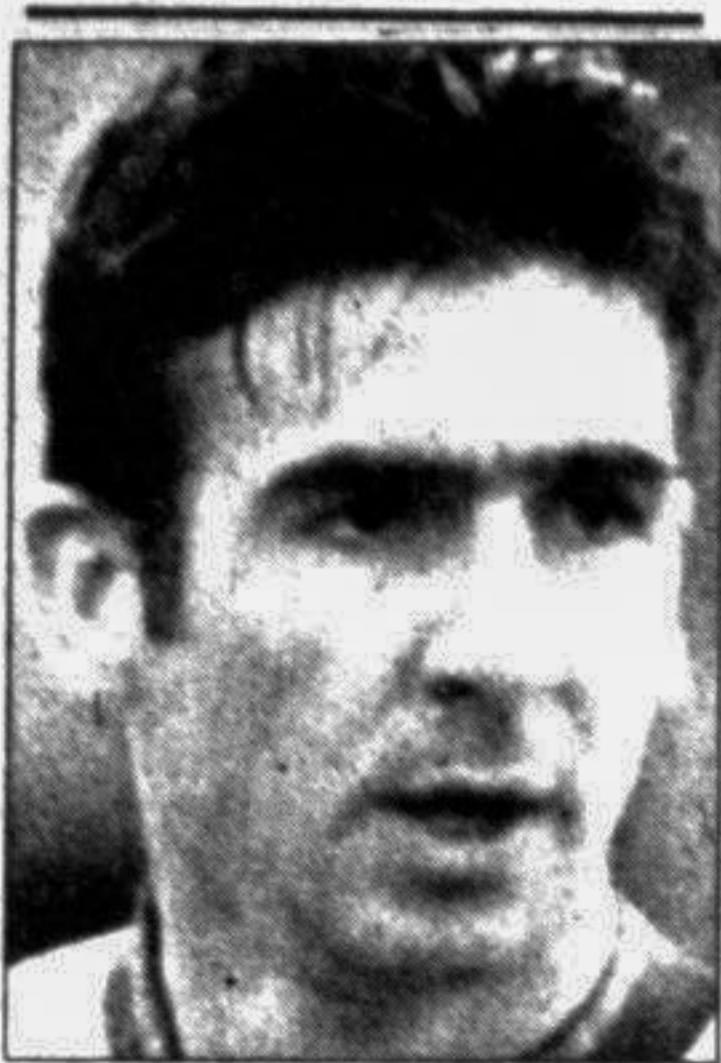


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Eric Cantona

(French footballer)

I am very proud and privileged. It is a tremendous honour for me and my country and a great tribute to the players at Manchester United.

After being named as English Footballer-of-the-year.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT it is important for sportsmen to have a sharp presence of mind. Peruse, if you argue with that, the following.

The "running of the bulls" fiestas, common throughout Spain, are festive, raucous occasions, with uproarious atmospheres. Even the clergy have sometime been infected by the heady nature of the events. At one such fiesta, a priest was seen joining in the laughing, brawling and running melee, attempting to keep out of the way of the stampeding bulls.

But, his superiors were watching. Later, on being severely reprimanded by the bishop, the priest replied that he had seen someone fall and left it was his duty to administer the last rites.

Wonder what has he would say to St. Peter if one of the bulls got him.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



Sports WHIZZ KID competition-35

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 26, 1996)

1. Who won the Pepsi Cup at Sharjah in 1996?	Pakistan	India	South Africa
2. Bayern—	Hoech	Munich	Frank
3. Which of these is most modern?	Football	Cricket	Basketball
4. The swimming event combining all strokes is	Medley	Freestyle	Composite
5. A healthy diet means more	Vegetables	Sweets	Cereals

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McNeeley pays the price

BOSTON, Apr 23: Heavyweight boxer Peter McNeeley has pleaded guilty in Boston Municipal Court to hitting a man in the face with a beer bottle at a night club, reports AP.

Last year, McNeeley's trainer threw in the towel to stop the boxer's match with Mike Tyson after 89 seconds.

Monday, Judge Herbert H Hershfang imposed a suspended six-month sentence on McNeeley, placed him on probation for one year and ordered him evaluated for an alcohol problem.

McNeeley, 27, of Midfield pleaded guilty to hitting Aldo Hernandez, 28, of Revere in the face with a bottle Nov 12 at The Roxy nightclub in Boston.

The altercation occurred after Hernandez talked to a woman standing next to McNeeley. A bartender had said McNeeley drank at least six beers.

"I hope not to see you in court again, Mr McNeeley, except perhaps as a visitor," Hershfang told him.

McNeeley is scheduled to fight Saturday night at Whitmen.

Sorry! Shaker

In our Nirman schools cricket report on Tuesday, Scholastic's opener Shaker's name was unintentionally published as Shakeb. However, it was not our fault because we got the name from the official scoreboard. We are sorry Shaker. But let's hope that the BCCB will be more careful in providing the correct names.

Nirman schools cricket
Salman turns a new leaf

Sports Reporter



Residential Model School, Udayan Bidyalaya, Maple Leaf International School, Pallabi MI School and BKSP moved into their respective group finals in the 14th Nirman Schools cricket tournament on Tuesday.

In a group C semifinal, Residential Model School recorded a six-wicket victory over Loreto School at their home ground.

Winning the toss, the home boys invited Loreto School to bat first and bowled them out in 22.5 overs with only 77 on the scoreboard.

Model school's Galib captured four wickets conceding only eight runs while Tareq grabbed two for 15 runs.

In reply, the winners reached home (81) in 27.1 overs losing four wickets. Opener Mehran scored 20

by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

After capturing three wickets in the first session which saw Badda being booked for 93 in 29.1 overs, Salman also shone with his bat scoring highest 21 runs for Maple Leaf who reached home in 22.1 overs losing three wickets.

Chasing Gulshan's 81 in 35 overs, Udayan boys took only 16.2 overs to sail with eight wickets in hand.

Udayan's skipper Moinuddin hammered highest 30 no of 32 ball inclusive of two fours and a six while opener Muztadir was out on 22.

Earlier put into bat, Gulshan were all out for 81 in 20.5 overs. Udayan's Moinuddin and Nayel captured four wickets each conceding 25 and 14 runs respectively.

A brilliant all-round performance by Salman steered Maple Leaf International School to group E final as they defeated Badda Bidya Niketan

Put into bat Pallabi piled up 209 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs with Sajal hammering highest 67 runs. Sunit (36) and Nayan (33) were the other leading scorers for Pallabi.

In reply, Sher-E-Bangla School were bundled out for 88 in 29.3 overs.

Pallabi's Mahin, Sajal and Johnny captured two wickets each. They will meet Wills Little Flower School in tomorrow's final at the same venue.

In the day's other engagement at the City Club ground, Mirpur, BKSP registered a four-wicket win over Bangladesh Bank High School in a group G semifinal.

Put into bat Bangladesh Bank High School were all out for 92 in 20.3 overs. Openers Nuruzzaman (19) and Zinnah (18) were the leading scorers for the Bank boys.

BKSP's Moshiur grabbed five wickets conceding only 14 runs in six overs.

In reply, BKSP reached their target in 17.4 overs with four wickets in hand. Nasirul scored highest 16 off 26 balls while Mahfuz and Zakin added 15 runs each to the BKSP account. They will encounter Segun Bagchi High School in the group final tomorrow at the Residential Model School ground.

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Reader's reaction

BCCB can meet terms

KZ Islam

I have read with interest your sports Reporter's article entitled "Of the Nuisance & Negligence" (23.4.96).

Let me assure the Reporter that there are lot of people who are not only listening but actively doing something about it. I cannot agree with the contention of the writer that an individual organiser can be more influential than a body like BCCB.

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