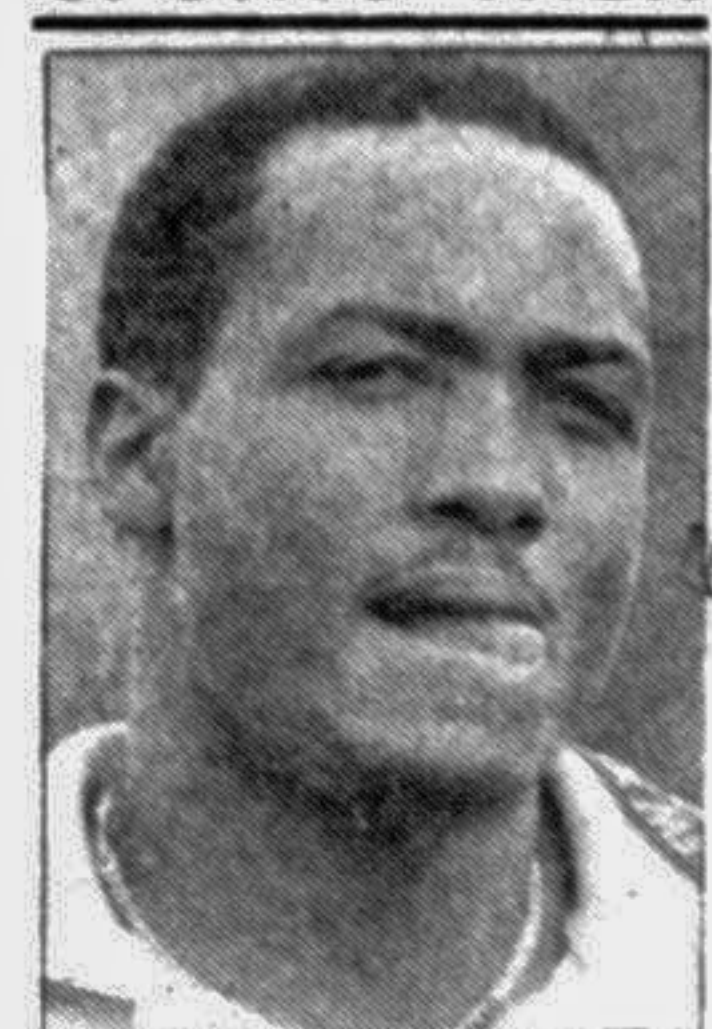
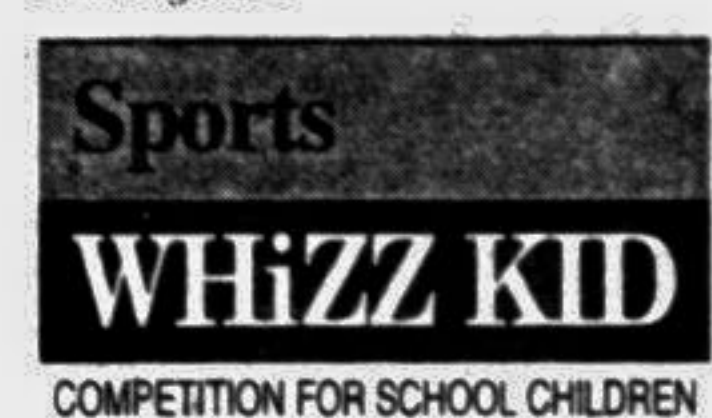


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Brian Lara
(Prince of West Indian cricket)
"The way I want to repay the people of the West Indies is by ensuring score some high totals and that we win the next Tests series (in Australia) later in the year."



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Tick the Correct Answers

(Competition closes 8 p.m. June 7, 1996)			
1.	Grand Master Gata Kamsky is a	Russian	American
2.	Indian batting genius Sachin Tendulkar once played county cricket for	Sussex	Nottinghamshire
3.	Who won 100m women's hurdles in the 24th national athletics championship?	Piroza	Rahima
4.	In the 14th Nirmal schools cricket championship final, Sachin Tendulkar beat Nasiruddin Govt. High by	23 runs	7 wickets
5.	In the 1996 Euro football championship, Bulgaria will be coached by	Prosen	Akramov

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Schools h'ball finals today

Finals of the 7th Bata School boys' & girls' handball tournament will be held today afternoon at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium, report UNB.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Mahabub Rahman will witness the finals and distribute prizes as chief guest.

Shahid Nabi High School will take on Rajarbagh Police Lines High in the boys' final while Viharunissa Noon will face Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High in the girls' final.

In the place-deciding match, Motijheel Model High finished third beating Ansars and VDP High by 19-13 points at the handball ground of Outer Stadium.

The match was locked in 10-10 goals during the first half.

In the girls' group, Maghbarzan Girls' High defeated Narayanagar Adarsha Girls' School by 7-3 goals to be placed third at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Capriati in a stew

TAMPA, Florida, June 6: Jennifer Capriati, the former golden girl of American tennis who crashed at the first hurdle in Paris last week while playing at the French Open for the first time in three years, found herself in trouble with the police again this week, reports AFP.

The 20-year-old Olympic champion has been accused of striking a waitress at a Tampa bar in the early hours of Monday morning.

According to a statement issued on behalf of the establishment, Capriati is alleged to have hit the waitress, named as Angela Larson, in the eye after a row with her boyfriend. Her blow is thought to have been aimed at her boyfriend.

Although the victim did not immediately press charges, she changed her mind and saw the police on Tuesday.

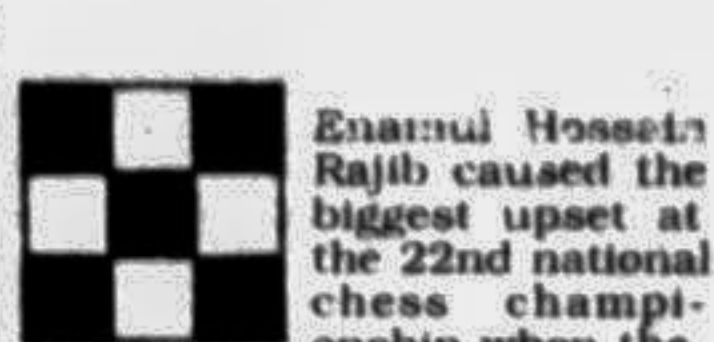
A Tampa police department spokesman said that although no arrest was being planned, Capriati would be interviewed about the incident.

A tennis star at 14 years of age, Capriati quit tennis after being beaten in the first round of the United States Open in 1993, and apart from one match, she did not play again until launching a comeback in Essen in February this year.

During her absence from the game, Capriati hit the headlines when she was first arrested for shoplifting and then picked up by police on drug charges.

She returned to the tennis tour after undergoing treatment at a drugs rehabilitation centre.

Reefat stoops to Rajib



Enamul Hossain Reefat caused the biggest upset at the 22nd national chess championship when the promising youngster recorded a sensational victory over defending champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the twelfth of the 15-round Swiss League meet, Reefat, the sub-junior champion who played with white pieces, got hold of the match against his more illustrious counterpart, who lost a bishop at a crucial stage and eventually surrendered after 32 moves.

It was Reefat's first defeat after ten consecutive victories and a draw. But still maintained a solo lead with ten and a half points.

"I don't understand what happened to me today. I began well but gradually everything went beyond my control. But, I must give credit to Rajib who played extremely well," said a disappointed Reefat after the defeat.

On the other hand Rajib, a matured head on a young shoulder, said that he was confident of winning the match.

"Reefat bhui was going great so far. But today somehow he lost the concentration halfway through the match and I achieved my goal," claimed an elated Rajib.

The creditable victory

raised Rajib's tally to seven and a half points. He is now sharing the fifth place jointly with junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib and Fide Master Rezaul Haque.

Last year's runner up IM

Nat'l Bank v'ball

Last year's runners-up Titas Club earned a straight 15-3, 15-12, 15-9 points victory over Sonali Bank Club in the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In other premier league matches, Water Development Board (WDB) beat Bangladesh Bank Club 15-3, 15-5, 15-12 while Dhaka Sahay Club overcame East End Boys Club 15-0, 15-4, 10-15, 15-12 in the afternoon.

Earlier, on Wednesday, Bangladesh Rifles beat Brothers Union by 3-0 sets and Sonali Bank Club defeated Police AC by 3-1 sets.

In the NBL First Division volleyball league, Nabajatak Majlish outplayed East End Club 15-10, 15-8, 15-6 at the same venue.

Earlier, on Wednesday, War Club beat Nabajatak Majlish by 3-0 sets while East End Club beat Madarick Mitali Sangha by 3-1 sets.

Ziaur Rahman of remained content with the second position with nine and a half points after he drew his yesterday's engagements against Salfuddin Lovlu. Playing with black pieces, Zia settled for a draw marathon spell of 51 moves. Lovlu, who also kept his third position intact, with this draw closely followed Zia by half a point adrift.

National junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib and Fide Master Rezaul Haque also won their twelfth round matches. In this round, Rakib, playing with white pieces, outplayed Aminul Islam after 23 moves while Reza, who adopted the English Opening, tamed Mizanur Rahman Labu after 29 moves.

In the day's other matches, Rafiqul Islam outclass Fide Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman, Sawkat Hossain Pallab beat Tanima Parveen while Khandaker Kayes Hasan and Abul Kashem Bhuiyan shared points to a draw.

Points (after round twelve): 10.5 points — Reefat, 9.5 points — Zia, 9 points — Lovlu, 8 points — Kayes, 7.5 points — Rakib, Rajib and Reza, 6.5 points — Hanif (11 matches), 6 points — Tahmid, 5 points — Rafique, 4.5 points — Nasir (11 matches), 4 points — Pallab and Tanima, 2.5 points — Kashem, 1.5 points — Labu and Aminul.

Sacchi, calm & confident



ROME, June 6: Italy coach Arrigo Sacchi, a cautious man by nature, said on Wednesday he was optimistic about his squad's European Championship chances, reports Reuters.

He then tempered his assertion by adding that his optimism was based on cold facts rather than sentiment.

"I am optimistic, but not because I want to hide a particular situation," he said.

"I believe that I am fundamentally an honest and loyal person and so therefore I am optimistic for precise technical reasons. I don't know whether they will bring us positive results but they don't stop me smiling today."

Sacchi listed his reasons as: the outstanding quality of his players, Italy's record over the past five years and the kind of soccer they played.

"Because of all these things I am optimistic today," he said. "This does not mean that we will win, it does not mean that we promise victory but merely

that there are reasons to suppose that we will do well," the coach said.

Soccer federation head Antonio Matarrese shunned such caution, inviting Prime Minister Romano Prodi to watch the Azzurri in the final at Wembley Stadium.



Sacchi, the 22 players and

said. "I believe we have a group of players that will make the same sacrifices and show the same will to win that characterised the 1994 World Cup squad."

"If this squad can repeat that same intensity and extraordinary motivation, Italy can legitimately hope to be a protagonist of this championship."

Italy team doctor Paolo Zepplini said that key strikers Gianfranco Zola and Enrico Chiesa, who both went down with gastroenteritis after a friendly against Belgium last week, were now recovering.

Kent kept under control

LONDON, June 6: Table-topping Kent lost three wickets in three overs without scoring a run to let a powerful position slip against near rivals Leicestershire in their county championship match at Grace Road on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

In the only championship match to begin on Wednesday, Kent were crashing into what looked to be an impenetrable position at 310 for five when they suddenly crashed against the second new ball.

David Millns dismissed Graham Cowdrey for 71 and Martin McCague for a duck while in between Phil Simmons trapped Steve Marsh lbw for 51.

That left Kent rocking and they closed at 318 for eight to leave the match evenly poised at the end of the first day.

Millns finished with two for 38 and bowled well enough to deserve even better, while Simmons had three for 43 off 18 overs.

One of his victims was Trevor Ward, who hit a magnificent 90 in just under three hours off 139 balls with 15 fours. It took a sensational running catch on the square-leg boundary by Darren Maddy to remove him.

Third-placed Leicestershire were weakened by the absence of leading wicket-taker Alan Mullally, on duty with England for the first Test, but on a good batting pitch stuck to their task well.

Dire start for India

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 6: India were all out for 214 on the first day of the first cricket Test against England at Edgbaston today, report agencies.

England may have lost the toss but it got the best of the morning's play on the first day of the first Test against India at Edgbaston.

India decided to bat on a dry wicket but both openers went early and, soon after lunch, the visitors were struggling at 94 for four with leading batsmen Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammed Azharuddin both dismissed and No 3 Sanjay Manjrekar retired hurt with a twisted ankle.

Ajaysinh Jadeja, a middle-order batsman promoted to open after the sudden retirement of Navjot Sidhu, was out for no score after England captain Mike Atherton caught him in the gully off Chris Lewis' second over, the third of the morning.

His partner, Test debutant Vikram Rathore, was lucky to survive the morning's second over when he was dropped at point by Nasser Hussain off the bowling of Dominic Cork.

Manjrekar had a steady start, but in the last over before drinks he twisted his ankle as he turned for a second run.

With Manjrekar resting in the pavilion for the second hour's play, Sachin Tendulkar joined Rathore at the crease only to see the nervous newcomer edge Cork to Nick Knight in the slips in the first over after drinks.

England then had India's captain Mohammed Azharuddin and Tendulkar both at the crease without score and still facing a relatively new and shiny ball with the score at 41 for two.

But another England Test debutant, all-rounder Ronnie Irani, broke the partnership in his first over in Test cricket. He had Azharuddin out thanks to a superb catch by Knight at mid-wicket.

Azharuddin's well timed wristy flick looked on their way to the boundary, but Knight dived low to his left to hold the catch and make Irani's first over a wicket maiden and the score 64 for three.

It was a dream start for Irani, and a welcome one for England, but Tendulkar showed the home side they still had a lot to do by smashing ten off Irani's next over, including two powerful drives for four.

Straight after lunch however he was clean-bowled by an in-swinging bowler from Dominic Cork leaving India in big trouble at 94 for four.

When Mullally claimed his first Test-wicket by bowling wicket-keeper batsman Nayan Mongia two overs later, India were in disarray at 103 for five.

The Lord's law at stake!

LONDON, June 6: Another Lord's tradition will bite the dust next week when members' wives and partners will be allowed into the famous cricket pavilion for the first time, reports Reuters.

Officials have decided to open the pavilion to women during the women's one-day international between England and New Zealand on June 13.

"We are breaking new ground, but we haven't yet discussed whether we will do the same at future matches," said Chris Rea, assistant secretary to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

During the 1993 women's World Cup final, the hallowed committee room was made available to the Women's Cricket Association.

Dano quiz

A quiz competition on European football championship will be organised by CCATS, the local agent of the renowned powdered milk, 'Dano' when the Euro '96 begins in the England from June 8.

The competition, titled 'Spot the Ball', will offer lucrative prizes among the winners. However, details will be provided by CCATS shortly.

TODAY'S MATCHES

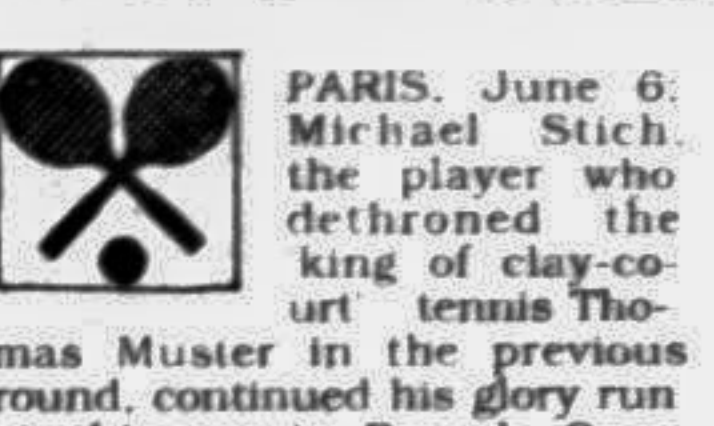
22nd national chess championship:
(Round thirteen, venue: NSC chess room)
Reefat vs Lovlu, Zia vs Reza, Pallab vs Nasir, Kashem vs Tanima, Kayes vs Labu, Aminul vs Rajib, Rafique vs Rakib, Hanif vs Tahmid.

National Bank Premier Division volleyball league:
(Venue: Indoor Stadium)
Titus Club vs Dhaka Green Club (4:15 pm)
Bangladesh Rifles vs Bangladesh Police (4:15 pm)
Power Development Board vs Brothers Union (5:45 pm)
East End Club vs Bangladesh Bank (5:45 pm)

National Bank First Division volleyball league:
(Venue: Indoor Stadium)
Dilkusha SC vs Chand Textiles (4:15 pm)
Wari Club vs Nabajagaran Sangha (6:30 pm)

7th School handball tournament '96:
(Venue: Indoor Stadium)
Boys' final
Shahid Nabi High School vs Razarbagh Police Lines High School (3:30 pm)
Girls' final
Viharunissa Noon School vs Dhanmondi Govt. Girls' School (4:30 pm)

Stich sends Pioline packing



PARIS, June 6: Michael Stich, the player who dethroned the king of clay-court tennis Thomas Muster in the previous round, continued his glory run at this year's French Open here on Wednesday when he overpowered Frenchman Cedric Pioline 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-6-0.

Karbacher 6-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0.

Rosset, who had never got past the second round in six previous visits, trailed 0-2 in the fourth set and came to within two points of defeat seven games later before surging back.

Stich, who has astonished everyone with his form after his long injury lay-off, revealed



World No. 1 Steffi Graf of Germany displays her trophy awarded by the International Tennis Federation at a reception in Paris on June 4.

2 to reach the semifinals of the men's singles, reports AFP.

The 15th seeded German now plays Switzerland's Olympic champion Marc Rosset, who came back after looking down and out to beat Stich's unseeded compatriot Bernd

"I'm playing for fun," he grinned. "I'm not here for prize money — I don't even know how much it is. I've got enough money for my needs."

"I'm having fun playing tennis and that's the most important thing. If it was something I had to do — then I would probably get worse and worse doing it."

"As far as I'm concerned, I intend to enjoy myself on Friday and I'm not going to put any pressure on myself. Right now things are great and it's up to me to keep it that way — by playing for fun."

Stich, who wore white baseball cap to shield his eyes

LATEST

PARIS, June 6: French Open specialist Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario lived up to her reputation as a fierce competitor by taming Czech Jana Novotna 6-3, 7-5 to reach her fifth final on the Paris clay today, reports Reuters.

Novotna, the 10th seed, who had scored an impressive quarter-final knockout of American joint number one Monica Seles, fought a brave challenge before bowing out to the fourth-seeded Spaniard.

Sanchez, the winner here in 1989 and 1994, will play either top seed Steffi Graf of Germany or third seed Conchita Martinez of Spain in Saturday's final.

from the fierce sun, sees his arrival in the semifinal as a reward for all the hard work an agony he has been through since badly injuring his left ankle in Vienna last October while playing Australian Todd Woodbridge.

Stich arrived in the French capital with few pretensions having played only four tournaments and ten matches since his Austrian mishap.

Asked about his lack of preparation for the event, Stich said: "There's no such thing as a perfect preparation for any tournament in the world. You have to be mentally ready to play — that's the important thing. We all know how to play on clay and we don't need to spend six weeks learning how to do it."

"Obviously the weather has been good for the attacking players here. The sun has made the courts much faster which is good for our serves."

Looking forward to his next match, Stich said he had a lot of respect for Rosset.

"I obviously wanted him to lose today," he smiled, adding: "He's a tough competitor. He is going to be nervous — but so am I. If he's serving big and gets on his forehand, he's tough to beat."

The presence of French film star Jean-Paul Belmondo helped Rosset claw his way back from the brink of defeat.

Rosset, who looked to be heading for the exit when he trailed 0-2 in the fourth set and was due to serve at 4-5 in the fourth, spent three-and-a-half hours on the court.

And as he left he handed Belmondo his racket.

"He's class act," said the towering 6ft 7in (2m 01) 14th-seeded Rosset, who comes from Geneva.

"He arrived when I was two sets down and ever stopped cheering me on. I was pleased to be able to give him the racket."

Rosset, red-faced from the relentless sun, said: "You experience many emotions in a five set match."

Friday's semifinal line-up:
Pete Sampras (USA) vs Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia)
Michael Stich (Germany) vs Marc Rosset (Switzerland)

Kafelnikov & Vacek in doubles final

PARIS, June 6: Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov looks to be in for a busy time as the French Open reaches its climax this week, reports AFP.

Kafelnikov, who faces world number-one Pete Sampras in Friday's semifinals, today made sure of a place in the doubles final playing alongside Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic.

Kafelnikov and Vacek, seeded seventh, scored a 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) victory over unseeded Americans Jared Palmer and Jonathan Stark.

They now play either top-seeds Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde of Australia or fifth-seeds Guy Forget of France and Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland for the title.

EURO '96 ENGAGEMENTS

LONDON, June 6 (Reuters): European Championship match schedule (GMT kickoff times):

Saturday, June 8
Group A: England v Switzerland (at Wembley, London, 1400 GMT)

Sunday, June 9
Group B: Spain v Bulgaria (Elland Road, Leeds, 1330)
Group C: Germany v Czech Rep (Old Trafford, Manchester, 1600)
Group D: Denmark v Portugal (Hillsborough, Sheffield, 1830)

Monday, June 10
Group A: Netherlands v Scotland (Villa Park, Birmingham, 1530)
Group B: Romania v France (St James's Park, Newcastle, 1830)

Tuesday, June 11
Group C: Italy v Russia (Anfield, Liverpool, 1530)
Group D: Turkey v Croatia (City Ground, Nottingham, 1830)

Wednesday, June 12 - rest day

Thursday, June 13
Group A: Switzerland v Netherlands (Villa Park, 1830)
Group B: Bulgaria v Romania (St James's Park, 1530)

Friday, June 14
Group C: Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 1830)
Group D: Portugal v Turkey (City Ground, 1530)

Saturday, June 15
Group A: Scotland v England (Wembley, 1400)
Group B: France v Spain (Elland Road, 1700)

Sunday, June 16
Group C: Russia v Germany (Old Trafford, 1400)
Group D: Croatia v Denmark (Hillsborough, 1700)

Monday, June 17 - rest day

Tuesday, June 18
Group A: Scotland v Switzerland (Villa Park, 1830)
Group B: France v Bulgaria (St James's Park, 1530)
Group C: Netherlands v England (Wembley, 1830)
Group D: Romania v Spain (Elland Road, 1530)

Wednesday, June 19
Group C: Russia v Czech Republic (Anfield, 1830)
Group D: Croatia v Portugal (City Ground, 1530)
Group C: Italy v Germany (Old Trafford, 1830)
Group D: Turkey v Denmark (Hillsborough, 1530)

Quarter-finals:

Saturday, June 22
Winner Group B v runner-up Group A (Anfield, 1730)
Runner-up Group B v Winner Group A (Wembley, 1400)

Sunday, June 23
Winner Group C v runner-up Group D (Old Trafford, 1400)
Runner-up Group C v winner Group D (Villa Park, 1730)

Semifinals:

Wednesday, June 26
Winner Anfield v winner Villa Park (Old Trafford, 1500)
Winner Wembley v winner Old Trafford (Wembley, 1830)
Final: Sunday, June 30 (Wembley, 1800)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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44 Delator's letters
45 Kurosawa movie
46 Future aces
47 Bottom line

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Yesterday's answer 2-14

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BUSINESSMAN'S BUMBING SON OUGHT TO BE THE ERR-APPARENT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals R

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.



Action from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division volleyball league encounter between Dhaka Shabaz Sangha and East End Boys Club.