(The Professor does)

HAT foxhunting is a sport. Of course, you do. do you know how important it can be to some people. To the Irish it is very very important.

lreland's magnificent countryside and the sparseness of the population makes that land one of the best foxhunting sreas in the world

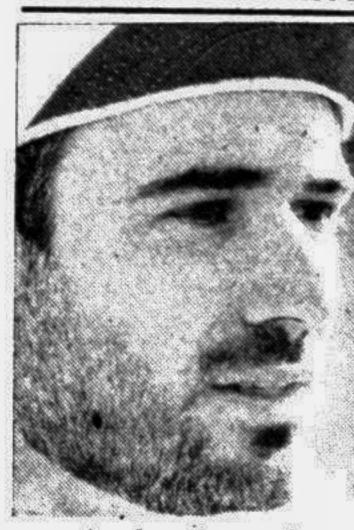
The sport has long been an integral part of the Irish way of

In poems of the third century, two thousand two hundred seventy-two verses are devoted to foxhunting with over three hundred hounds being named.

Religion has of taken back seat to the sport. In Ad 432 St Patricks was told by a local chieftain that "Its sweeter to hear the cry of hounds than to seek mercy.

And all these years we thought these sly things were only as good as their "htkka huas."

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Andre Agassi

(US tennis superstar) "I'm a neurotic athlete whose worst nightmare is to become injured."



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Paraguay blank Bosnians

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Apr 22: Paraguay beat Bosnia 3-0 in a friendly match on Sunday as part of their preparation for the World Cup qualifying rounds, reports AP.

The Paraguayans scored their first goal after 21 minutes through Carlos Gamarra. They then increased their lead when Edgar Baez scored after 53 minutes. Virgilio Ferreira added a third seven minutes

Weah to stay at Milan upto '99

MILAN, Apr 22: AC Milan's Liberian striker George Weah World Player-of-the-year in 1995, has extended his contract at the Italian league lead ers until the end of the century, the club said today, reports Reuter.

Milan, who need only to draw their remaining three matches to secure their fourth league title in five seasons, said the Liberian had signed up until June 30, 1999.

Snyder dead

LAS VEGAS, Apr 22: Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, who parlayed oddsmaking skills and a gift for gab into national prominence before his television career crashed over illadvised remarks about black athletes, died Sunday, reports

Snyder, 76, died of heart failure at a local hospital after a long illness, said longtime friend Tommy Manakides.

Snyder, who at his peak was a colourful and often-quoted CBS Sports Commentator, lived his late years in virtual obscurity after being fired by the network in 1988 for saying that black athletes were superior to whites.

Ashraful—BCCB ignores, ACC honours

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Sports Reporter

board With Ashraful Huq losing the patronage of the BCCB, and with the ACC interested in utilising his cricketing acumen, the position of the Admin Officer was in all probability created to accommodate Council (ACC) during the the former Bangladeshi national cricketer. Ashraful is holding the position since July, 1995. Well, lan can't be fully faulted because today's Admin Officer was yesterday's

joint secretary.

lan Chappel, add-

ressing former

general secretary

of the Bangladesh

Cricket Control

Syed Ashraful Hug, as Joint

Secretary of the Asian Cricket

awards ceremony of the Singer

Cup at Singapore earlier this

month created quite a stir in

back from Singapore, lan

Chappel may have made a slip.

but Ashraful Hug is indeed a

big gun in Asia's cricket. The

ACC has a five-member execu-

tive committee with a presi-

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Mirpur Bangla Hi-

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Scholastica, Govt

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Bagicha High School moved

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Scholastica, aided by the bril-

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Shakeb and Rubaiyat, recorded

a massive 115-run win over

in the morning. Scholastica

amassed a commanding 247

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Rubaiyat producing 118 runs of

Shakeb hammered a daz-

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At the RMS ground, a virtu-

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while Rubaiyat chipped in with

could muster only 132 before

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of some accurate bowling from

oso all-round show by Liton

propelled Mirpur Bangla High

a cracking 64 off 58 balls.

for 31 in his seven overs.

Electing to use the wicket

At the City Club ground.

venues yesterday.

Safiuddin Academy.

the second wicket.

According to our sources

local cricketing circles.

(BCCB).

Ashraful is actually busy worldwide. According to information provided by persons close to the Kenyan camp. Ashraful Huq is busy organising the four-nation cricket extravaganza in Kenya scheduled for September-October this year. In a tournament featuring world champions Sri Lanka. former champions Pakistan inform South Africa and hosts Kenya. Bangladeshi Ashraful Huq was named by the

Kenyans as Chief Coordinator in June, 1995.

With Bangladesh's Karnafuli featuring on the stumps in Singapore's Singer Cup and Ashraful doing the honours for tournaments in as far away as Nairobi, Kenya, one wonders if BCCB has fallen behind in using our own resources to host an international tournament that will familiarise Bangladesh with millions of TV viewers worldwide, not to speak of the world of good such efforts would do for young and upcoming local cricketers

A point of order for the powers that be in Bangladesh's sports, including cricket: In recognition of the unprecedented publicity acquired from the Singer Cup, the Singapore government has given a piece of land to the Singapore Cricket Association for a new cricket stadium.

Is anybody out there listen-

Nirman schools cricket

Shakeb Scholastica's star

Sports Reporter

School to a convincing 25-run win over Motijheel Govt High

In a low-scoring affair, Liton, who came into bat as number nine, scored an unbeaten 25 to guide Mirpur Bangla to a fairly safe total of 162 for seven. He then captured three wickets for only 28 runs to send the opponents packing for 137.

For Motifheel opener Mridul with a patient 52 fought a lost battle as his teammates at the other end fell like nine pins. In yet another low-scoring

affair at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Radiant International defeated Manarat Dhaka International by four wickets. Sent into bat, the Manarat boys were skittled out for a

paltry 121 in 33.2 overs with extras contributing highest 44 runs to their total followed by a gritty 32 from Moshiur Azmat, Asad and Masud Rana captured two wickets

apiece for the winners. Radiant, facing an easy target, met a stiff challenge in Junaid, who finished with four . their opponents new-ball

bowler Mahbub on their way to 128/6 in 21 overs. Mahbub captured three wickets.

RMS ground. Romel finished with a five-wicket haul as Govt Laboratory High School romped home with a crushing 83-run defeat on Barnamala High School.

Romel, who ripped through the Barnamala batting order. gave only 16 runs in his six economic overs as the losers. facing a commanding Govt Lab. total of 193, were shot out for a meagre 110 in the last over of the innings.

Earlier, the Govt. Laboratory innings were built around a patient 43 from Arup while extras contributed highest 46 runs to their total. For Barnamala. Shaheen captured four wickets for only 23 runs in his seven economic overs.

Away at the Mirpur Outer stadium, Segun Bagicha High School recorded a thumping 80-run win over Gonobhaban High School.

Batting first, Segun Bagicha rattled up a commanding 222 for eight with their skipper Raju hammering a swashbuckling 63 off 79 balls followed by a rapid-fire 47 by middleorder bat Kaisar. Noor Alam claimed five wickets for 28 runs. In reply. Gonobhaban High School were bundled out

Lady luck on Riley's side

On the eastern strip of the



SYDNEY, Apr 22: World champion Samantha Riley who escaped with a warning after a positive dope test

last December, suffered a rare defeat today in Australia's Olympic trials but qualified for the Atlanta Games squad, reports Reuter Riley was edged out by

Helen Denman in the 100 metres breaststroke, the event in which she held the world record until last month. Riley led until the final three strokes but Denman

came through to snatch her first win over the world champion in one minute 9.62 sec-With two swimmers in each event eligible for Atlanta and the minimum qualifying time

for a place in the Australian team set at 1:10.00, Riley squeezed home in 1:09.79. The time was way outside her former world record of 1:07.69, a mark lowered to

1:07.46 by South African Penny Heyns in Durban in March. Former world champion Linley Frame finished third in

An emotional Riley told reporters she had felt tremendous pressure since her positive drug test at the World Short-Course Championships in Rio De Janeiro, where she won both the 100 and 200 breaststroke in short-course world record times.

"If I am a bit emotional it just shows how much I wanted this," she said.

Riley was in danger of being banned for the Olympics but swimming's world governing body. FINA, let her off with a strong warning for taking the banned painkiller propoxyphene metabolite in a headache tablet.

Nervous before the race and drained after it, Riley admitted the pressure of the past five months had affected her performance.

"Helen did a great swim tonight but that was still two seconds over my best time." she said.

"My training indicates that I should be swimming faster then that. I'm disappointed the time was a bit slow but there has been a lot of pressure on

Riley's next target is Wednesday's 200 metres breaststroke which, like the 100 metres, she won at the 1994 World Long-course Championships in Rome where she was one of only three women to win against the Chinese.

Her main opponent will be world record-holder Rebecca Brown, who finished seventh in the 100 metres. Western Australian teenager

Julia Greville swam he best time to beat 1992 Olympians Susie O'Neill and Elli Overton and win the women's 200 metres freestyle.

Greville. 17, trailed Commonwealth Games champion O'Neill for the first three lengths of the 50-metre pool but stormed through to beat her rival by 0.01 seconds in 2:01.05 and qualify for her first

Pan-Pacific Championship silver medalist Matthew Dunn Booked a trip to Atlanta by comfortably winning the men's 400 metres individual medley.

Earlier on Sunday, Michael Klim swam the fastest time in the world this year to win the 200 metres freestyle as triple world record holder Kieren Perkins missed qualifying for the final. Klim went on to win the 200 metres freestyle final after recording a time of one minute 48.26 seconds in his

The second fastest timeever swum by an Australian over the distance behind 1988 Olympic gold medal winner Duncan Armstrong.

Polish-born Klim, 18, went on the beat distance specialists Daniel Kowalski and Glen Housman in the final, winning in 1:48.94.

Under strict qualifying criteria, only the top two swimmers in each discipline will be chosen to swim for Australia at the Atlanta Olympic Games later this year.

Perkins, holder of world records for the 400 metres. 800 metres and 1,500 metres freestyle, could only manage 15th in the heats, with his time of 1:53.83 - almost five seconds behind the time he set to win the event at the previous Australian Olympic qualifiers four years ago.



Gina Gogean (L) of Romania acknowledges the cheers alongwith compatriot Simona Amanar who gives her a hand after an event at the World Gymnastics Championships on Apr 19. - AFP/UNB photo

Pfister's final selection

Sports Reporter

Otto Pfister, the German football coach of the Bangladesh national team, has made the final selection of 17 booters for the ensuing seventh Asian Youth football championship, scheduled to begin in the Japanese city of Nagoa from May 1 Bangladesh, who have been

placed Group 9 along with Malaysia. Brunei and hosts Japan in the preliminary round, is expected to leave Dhaka on April 27.

The selection was made yesterday after a month-long training session at the Mirpur Sports Village. The selected players are: Aminul, Biplob, Mithu. Kingshuk, Monir. Provath. Biddyut, Muslim, Liton, Masud, Babu, Tipu, Babul, Bitu, Saiful, Polash and Moni.

Biman football

Bagerhat DSA emerged zonal champions to reach the nine-team final round of the Biman under-14 national football championship eliminating Jhalakati DSA 2-1 in the final at Khulna Stadium yesterday. reports UNB.

The nine-team final round with eight zonal champions and defending champion Khulna DSA is expected to be held in the capital in the second week of May

Minto put Bagerhat DSA ahead in the 34th minute while Rony of Jhalakati DSA neutralised the margin in the 55th minute. Aminur netted the match-winner for Bagerhat in the 69th minute.

Deputy Commissioner and president of Khulna DSA M Mujibur Rahman was the chief guest at the zonal final and distributed prizes in the after-

Four more teams - Narayanganj, Tangail. Pabna and Nilphamari DSAs - qualified for the zonal finals beating their rivals at the different zonal venues. In Tangail, Narayangani DSA

trounced Manikganj DSA to play in zonal final against Dhaka DSA on Wednesday. Saju scored in the 18th.

32nd, 47th and 51st minutes while Masud netted the other goal in the 10th minute. In Manikgani, Tangail DSA

beat Narsindhi 2-1 to advance to zonal final on Thursday against the winners of Madaripur and Sariatpur DSA encounter who will meet to-Selim struck both the goals

for the winners in the 6th and 28th minutes while Delwar netted the goal for the losers in the 30th minute. In Nilphamari, Pabna DSA defeated Gaibanda 2-1 to play

against the winners of Dinajpur and Rangpur DSAs. They will also face today. Altaf and Raju netted one each for the winners in the 22nd and 34th minutes while Rakib scored the only goal for

in the zonal final on Thursday

the losers. In Pabna, Nilphamari DSA earned a solitary goal win over Natore DSA to play in the zonal final on Thursday against the winners of Noagaon and Chapainawabganj. They will play the zonal semifinal today.

Abu Sayeed contributed the all-important goal for the win-

Mariners win

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club easily beat Nababpur Sporting Club by 15-9 in the lone match of the Ashraf Real Estate Metropolis First Division Handball league at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium. reports UNB. The Mariners led the first

half 10-6. Younus contributed 8 and

Zaman 4 goals for the winners while Dhanu netted 7 goals for the losers. They day's second match between Old Ideals and Christian Youth Club had to be

postponed due to heavy downpour in the afternoon. The match will be held today at 4

Bermuda open Washington's

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Apr 22: Malivai Washington rallied from the brink of defeat here Sunday, winning the last five games to beat Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini, 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 7-5 in the final of the ATP Bermuda Open. reports AFP.

The top-seeded American won the 43,000-dollar first prize after Filippini had game point while serving at 5-3 in the final set Washington fought back to

earn the break, then broke him once more and held on to secure the triumph Winning the 305,000-dollar 12

event gave world number 18 Washington his first title since a 1994 victory at Ostrava. He has struggled lately, including two Davis Cup losses in a United States defeat at Prague.

Triumph for Pascal

LIEGE, Belgium, Apr 22: Pascal Richard won the Liege-Bastogne Liege World 'Cup classic Sunday, beating American Lance Armstrong and fellow-Swiss Mauro Gianetti in a sprint finish, reports AP. Richard outwitted both his opponents in the tense final

metres to win by a bike's length. "It wasn't much of an edge, but I don't mind. I just won one of the greatest races in the world," said Richard afterwards.

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Campbell carves double century

Astle defies WI assault

BRIDGETOWN. Barbados, Apr 22 Classy Barbadian opener Sherwin Campbell com pleted a discipli-

ned double century on Sunday to put West Indies in an excellent position to defeat New Zealand in the first of a two-Test series, reports Reuter. The 25-year-old Campbell's career-best 208, the fourth highest score by a West Indian

to an imposing first innings total of 472 This left them with a huge first innings lead of 277 runs and at the close of the third day New Zealand had reached 151 for four, still 126 runs in arrears with two days remaining after Monday's rest day.

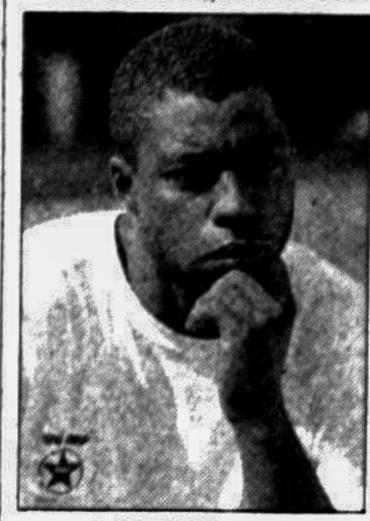
Audacious middle-order

against New Zealand in Test

cricket, guided the home side

batsman Nathan Astle led a New Zealand recovery after they had slipped to 57 for four in the prolonged final session with a boundary-studded unbeaten 82

Gritty left-hander Justin Vaughan, who spent 109 minutes crawling to 10 not out was the perfect foil for Astle as they built an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 94 runs. The attacking Astle's 101



CAMPBELL 208

ball innings in only 149 minutes, has already been adorned with 15 fours and two sixes. both off left arm spinner Jimmy Adams. Fast bowler lan Bishop.

without a wicket in the first

innings, has captured two for 19 runs in the second while captain Courtney Walsh and burly paceman Patterson Thompson have one wicket each. But it was Campbell who again captured the imagination

ers with some thrilling square and cover driven boundaries as he calmly carved his way to a double century. Campbell continued to claim the spotlight on Sunday

overnight score of 334 for four.

of ins patriotic home support-

when he restarted on 148 as Windies resumed from their

Overnight partner Shivnarine Chanderpaul added only one before he casually steered a delivery from paceman Danny Morrison into Harris's hands at

After wicketkeeper Courtney Browne was out for 20. caught at second slip by Astle of pacer Robert Kennedy Campbell and Bishop, who made a Test-best 31, featured in a seventh-wicket stand of

Campbell eventually completed his double century when he steered medium pacer Vaughan to third man for two runs. He reached the landmark in 10 hours and 50 minutes while he faced 484 balls and struck 29 fours and in the process became the seventh West Indian to turn a maiden Test century into a double

It was the slowest double century by a West Indian, 55 minutes slower than his legendary compatriot Sir Garfield Sobers' 226 against England in

The first blemish in Campbell's superlative knock came when he was dropped at 203 by Spearman at square leg off Vaughan. But he did not capitalise as he was bowled off the inside edge attempting an ambitious drive at slow bowler Chris Harris

His marathon innings which began after tea on Friday. spanned 11 hours and 15 minutes. He faced 497 balls overall, and struck 30 fours.

Quickly, the innings came to a close when Curtly Ambrose was caught by wicketkeeper Lee Germon off Vaughan and last man Thompson was trapped leg before by Danny Morrison for one Gavin Larsen was New Zealand's most successful bowler

while Harris (2-75), Vaughan (2-81) and Morrison (2-120) were the other leading bow-New Zealand, with 41 overs left in the day's play, started

their second innings disas-

trously, limping to 57 for four

with three for 76 off 40 overs

after just 17 overs. Left-hander Twose was first to go, caught by Brian Lara at the second attempt off Walsh for a duck with the score on 14 in the sixth over.

Spearman (20) followed at 28 for two when he edged the fourth legitimate ball of Thompson's first over to Lara in the same position. Bishop then accounted for left-handers Stephen Fleming

third slip taking overhead catches on each occasion. plucking the ball out of the air with consummate ease. But Astle made his intentions clear as he nonchalantly disposed of anything pitched marginally short and elegantly

cover drove the several half-

vollies delivered to him.

(22) and Harris (0) in identical

fashion with Robert Samuels at

Vaughan supported him admirably, presenting a straight bat to any delivery which threatened his stumps to keep alive the Kiwis' hopes of salvaging a draw.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the first Test between West Indies and New Zealand at the Kensington Oval on Sunday: NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings (Adam Parore 59, Nathan Astle, 54, Jimmy Adams

WEST INDIES: First innings overright 334-4) Campbell b Harris Samuels lbw Larsen Lara e Spearman b Larsen Simmons Ibw Larsen Adams e Germon b Vaughan Chanderpaul c Harris b Morrison 82 Browne c Astle b Kennedy Bishop c Germon b Harris Ambrose c Germon b Vaughan Walsh not out Thompson Ibw Morrison

Extras: (lb-8, nb-12) Total: (all out) Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-103 3-129: 4-182: 5-337: 6-386: 7-445; 8-458; 9-466.

Bowling

Morrison 4 120 Kennedy 3

NATHAN ASTLE ... 82 n. o.

Vaughan 11 75 Harris 20 Twose 0 ZEALAND, Second Spearman c Lara b Thompson

Astle not out Harris c Samuels b Bishop Vaughan not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-15) Total (for four wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-14: 2-28'

Twose c Lara b Walsh

Chanderpaul

Fleming c Samuels b Bishop

3-48; 4-57; Bowling (to date): O M 10 4 16 0 Ambrose Walsh 8 2 22 Thompson 8 1 51 Bishop 7 1 19 Adams 5 0 32

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Action from yesterday's Ashraf Real Estate First Division handball league encounter between Nawabpur Sporting and Dhaka Mariners Young Club. - Star photo

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QFMJY E F S S Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LAZY YET GREEDY DEMOLITION TEAM IS DEMANDING A RAZE.

> 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.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals B