kennedy captured three wickets apiece.

Apart from successive half-century stands involving Mario Ventura, whose 51 was the highest individual innings Maheendra Nagamootoo (38) and Hamesh Anthony (42) for the fourth and fifth wickets, there was little resistance for the Kiwis.

The WICBC XI were 58 for three when Ventura and Nagamootoo were paired and shared 59 for the fourth wicket. Once the left-hand Nagamootoo was bowled by Morrison, the first of six batsmen to fall in that manner, Ventura and Anthony stayed to add 58 for the fifth wicket.

However, the WICBC XI lost

their last five wickets for 34 runs to give New Zealand a boost after their loss in the best-of-five limited overs international series against West Indies.

Earlier, Chris Harris' unbeaten 55 had extended New Zealand's lead after they had resumed from their overnight total of 146 for six.

The New Zealanders move to the spice Isle of Grenada for a match against tougher opposition, the WICBC President's XI at Queen's Park in St. George's from April 12-15.

Meanwhile, left-arm spin bowler Mark Haslam arrives in the Caribbean on Wednesday to join the New Zealand cricket team.

Haslam, a 23-year-old from Auckland, was touring Australia with the New Zealand's 'A' team when he was chosen to replace off-spinner Shane Thomson in the team which is preparing to meet West Indies in two Tests in Barbados, from April 19 to 24, and Antigua, from April 27 to May 2.

Thomson, the 27-year-old off-spinner from Northern districts, sustained a shoulder injury which has prevented him from bowling and the decision was made by the tour management to send him home.

His replacement, who has an easy, high action even though he does not turn the ball sharply, has played four Tests for New Zealand.

After an unimpressive Test debut at the age of 20, Haslam was overtaken by Matthew Hart, another left-arm spinner. Hart subsequently lost this form and was dropped following last year's series in India and Haslam has come back strongly on tour of Australia and in the Shell Trophy first-class competition in New Zealand.

Barisal Div I cricket
Arunodoy lift
title

From Our Correspondent
BARISAL, Apr 11: Arunodoy Krira Chakra emerged unbeaten champions in the Barisal First Division cricket league after they recorded a 73-run victory over Padma Jube Sangha in their last league encounter at the local stadium today.

Put in to bat, Arunodoy were all out for 130 in 40 overs with Moir scoring highest 26 runs. In reply, Padma Jube Sangha were booked for only 57 runs in 35 overs.

Tyson, innocent or insane?



CHICAGO, Apr 11: A woman who accused Mike Tyson of sexually assaulting her, the woman who visited a hospital.

An owner of the club, who declined to be identified, said the club had assigned security to Tyson.

But Tammie Batty, who works with the woman and brought her to the nightclub Sunday night, said she didn't see anything happen.

"I don't believe it happened," Batty said at a news conference outside the nightclub that was set up by the club's owners. "You don't mess with anybody's reputation like that."

Tyson, who has not been charged, is on probation for his 1992 rape conviction. Police said they are investigating the woman's complaint.

Batty said her co-worker at a beauty parlor in Merrillville, Indiana, told her after leaving the club that Tyson had bitten her face while kissing her and had touched her.

The woman's attorney refused to describe what happened Sunday night in a private room at The Clique, a frequent stomping ground for professional athletes.

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CRYPTOQUIP

EQNLE ZYDULHLSU KYL
UHZTSF AQDUEC NHTDTSY
KQ URY ATWWEY LFYD
RLD DYKZ LSW UNKZ
Saturday's Cryptoquip: FOR HIS WIFE, WILY HUNTER INSTALLED A LAUNDRY SHOOT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals F

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.