

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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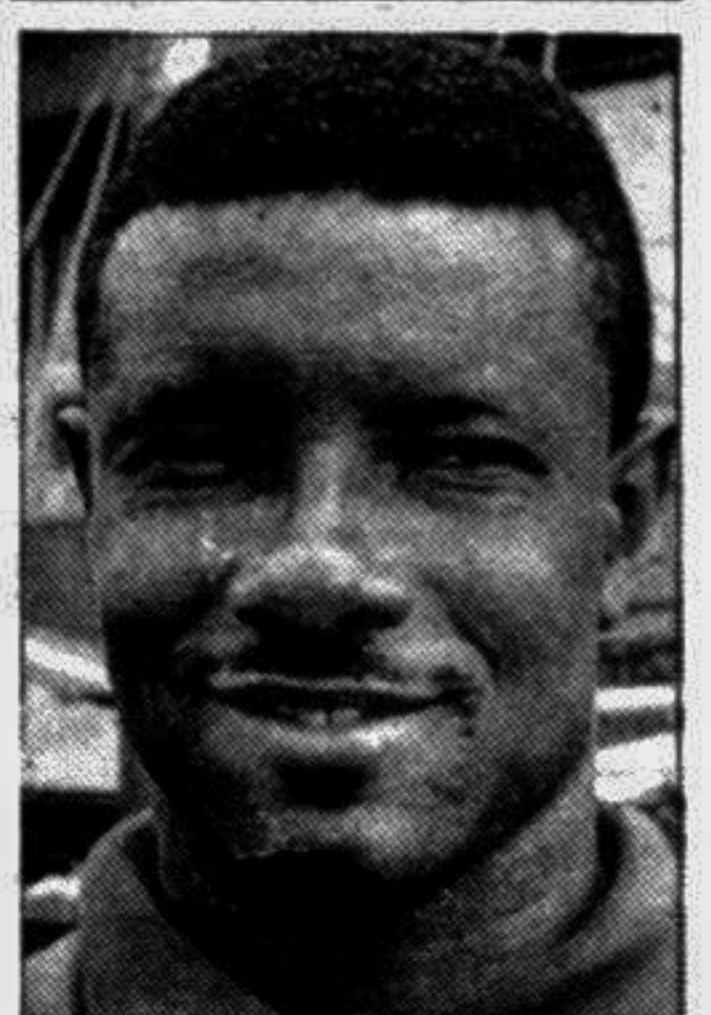
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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 26, 1996)

- 1. Who won the Pepsi Cup at Sharjah in 1996?
Poland India South Africa
- 2. Bayern Munich - Fico
- 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
Ice-cream Sweets Cereals

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SPORTS TALK



Richie Richardson

(Former West Indies captain)
"Walsh has been a great support to me and I've enjoyed playing with him. He's a very humble giant, rather, I should say humble lion. He is somebody who has never let me down."
(On present West Indies skipper Courtney Walsh).

BBC cricket quiz draw today

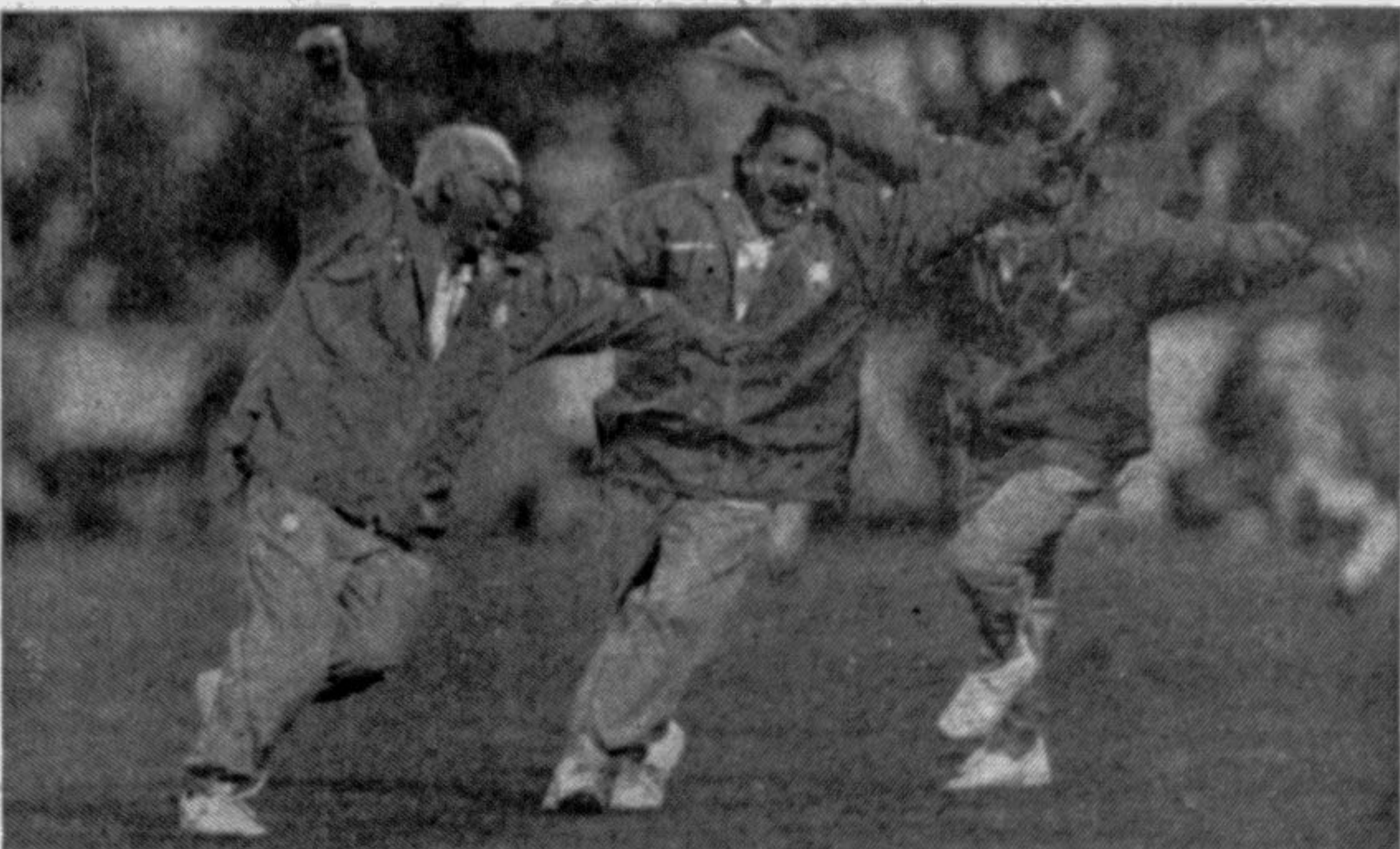
The Bangladesh round of BBC Cricket Quiz lottery will be drawn in the capital today, reports BSS.
The head of the BBC Bengali service, Peter Mangold, will draw the lottery and the results will be broadcast in the evening transmission of the BBC radio programme.
A special feature on cricket will be broadcast the same day on the BBC FM transmission.
The final draw on the cricket quiz lottery will be held in London in May. Two winners will get air tickets to visit London and watch a Test cricket match there in the summer, a BBC press release said.

Biman under-14 soccer results

Sports Reporter
Tangail DSA, Pabna DSA and Chapinawabganj DSA qualified for the final rounds of the Biman National Under-14 Football Championship winning their respective zonal finals on Monday.
At the Manikganj Stadium, Tangail clinched the zonal title with a 2-1 win over Shariyapur.
Mehdi opened the Tangail account in the seventh minute while Jewel doubled the tally in the 65th minute. Jony reduced the margin for Shariyapur in the 53rd minute.
Away in Pabna, Chapinawabganj won the zonal championship beating Nilphamari in tie-breaker (4-2) after their scheduled 70-minute encounter ended goal-less.
In the day's other fixture at the Nilphamari Stadium, Pabna defeated Panchagarh 2-0.

Prantik Div III champs

Sports Reporter
Prantik Kriha Chakra clinched the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league title when they recorded a solitary goal victory over East End Boys club in their final super league clash at the Rajuk ground yesterday.
After a barren first half, striker Atiqul Islam netted the all-important goal 14 minutes into the second half.
With this win, Prantik remained the only unbeaten side in the eight-team super league and took home the title with an one point lead over their yesterday's counterparts East End Boys, who had been leading the standings so far but finally finished with the second slot.
Both Prantik and East End Boys had earlier confirmed their berths in the Second Division league next year.



OFFICIAL SAMBA! Brazil's veteran coach Mario Zagalo (L) and fellow team officials display the traditional Brazilian celebration after their team's last minute 3-2 triumph over South Africa in a Nelson Mandela Challenge Cup match at the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg on April 24.

Fortune favours Brazil

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 25: Bebeto scored a late winner to give Brazil an unlikely 3-2 win over South Africa on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
A spectacular strike by the World Cup veteran turned a wretched first-half performance from the world champions into victory in their friendly in front of 80,000 fans at the Soccer City Stadium.
Bebeto's winner four minutes from time capped a dramatic comeback after South Africa had led 2-0 at halftime.
South Africa, playing their first match since winning the African Nations' Cup in February, took a gift lead in the 25th minute when Brazilian goalkeeper Dida completely missed a high ball from a corner and Masinga headed home.
Doctor Khumalo added a second with a rasping shot three minutes before halftime as South Africa enforced their dominance against a surprisingly disorganised Brazilian team.
But the home team's over-confidence proved fatal after the break as defensive midfielder Flavio Conceicao pulled a goal back with a shot from the edge of the penalty area.
Brazil, using the majority of their squad for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, then took control as the home team sank under the pressure.
Marauding midfielder Rivaldo had plenty of time to equalise with a curling shot after 68 minutes before Bebeto, who had up to then been played out of the game, caught the African champions cold with a glorious goal.
The result stretched Brazil's unbeaten run against African opposition to 11 matches and handed South Africa only their second defeat in 20 matches.

The Swiss at a canter

LUGANO, Switzerland, Apr 25: Switzerland sharpened up for the European Soccer Championships with a 2-0 win over Wales in a friendly international on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
It was the first victory for Arthur Jorge, who took over as Swiss coach on January 1 after Englishman Roy Hodgson moved to Inter Milan.

Thumping win for RMS

Sports Reporter
yan Bidyalaya handed Fariduddin High School a seven-wicket defeat.
Put into bat, Fariduddin School were bundled out for a paltry 74 in 18.1 overs.
Manjur and Mukhtadir played the main role in the destruction of the Fariduddin innings with their accurate bowling. Manjur captured four wickets conceding 14 runs while Mukhtadir took three wickets for 15.
In reply, the Udayan boys took only 14.1 overs to wrap up the victory losing just three wickets. Opener Mafheen Hosain and middle order bat Moimuddin were not out on 25 and 14 respectively.
At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Maple Leaf defeated Khilgaon Govt High School by five wickets in the Group E final.
Winning the toss Maple Leaf invited Khilgaon to bat first and bundled them out for 95 in 23.3 overs.
Maple Leaf's Asif and Tamin captured three wickets apiece for 13 and 15 runs respectively while Jubayer took two wicket for 16 runs.
Chasing the poor score, Maple Leaf lost five of their batsmen before reaching their target in 23.1 overs with skip-

fitness royale
with rani padamsee

Fad diets never work as you can never sustain it but diets which will naturally cut down your hunger is bound to work and will be more consistent. This I guarantee Good luck

Bend down on both knees and extend both your left hand and right leg. Keep it there for five (5) seconds, breathe in.

Exhale and grab your right leg. Hold for five seconds and repeat for on the other side.

This exercise is excellent for your entire cardiovascular system, it increases blood circulation in your entire body. Tones hips and hamstring muscle. Best done early in the morning. Model: Putli

Photo: Star photo

Wahidul hits Office league's first ton

Sports Reporter
Defending champions Regensea Lines and title aspirants Acme Laboratories were off to a flying start in the Office cricket league with imposing defeats on their respective opponents at different city venues yesterday.
On the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, a scientific century from Wahidul Huq steered Regensea to a huge 177-run win over Banque Indosuez.
In a reduced 30-over-a-side match, Wahid scored 108 off only of deliveries as Regensea, electing to use the mind-boggling 263 for five, in his whirlwind innings, Wahidul blasted six 6s and nine fours while skipper Akram Khan, who latter shone with the cherry, hammered an unbeaten 51 off 26 balls.
In reply, Banque Indosuez were skittled out for a meagre 86 with Hasan Iqbal, the only double figure scorer, hammering a polished 53. Akram returned most successful with three for 23 in his five overs.
At the Dhaka Stadium, star-studded Acme Lab handed a crushing 120-run defeat on Eastern Bank Limited in another 30-over-a-side match.
Sent into bat, Acme, aided by a first wicket century partnership between Harunur Rashid Liton and Shariar Hossain Bidyut, rattled up a commanding 209/9.
Liton, who plays for Abahani Krira Chakra in the Premier league, hammered an explosive 62 off 58 balls while Shariar Hossain Bidyut chipped in with a handy 51. Skipper Minhaad Abedin Nannu scored a rapid fire 27 off 24 balls.
For Eastern Bank, seamer Raisal Islam Bobby and Rafiqul Islam claimed three wickets apiece.
The lowly Eastern Bank, facing an uphill task, could muster only 89/9 in the face of some accurate bowling from Morshed Ali Khan Sumon and a national slow left-armers Enamul Huq Moni, who evenly shared six wickets among them.

Jr soccer squad off today

A 22-member junior football team will leave Dhaka for Japan today to represent Bangladesh in the 7th Asian Youth Under-16 Football Championship, reports UNB.
The Group-9 matches of the prestigious Asian youth meet will be held May 1-5 in the Japanese city of Nagoya.
Bangladesh will take on Malaysia in the inaugural match on May 1 and meet hosts Japan, the Asian football giants, on May 3. Japan will play Malaysia on May 5.
TEAM
Aminul Huq, Biplob Bhat-tacharjee, Aminul Islam Mithu, Kingsuk Chakma, Ariful Alam Monir, Provat Kumar Chanda, Abdul Khalek Shuman, Azimul Hossain Bidyut, Muslim Alam, Razul Karim, Liton, Masud Hayder, Raisal Bari Babu, Badiul Alam Khan Tipu, Kazi Jahirul Alam Babul, Burhan Uddin Bittu, Saifur Islam Saif, Sabir Ahmed Polash and Shaifur Rahman Moni.

Old Ideals Div I h'ball champs

Sports Reporter
Old Ideals Club emerged unbeaten champions in the Ashraf Real Estate First Division handball league after they drew their last league clash against Mariners Young Club 2-2 at the handball court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
Old Ideals earned 13 points from five matches and clinched the championship with a one-point lead over Progoti Boys Club who have 12 points also from five matches.
Old Ideal's Nayan became the highest scorer of the league with 33 goals.

Shenhua to sign French trio

SHANGHAI, Apr 25: Chinese champions Shanghai Shenhua are set to sign three top French players, including Nimes star midfielder Christian Perez, the club said today, reports Reuter.
Perez, 31, has won more than 20 caps for France and played more than 260 games in the French First Division, a club official said. Before signing with Nimes he played for top First Division sides Paris St Germain and Monaco.
Forward Clement Garcia, 27, currently with Gueugnon, and Lille defender Jose Bray, 31, are also set to join the club.
The trio should make their debut for Shenhua on May 5. The 1996 professional season in China began earlier this month, with Shenhua winning one and drawing one game so far.
Shenhua will not pay transfer fees to the clubs since the three will be free agents by the end of May, the official said.
"Their wages will not be below French standards," he said, but declined to give figures.
Shenhua will play Italian league leaders AC Milan and Spanish league leaders Atletico Madrid in friendlies over the next six weeks.
Foreign players from South Korea, Japan, Sweden, Russia and Yugoslavia already compete in China's professional league.

Beware of the rogues

Sports Reporter
THE recent changes in different sports organisation at the behest of the caretaker government has taken everyone by surprise. Particularly the re-casting of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has sparked an animated debate in the sports circle.
Replacing a five-year old ad-hoc committee, BOA's new ad-hoc body featured some known faces of little credibility in very sensitive posts which they hardly deserve. Besides, after the BOA move, critics have questioned the wisdom of the sports adviser Shamsul Huq whether it was not enough to fill only the posts vacated by the departing BNP government.
There are also rumours that as chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) he is going to make wholesale changes in the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB).
Moreover, it was learnt that persons who have never visited the sports arena are expected to replace those who are very much part of it.
Among all the federations, BCCB is being run most competently for the last five years. BFF, on the other hand, had been ambulating along albeit without a president for the last two years. Now, the question is, if the BFF can function without a president for such a long period and with the BCCB doing their job satisfactorily, why are the authorities so keen for the changes when the caretaker government itself has other obvious priorities in hand. Are strings being pulled by vested quarters who are out to take advantage of the sports advisor's ignorance or innocence? Is this yet another mean ploy to belittle the caretaker government, the fruit of the nation's sacrifice?
Besides, when the slogan for election in the sports arena is being chanted all over, what is the justification of such major changes for such a short period of time in the name of filling vacant posts?
True, the NSC, saddled on what the sports fraternity believes is a black-law, has the supreme power to appoint and change any ad-hoc body any time without any reason.
But, many also believe that instead of changing existing ad-hoc committees, Shamsul Huq should work towards creating an environment so that the next elected government can hold elections in the 28 sports federations after necessary amendments to the present NSC act.
In this regard he can refer to the deliberations of Mueyed Chowdhury and others during seminar 'election in sports' held last year under the aegis of the Sports Ministry.
The Sports adviser and NSC chairman can carve a niche in the hearts of sports lovers by taking meaningful action against serious irregularities which has enabled NSC to earn the dubious reputation of being the most corrupt organisation during the last couple of years.
In the recent past, the NSC has appointed four deputy directors for four divisional headquarters by violating all rules and norms. As further demonstration of their disregard for service rules, these four DDs have been residing in Dhaka instead of their divisional postings.
It was also learnt that Faruqul Islam, now director (admin) of BKSP, has not handed over charge of his previous post (Director, sports) of the NSC.
Starting his career as an assistant liberation, Faruq got three promotions almost overnight and took Taka one lakh from NSC for a school but allegedly used it to enrich his personal land at Uttara.
On the other hand, Wing Commander Mohiuddin Ahmed, who was serving as Director (Training), BKSP, in 1991 was hand-picked by the former sports minister to be posted as Director, NSC without any concern of the Establishment Ministry. The most serious among the allegations against Mohiuddin is 'gross irregularities' while handling the 'Kriha lottery'.
The caretaker government shall long be remembered if, instead of being way laid by 'guilty parties' towards unimportant issues, it can pick up matters relating to finance, administration, etc. of the foremost of which is the expenditure of the 6th SAF Games held in Dhaka in 1993.
Will Shamsul Huq stop and think, why the same persons who are demanding elections now are looking the other way when they get appointed to the new ad-hoc bodies? The caretaker government should be careful of such two-faced snakes.

Dennis downs the Dutch

ROTTERDAM, Apr 25: Jurgen Klinsmann scored his 35th international goal to give Germany a 1-0 victory over arch-rivals Netherlands in a European Championship warm-up match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.
Klinsmann took his 17th-minute penalty brilliantly in contrast to Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp, who failed with an effort from the spot 15 minutes later, squandering the chance of an equaliser.
Klinsmann, making his 82nd appearance for Germany, converted his penalty after Dutch defender Winston Bogarde fouled Oliver Bierhoff in the box.
The Dutch, in turn, were awarded a penalty in the 32nd minute after winger Peter Hoekstra was brought down by Matthias Sammer.
But Bergkamp, who like Klinsmann has played league football in Italy and England, hit his effort weakly. German goalkeeper Andreas Koepke parried the shot and saved again when the Arsenal striker tried to do better with the rebound.
Jordi Cruyff, making his Dutch debut 30 years after his illustrious father Johan, tried hard up front but did not get many chances.
In the second half of a lacklustre match riddled with mistakes, both sides wasted the few openings they created.
Many players seemed more concerned with avoiding injury to stay fit for more important matches than this encounter in the half-empty Feyenoord stadium.
Apart from June's European Championship finals in England, Ajax Amsterdam defend their European Cup title and Bayern Munich contest the UEFA Cup final next month.

Pete fetches fabulous third

MONTE CARLO, Apr 25: American Pete Sampras, who ended last year as the world number one in the ATP Tour rankings, has been voted tennis player of the year for a third year running, by a jury of players and officials, reports Reuter.
Sampras, who won Wimbledon and the US Open for the third time in 1995, is only the third player to be voted player-of-the-year three times after compatriots Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl.



Members of the Ashraf Real Estate handball champions Old Ideals. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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5 'How - love thee'
8 Winter garb
12 Stromboli spillover
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39 Old French coin
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47 Stop moving

DOWN
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50 Big rig
51 Answer to the Sphinx's riddle
52 Duel tool
53 Tournamen-t
54 Museum stuff
55 Hat
56 Quahog
57 Have no tolerance for
58 Shake-speare's river
59 Mexican lead-in mouthful
60 AAA
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11 Job
12 'Goldberg Variations' composer
13 Gndlock component
14 de-plume
15 Vacation-ing
16 La-la
17 25 AAA
18 24 mins.

26 Lepre-chaun's step
27 Rotation duration
28 Plata's partner
29 Music appreciation
30 Grass-hopper's rebuker
31 Bean
32 Un-yielding
33 Luau gunk
37 Tie-breaker
38 Ex-hausted (veal dish)
40 - buco (veal dish)
41 Miners' sch.
42 Spiritless
43 Luminary
44 Medicinal plant
45 Plaster a crack, maybe
46 Romance novelist
47 Victoria
48 'I - Camera'

CRYPTOQUIP
TKDDR TJUAXJ GYEG
LYIPJH KB IX JUJWGAIX
HER PEL E BIUW WEG.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: MY FRIEND WAS CONSIDERING COSMETIC SURGERY, BUT SHE DID AN ABOUT FACE.
Today's Cryptquip clue: B equals P
The Cryptquip 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.