RISING STARS

'Golden Goal' - The Saviour of Germany

by Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky

Germany, for the third time emerges itself as the kings of Europe. They beat Cheq republic in the finals by 2-1. Bierhoff, who is little heard of scored both the goals for Germany. His goals were really superb. Cheq republic played well, but couldn't score goals at the crucial times. They missed quite a few goal chances, which let them down. The Germans on the other side fowled too much and played positive football. Where they thought they can't get the ball, they straight went and fowled the Cheq players. But it was really an exciting match. If you want my opinion, I will say that the Cheq's played better quality of football, you might say, that I am saying this because I support them, but the truth is I saw the match and thought that there is speed and quick attack in Cheq's game, where as Germany only plays for goals. For example in the 1990 world cup, the way they beat Argentina well,. I don't have to remind you. Germany beat England in the semifinals. Though at first the Germans were one goal down, that they won in the tie-beaker and finally went into the finals, for the record 5th time. Thus came to an England's dream run. England received the fair play trophy. All the way through they played well. In their group match they beat the arch-rivals Scotland by 2-0, while they thrashed Holland by 4-1. It seemed that England were like its 1966, World Cup winning team.

While Cheq Republic beat France also in the tie-breaker by (6-5). Now let us see how the other teams played. Bulgaria and Romania were hopelessly bad. They couldn't play like the World Cup. In the match between these two the referee illegally disqualified a goal of Romania. This is really pathetic. The most astonishing thing was that Italy couldn't reach the last eight. They lost to Cheq Republic and to Croatia. Against the Germans they almost won, but due to the excellent goal keeping to Andreas Koepkeis, they couldn't score a goal. Croatia's golden-feet came to an end, when they lost to the Germans in the quarterfinals by 2-1. They played well at 11 their matches, but couldn't play well at the right time. But they played with great pride and composure. Russia is another team who didn't play well at all. They were last in the group. Though they drew with the Cheq's, they weren't confident at all in their matches. They need a lot of practice to do well. The Dutch were a bit over confident this time and hence their poor performance. The got a thrashing by England. But they should have done a little better. Although their club team Ajax of Amsterdam is world famous, their national team is having problem in coping up with the international football. They couldn't play according to the expectations. Well I don't want to mention the Danes. The played very low quality of football I have ever seen. They didn't play like the European Champion. They missed so many goal scoring chances. Their coach told them to do one thing and they did another. Well, you know, you can take a horse to water but you can't make him drink ? The Danes were not at all serious about their matches.

Spain and Portugal, played really exceptionally well, before Spain went down to France in the quarterfinals, in the tiebreaker. Portugal also tried its best in going to the last eight. Scotland played well, but missed a lot of scoring chances. Well Turkey was sub-standard. They have no stamina, and lost badly to the other teams.

Germany's triumph is greatly due to the excellent goal keeping of Andreas KoepKeis, in my opinion. He really played well. In the European cup his contributions contribute to the German team is 50% . And without him, it would have been hard for the German's to win. Berti Vogts their coach is very happy and Helmut Kohl already announced a great deal of prize money to the players. Well goals are all that count in football, it doesn't matter how well you play, and the Germans stuck to their task to win. So Good luck to the Germans in the future because one year from now, the World Cup qualifying matches will get underway.

German football team

For He is a Jolly Good Fellow

by Shanta

34/B Bandra Apt. I let out a sigh of relief as I reached for the gates. I was very excited before, but now a feeling of nervousness along with curiosity tingled down my ribs. Getting the chance to do Shahrukh Khan's photosession for a weekly magazine. Just imagine! (You can't, right?) Thanks God, Abhi was sick. I would not be here, otherwise.

As I walked in through those iron-barred gates and into a sea-facing building, I gazed at the beautiful sight of it. When I finally got a grip over myself, I asked the young receptionist if Shahrukh Khan was available or not.

"Sorry. I can't say that, Ma'am. He never bothers to answers the intercom. So you have to check it out yourself." "Euuu, urr, is he very weird?" I asked, hesitantly. "Barmy, would be more like it, Ma'am!" she said. "Will he misbehave with me if he finds out that I am a substitute photographer?"

"Ma'am, do I look like Gauri Khan to you?" I headed for 2nd floor. As I stood infront of his apartment door, I could hear someone singing zanily — 'Baazigaar main Baazigaar....!' I knocked. The 'respectable singer' shut up and answered in a grouchy tone, "who's there? Oh, paper boy! Please don't disturb me now. I already know everything that's going around the world." "Excuse me, Sir, it's me, Shanta from the Daily Times." "I said I don't need a paper boy or girl. It doesn't matter from which times' you come. So shut up and leave."

"But I was sent here to do a photosession with Mr. Shahrukh Khan."

"What the..... oh! Photosession! Yes, I remember. Please come in."

As I walked in, I saw some things which struck we immediately. The whole living room was in a havoc. Clothes, belts, books, film magazines, chips, a mobile, Thumbs-Up, disks, photographs and pads were scattered all over the place. And there he stood behind the sofa, hair ruffle, dirty pants, shirt hanging loose, barefooted and wearing a belt which was yet to be tied!

"Ta-da! This is where I live. This place normally looks good, but since my wife is abroad, the dog messed it up," he said, making it quite clear who the dog was. (He was smirking!)

"Are you ready?" I managed to ask, still shocked at the other side of the story.

"Well almost. Gauri isn't due. I couldn't get things ready in time. I am sure you'll help. I suppose."

Oh boy! What a day. My whole impression on this guy changed. How can a 'star' be so callous? The next few minutes went by looking for his keys. Wardrobe keys, to be more specific. One thing that I noticed about this chap was that he kept on jabbering all the way. He seemed to be so paranoid and restless. As I was asked to choose the outfit, I dared myself to open the star's huge wardrobe. After going through all the clothes, I finally found a black blazor and a white shirt for him. He looked at it and started, "Oh this! My wife thinks I look smashing and dashing when I wear this. Actually, everyone feels that way!" he said, blushing.

But he stopped as soon as he saw the stern look on my face. He smiled sweetly to make things better and said,

"Would you like to have something? Maybe coffee, scrambled egg and bread would do!" "Sure, if its O.K for you."

"Arre, bhai, you are talking to the one and only Cook Shah! Main hoon Cook Shah!"

So long, Cook! I set out to explore the whole place. The house was full of Gauri's photos. I also saw his computer and his favorite 'T.V room'. Just when I was about to sit, I heard a peculiar shout from the kitchen.

"Help! Ouch! Oye, ladki, come here! Help me out." I ran to the kitchen. Gash! There was 'Cook Shah' standing and muttering to himself -- "sala demag kharab hojata hai."

The famous Shah had set the frying pan over the stone with the egg in it without oil. He went on stirring it, most probably, assuming that God would transform that thing to yummy scrambled eggs. The water in the kettle was almost dried up and he went on standing, looking lurid. And the toasted bread? We could have donated it to the coal mines. I looked at him sternly and said," No wonder, people say that empty vessel sounds much!"

"I am sorry. I couldn't help it. I'll go and take a shower. Bye."

Off he went, singing at the top of his voice. "Jamana Deewana ho gaya....."

After 15 to 20 minutes, he came back, fresh and better. It was then that I finally remembered that there was more to the story. I was just a photographer on trial and didn't know much about make-up.

"Umm, Shahrukhji, please get ready for make-up".

"Fine, I'll bring my tools and charms."

He returned with his make-up kits. There was one balanced on top of his head with 'REVLON HAIR-STYLING' written on it.

"What does Gauri apply to your face, first?"

"Umm, err, Fairness Cream! It makes me look like Aaamir Khan."

"Very Funny! What does she apply before the final coat of foundation?"

"Oh, that! Antiseptic cream."

"Why ?" I asked, not knowing what anti-septic creams had to do with make-up.

"It is because I never come out of the toilet without a few nicks and cuts. I can't manage a neat shave."

I couldn't help laughing at this poor chap and his patient wife. what a couple, God! I finally managed to finish the facial make-up with my sense of face-art. Then I put my eyes on his hair and immediately looked away. Combing and styling a bird's nest? Impossible. I asked him, "you can handle your hair, I suppose."

"Hah! It seems as good as it is, but I can make it better."

I sat and stared at this jocular person as he applied the contents of each hair-styling tubes which made his hair look glossier than ever. Then he finally walked up to the mirror and shouted out to it, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the most charming of us all?" Then, to my sheer amazement, changed his voice and replied, "You, Shahrukh, you!" We both burst out laughing. He was really acting like a 7 yr. old. May be that quality of his makes him more special.

Anyway, the best-part of it happened at the end. As soon as he got finally dressed up, a cute brown dog jumped over him as he was locking the apartment. The dog licked him badly. I felt disgusted. All that make-up and ironed clothes looked worn out to me! Minutes later, he got up and smiled naughtily.

"Is my make-up o.k? The dog licked this part off!".

Saying that he pointed to his right check. We both started giggling. Then he became hysterical. He looked so funny with his face made-up only on the left side.

After we reached the studio, he pased for sixteen snaps. His smile and hair did wonders. The photographs were commendable. This article is for the Shahrukh Khan fans who think that Shahrukh is a hero in every respect of life. But I'd rather call him a professional comedian. After this encounter with him.

At least, when the photosession was over, he sat down for a Thumbs-Up. I went up to him and said, "Thank you very much for the most beautiful day of my life."

"Arre bhai! Tom bhi bohot acchi ho!"

"Thanks, would you mind if I ask for something?"

"Oye, don't ask for me. I am reserved for this lifetime!" He started laughing badly after saying this.

"Not actually. I was just asking for your autograph." After few minutes of unbearable silence, he softly said," I don't give autographs to my close ones."

I just can't explain how I felt at that time to get a new friend. However, I managed to smirk and grin naughtily at him for the last-time. As I walked home, I felt relieved to find out that there are still some good people left in this earth and we have to treasure them all the way long. In that way, the world isn't such a bad place to live in. Don't you think so?

THE DIVISION BELL AND THE FLOYDS

by Adnan R. Amin

"AS you look arpund this room — tonight
Settle in your seat and dim the light,
Do you want my blood, do you want my tears?
What do you want from me?"

— and with these words Pink Floyd gracefully launched into their latest album "The Division Bell".

It actually took the veteran musicians of Pink Floyd seven long years to collect the ingredients for the album. And I, who am an avid Floyd-fan, upon listening to it, at once knew it had been worth the wait.

Pink Floyd's last album was, "A momentary lapse of reason," released in 1987. But they also released two live albums — 'Delicate Sound of Thunder' (1988) and 'Secrets' (1991), in between. Most songs in the "Division Bell" album has been written and composed by band-leader David Gilmour. And for this reason, a basic difference has been noticed in the lyrics and also the music. The lyrics are now much more earthbound and realistic. It deals with various social inconsistencies, and other intimate topics. The band has placed their songs in a more human context, Check this out —

"For millions of years, mankind lived
just like animals,
Then something happened which,
unleashed our power of imagination
We learned to talk." (keep talking)

The times have changed since. "The pipers at the Gates of Dawn", the first ever Floyd album, and with it have changed the songs, rhythms, lyrics and music, yielding gradually to the compelling pressure of time. And the music, naturally, has been considerably scaled down to more earthly tunes, by David Gilmour — who seems to be resolute to siphon of cartoonish excesses from the songs, which fuelled albums like "Animals" "The Wall". Pink Floyd which initially made its debut as a psychedelic rock band, have, in keeping with the album's more earthbound concerns, reduced the cosmic sound effects, laughs and psychedelicized audio effects to a bare minimum.

Roger Water's departure definitely left an adverse effect on the band. But now, apparently, Gilmour's emotionally charged guitar work is providing all the sonic commentary, that is needed. The Floyd axeman is seemingly hitting his stride with his rich legates phrasing. And unlike many other rock heroes, whose days of glory are long gone, his playing gets better and better, as this talented musician retains his master status. Check out the introductory melody in, what do you want from me. The descending chromatic scales he uses, is absolutely wonderful. From the initial gentle plucking acoustic passages of, "Poles Apart" to the ghostly blues of 'marooned', and all the other emotional bending, innovative pitchshifting effects, vibrates, swift fretboard tappings and echoing effects, all bear the master touch of Gilmour. The solo or guitar melody at the end of, "A great day for freedom" and it's delayed distortion effects is undoubtedly great stuff for any guitar-buff like me, to devour voraciously. Actually, as the absence of Roger Waters becomes clear through lack of catchy basslines in the songs, it is made up for, by the astoundingly fantastic guitar riffs all over the whole album.

"Lost for words" and "Coming back to life" is undoubtedly the two best songs in this album. In the former, the intro consists of simply a rhythmic plucking on successions of the scales — c and f major. The main theme of the song is how we remain engulfed in the cares of life and how our world becomes shrouded in veils of darkness. "Coming back to life" is probably one of Pink Floyd's best ever compositions as much because of it's catchy rhythm as it's marvellous lyrics. The words deal with the resurrection of a broken man — a man coming back to life. The guitar solo and intro, which are both devoid of much use of effects, are almost like symphonies themselves.

Lastly, in the wake of the band's somewhat flaccid recording, 'A momentary lapse of reason' it seemed doubtful that the band would exist. But 'The Division Bell' has definitely defied the odds and captured the hearts of millions. This surprisingly subtle and well-arranged piece of work demonstrates how, for the Floydians, with time, have come much wisdom. Let's hope this was not the division bell for Pink Floyd, for they have shown through this album, that they still haven't reached the dark side of the moon yet.

This fabulous album, in my opinion, has been grossly underrated. And according to present sales records, it has become the third highest selling album by Pink Floyd — right after "Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wall". The tape could actually even by considered as a wonderful collection of marvellous guitar riffs and suitable, fluent lyrics. I absolutely can not comprehend why it was so underrated. May be it was merely the absence of Roger Waters or perhaps the lack of weird cosmic effects and sonic psychedelazation, that failed to fuel the album. But I, myself would without any hesitation recommend this album to anyone. It is truly something worth collecting.

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Pink Floyd — the popular English band

A Peak In to the Future

Farzeen Saleh

Do you think I had a peak into the future through a door that read so ? Or, I'm one of those people who can read someone's future ? Well, not exactly. I'm just a normal teenager, leading a normal day-to-day life.

There are so many shows on TV that are based on life in the future. Can we rely on them? Is that what's going to happen in our future? Are we really going to go to all those spare voyages and discover a solar system? Is the ozone layer really going to disappear so many many questions, and so few answers. It seems as though waiting for a few decades is going to be long enough for all our questions to be answered.

Sometimes watching these shows, cartoons and movies it seems as though they could happen. Our world can get that fascinating and interesting. If we can have remote controls, Computers, and so many other machines why can't we have robots in every home? If we could go to the moon why can't we go to another solar system? If so many unexplained things could take place why can't we have aliens and androids?

The movies and shows tell us something about the future we just have to let loose our imagination.

Wait ! can't we just be happy with the present? That's my question. Why ? May be God hasn't given us the power to do so !

Well .... it's my fault too because. I'm talking about something quite impossible.

.... No ! Nothing's impossible. We know the way. It's simple. We just eat well and stay healthy and we can live for a long time and watch the future .... happen!!! It's so easy isn't it ?

Quotable Quotes

By Khaled-Bin-Husain (Tony)

- **Surrounding has a great influence in life. To overcome the influences and proceed with life is what makes life worth while.**
- **Life is a complex blending of happiness and misery, both are mirror images of one another. When you are happy, go and cast a deep glance into the mirror, see whether the opposite is acting side by side.**
- **When two contemporary travellers travel in the path called life, they are destined to meet one another someday in the verge of the green meadow.**
- **Live life or let life leave you.**
- **We were lost in a game called life. We are united back in a game called life too. I swear we won't be lost again.**

Love

- **Mankind is said to be supreme. But if listed with other creatures, we would be found at the end of the list.**
- **The footprints of man and beast varied at the beginning of time. But with course of time, it has become similar.**
- **At the beginning and at the end phase of life, man is full of emotion. In the middle it is just like a dry well.**
- **Soul is like a migrating bird which fly away to eternity with time.**
- **A mad man always respects the ideology of another madman.**
- **A man who lives to love cannot live to die someday.**
- **The ink he uses is a concentrated form of his emotions and the paper he writes on is the boat on which his dreams sets sail to reality.**

Mother Land

By Dewan Farhan Quadir

The morning crow has struck on the land
"No one will feed me except the sand.
I will never betray the earth,
But one day I will sleep on its hearth."
"Peace among the people shall be me,
Whom everybody will come to see,
But who will then remember me."
"I will sow
And things will grow."
"Oh! It is nothing
But the land,
Of my motherland."

Kitten

by Rubaiyat Khan

BEADY little eyes,
That glitter impishly,
A cold wet strawberry nose,
And a little pink tongue,
Licking away at its silky paws.
Pray tell what this creature
Might be!

Playing with a woollen ball, spun,
Frisking through the sun-lit meadows,
Lapping up creamy milk,
Basking idly under the sun.

As naughty as it may seem,
It is an adorable devil,
Full of Mischievous Gleam!

Such the little kitten,
Which warms your heart to the core.
You can love this darling pet,
And you, it will simply adore!

The Retaliation of the Hell-rats

If Mr Shazaad Ahmed would have read something more than bits of old Priest and Ozzy Lyrics, (not that I would dare to every dream of accusing him of pondering over what might change his point of view he would discover that

a) Most metal songs aren't about activating ones bucket - kicking muscles and b) Even if they are, suicide is nothing really new on shocking. Setting aside blood 'n' gore movies, comics, novels etc, and the alleged metal songs lets go back in history when the Roman philosopher Seneca slashed his wrists. Since then, there's been the works (and in some cases the lives) of Maupassant, Poe, etc ... I could go on. Even Romeo and Juliet ends in suicide - so does the life of Jackson Pollock- What , then , are we supposed to do? Ban Shakespeare or consecrate heavy metal?

Since Mr Shazaad Ahmed is definitely not a headbanger, he doesn't really know how they feel so let the humbly enlighten His All-knowing Antimetalness that true metal heads won't even consider suicide - it would mean that they would never again be able to mosh their heads to the beat of Igor Cowalera's skins, and that, surely, is too much to ask for. (Unless powerful hallucinogens are at work and were ticketlessly on Could 9).

I don't think Mr. Shazaad Ahmed has any right to pick on heavy metal for no peaceable reason, unless a bratty neighbour or sibling is playing Testament overloud. If that's what happening, you have the sympathy of all us rivet heads' parents.

To conclude: Judge not lest ye be judged yourself. (Metallically) And don't worry, we headbangers don't have any hard feelings toward you. You see, we're really an all-forgiving lot, and anyway, we don't like to waste our hate.

by Kazi K Arafat

Quiz Club

Answers (19.07.96)

1. **Nekhlyudov.**
2. **Charles Dickens**
3. **Tibet**
4. **River Congo**
5. **Christianity**
6. **1981**
7. **Austria**
8. **Mach 2.2**
9. **Rabies, disease of dogs, passed to man by a bite.**
10. **The property of parts of certain electric circuits in which the current increases rapidly while the voltage needed to drive it decreases.**

Here are this weeks 10 Quizzes; crack them, send the answers right away. If your answers are *ALL* correct. You'll be awarded this week's Quiz Club Prize!

1. **Who is the writer of the book, "The Client"?**
2. **Approximate area of Lithuania is — sq km.**
3. **What is the capital of Kazakhastan?**
4. **Kano is a city of the country —.**
5. **Who was plotinus?**
6. **Fredrich Engels, German philosopher, collaborated with — in evolving communist doctrine.**
7. **What is the approximate length of the English channel?**
8. **The $30 million ADB-aided project is aimed at rehabilitating —**
9. **In chemistry, the term 'covalency' means —**
10. **Moment of inertia depends on five factors, which are.**