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Sports

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 30, 1996)

1. The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is

2. Number of centuries scored in the Headingley Test between Pakistan and England were

3. Australian Michael Bevan plays county cricket for

4. The new test all-rounder of Multan Sultans is

5. What was the position Brothers Union Club in last year's Premier Division football league?

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Dan O'Brien

(American Olympic gold medalist)

"Drinking was just something I did all the time. I'm the kind of person who could have been a drug addict. I have that kind of personality. Sometimes I admit I was out of control."

(Speaking on his previous reckless life)

Draw for Euro club soccer cups held

GENEVA, Aug 25: Defending Champions' Cup winners Juventus and Paris St Germain — the Cup Winners' Cup champions — seemed to come out unscathed from Friday's draw for the three European Cups, reports AP.

But UEFA Cup holders Bayern Munich took a hit in the first round and will have to face Spain's Valencia, serious contenders for this year's Spanish league title.

UEFA Cup play begins Sept. 10, followed by the Champions League on Sept. 11 and the Cup Winners Cup on Sept. 12. The next round will be Sept. 24-26.

Valencia, second last year to Spanish league champion Atletico Madrid, have signed Brazilian international Romerio in the off-season and are expected to challenge for the league title.

In the Champions League draw, defending champions Juventus landed in a Group C with Manchester United, Rapid Vienna and Fenerbahce of Turkey.

Juventus will bring their defence against at home against two-time defending English Premier League champion Manchester United Sept. 11. The two clubs will be favoured to advance from round-robin play to the quarterfinal round.

Manchester United have won three of the last four English championships but have flopped in Europe. The club last won a European title in 1991, beating Barcelona in the Cup Winners Cup final. They won their only European Cup title in 1968.

"It is a very interesting draw," said Manchester United chairman Martin Edwards. "We have got the champions Juventus in our group. Vienna are also a very good team. We don't know much about Fenerbahce. We hope to get through to the qualifiers. We have got one or two new players so we are strengthening our squad."

In Group A, it's Glasgow Rangers, Auxerre, Ajax and Grasshoppers of Zurich with Ajax — last year's Champions' Cup runners-up — the clear favourites.

In Group B, it's Widzew Lodz of Poland, Atletico Madrid, Steaua Bucharest and Borussia Dortmund with the German side probably favoured to top the tables.

Four weeks for four

Sports Reporter



The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCCB) is likely to enforce a four-week suspension on four national cricketers on disciplinary grounds, confirmed a reliable source of the BCCB last night.

It was learnt that Minhazul Abedin, Nannu, Enamul Haq, Moni, Athar Ali Khan and Faruque Ahmed, the four national cricketers who were earlier served with show-cause notices for violating the president's strict order to return with the team, are expected to face the punitive measures after the BCCB president, Sabir Hossain Choudhury, MP turned down their explanations as 'not acceptable'.

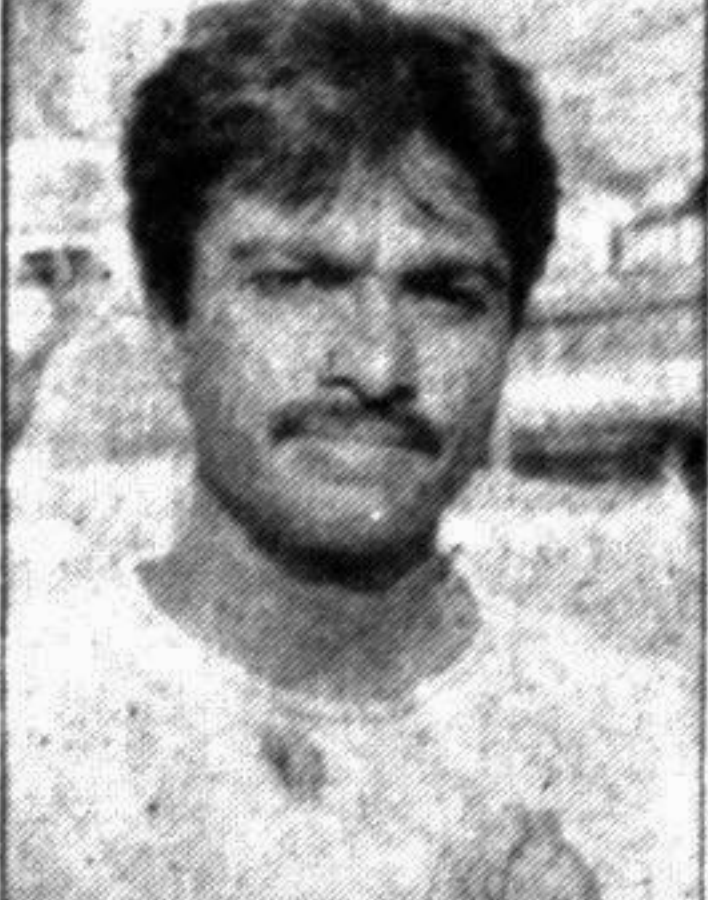
Of the quartet, left-arm spinner Moni returned home, albeit without permission, before the end of Bangladesh's month-long tour to the United States and Canada while the other three overstay in America also without any permission from tour manager Reza-e-Karim.

It was also learnt that the BCCB president, who returned home from London last week, has already finalised his decision and is expected to make it public today.

If the BCCB implements this decision, Bangladesh, who are preparing for the forthcoming ACC Trophy, scheduled to begin in Malaysia from September 6, will be without the services of the four key national players.

But cricket lovers in the country believe that such punitive measures may affect

the team for a brief period, but in the long run such stern action will restore discipline, a very important ingredient for improving the performance of any team.



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Newcastle down in dumps



LONDON, Aug 25: Newcastle's early season, teething problems continued on Saturday when they lost 2-1 at home to Premier league pacesetters Sheffield Wednesday, reports Reuter.

England striker Alan Shearer gave Kevin Keegan's side the lead from the penalty spot after 13 minutes after Wednesday's Yugoslav Dejan Stefanovic pulled down Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla.

But two minutes later Wednesday equalised through Peter Atherton, who found space in the penalty area to meet Mark Pembroke's free kick with a precise glancing header.

Guy Whittingham stole three points for the Yorkshire side with a goal 10 minutes from time.

To add to Newcastle's misery, England striker Les Ferdinand was stretchered off in the second half.

Wednesday, who escaped relegation on the final day of last season, have now won their first three games of the season.

Elsewhere, title hopefuls Liverpool were held 0-0 at home by newly-promoted Sunderland, and in London, the tie between Tottenham Hotspur and Everton also ended goalless.

Frenchman Frank Leboeuf and Italian Gianluca Vialli scored their first Premier league goals as Chelsea beat Coventry 2-0, and managerless Arsenal won by the same scoreline at Leicester.

Last season's league and cup winners Manchester United host 1995 champions Blackburn today.

Newcastle, who beat Wimbledon 2-0 in midweek, had the better of the first half at St James' Park, with Asprilla in sparkling form.

But the defensive frailties which cost them the title last season were again apparent and Wednesday's buoyant forwards were given plenty of space in front of goal.

Fielding new Dutch signing Orlando Trustfull, David Platt's side were organised at the back and dangerous on the break, and twice came close to scoring through trainee Richie Humphreys, looking for his third goal in as many matches.

The clash looked to be heading for a draw when Whittingham snatched the winner to the anguish of the majority of the 36,000-strong crowd.

Newcastle, who have spent in excess of 60 million pounds (93 million dollars) in building their side over the past four years, have now lost two of their first three league games and were hammered 4-0 by Manchester United in the Charity Shield.

Last year they lost out to United in the race for the title after squandering a 12-point lead in the last five months of the season.

Wednesday, who beat League Cup holders Aston Villa and Yorkshire rivals Leeds in their first two outings, head the fledgling Premier league table on nine points from Ruud Gullit's Chelsea on seven.

Chelsea, packed full of European imports this season, took the lead against Coventry in controversial style when the referee failed to spot an apparent handball by midfielder Dan Petrescu.

The Romanian ignored the protests from the visiting defenders, took off down the wing and crossed for Leboeuf to head home.

The Coventry players continued to complain and defender Liam Daish, who had already been booked for a late challenge, was sent off for a dissent.

Middlesbrough came away with a 1-1 draw from Nottingham Forest thanks to a goal made and executed by their Brazilians.

Emerson picked up the ball in midfield, carved a way through the home defence and crossed for Juninho, who struck the ball past goalkeeper Mark Crossley from the edge of the box.

Veteran England leftback

Stuart Pearce equalised for Forest with a typically fierce free kick.

Arsenal, who sacked manager Bruce Rioch five days before the start of the season, put their boardroom disputes behind them to win 2-0 at Leicester thanks to goals from Dutch forward Dennis Bergkamp and out-of-favour England striker Ian Wright.

Bergkamp scored from the Penalty spot in the first half and Wright came off the substitute's bench to seal the Gunners' victory with a strike in the final minute.

Aston Villa, who finished fourth in the league last season, recorded their second consecutive win, beating promoted Derby 2-0.

Away in Scotland, England's inspirational midfielder Paul Gascoigne marked his return to the starting line-up with a winning goal as champions Glasgow Rangers beat newly-promoted Dundee United 1-0.

Gascoigne, who has been shaking off injury and had previously only appeared as a substitute this season, broke the deadlock at the Ibrox 14 minutes from time to salvage Rangers' 100 per cent record from three games.

Making his first start since England's European Championship semifinal against Germany in June, the 29-year-old curbed a 16-metre shot beyond keeper Ally Maxwell.

Maxwell managed to save a last-minute penalty from Gordon Durie but his Dundee teammates failed to find an equaliser.

"It took a bit of magic from Gascoigne to win it for us and that completes a great week for the club," said manager Walter Smith, whose side hammered Russia's Alania Vladikavkaz 7-2 on Wednesday.

Rangers, attempting to match Glasgow Celtic's record of nine consecutive Scottish championship titles, are two points clear of Celtic and four clear of third-placed Motherwell, who won 3-0 at struggling Raith.

Lens' lads take solo lead



PARIS, Aug 25: A goal by Czech forward Vladimir Smicer spurred Lens to a 1-0 win at Nantes on Saturday to become the only team with maximum points after three games in the French league, reports Reuter.

Newcomer Smicer, one of the stars of the European Championship finals in England last June, seized his chance from just outside the box in the 52nd minute. His shot bounced on a defender's leg and left Nantes keeper Eric Loussouarn no chance.

Lens, a club from a small northern mining town, are now alone in the lead as the three other teams who had won their two opening games — Auxerre, Bastia and Paris St Germain — all drew.

Defending champions Auxerre, who were away to Bordeaux, and Paris St Germain, who traveled to Nancy on Friday, both managed only goalless draws.

Bastia, who had surprised by winning their first two matches, drew 1-1 at Nice. James Debba put the home team in front six minutes before half-time and Anto Drobnjak equalised for the Corsican side with eight minutes remaining.

Lens top the 20-strong league with nine points followed by four teams on seven points — Bastia, Paris St Germain, Auxerre and Cannes.

"We had never won in Nantes before so I'm delighted," said Lens trainer Slavo Muslin. "It's much too early to make us

favourites for the title but I must say that I'm very satisfied with my team so far."

There was disappointment for Marseille, back with the best after spending two years in the Second Division because of a match-rigging scandal and heavy debts.

The former European champions suffered their first loss of the season when they were beaten 2-1 by Metz.

Marseille, playing before

their home fans, went in front after 24 minutes thanks to Xavier Gravelaine.

But they were reduced to 10 men in the 60th minute when Italian central defender Alberto Malusci was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Metz then scored two goals in quick succession through Amara Traore in the 65th minute and Mariano Bombarda four minutes later.



Action from yesterday's exhibition match between Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club and the visiting Aston Rangers Club at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

Big range win for Youngmen's

Sports Reporter

Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club recorded a goal feast 7-3 win over the visiting Aston Rangers Club in an exhibition match at the almost barren Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Striker Askar Khan Babu notched up a hat-trick followed by two goals from medio Arif Mamun, and one apiece from Maksudul Amin, Rana and Jalaluddin to administer on the visitors from England a punishing lesson.

The Rangers, a recreation club for Bangladeshi expatriates in the United Kingdom who are here on a merry trip, however replied with three goals, twice in the second session after trailing 5-1 at the breather to avoid total ignominy.

The match, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) following a request from the Aston Rangers, an amateur outfit, could barely interest the otherwise football crazy Bangladeshi fans as only about a hundred spectators gathered at the big bowl despite entry being free.

Although the outcome of the match will put the Aston Rangers on the headline of every national news daily, it was Fakirerpool, fourth in last year's Premier league, who made most out of a rather lopsided affair.

Against a crude yet physically tough opponents it was by any standard a very useful warm-up session for the Fakirerpool boys, who were hardly impressive in a couple of league matches this season after their stunning showing last year.

TEAMS

FAKIRERPOOL: Kawsar, Rezaul Karim, Ibrahim, Masum, Apu, Sharif (Sohel), Mamun, Askar Babu, Asif (Moni), Rana (Monwar) and Jalaluddin.

ASTON RANGERS: Angur, Shaukat (Kamal), Faqur (Misba Hossain), Abdus Samad (Safique), Habib, Enayeth, Ataur Rahman, Abdul Haq, Alsor Ali, Abdul Mannan and Koyas Uddin.

Referee: R. Alan.

Pfister visits BSJA

German coach Otto Pfister yesterday laid emphasis on large-scale participation of Bangladesh in international football, reports UNB.

The German expert, who has been looking after the national booters for more than a year, visited the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) office.

He said the country had a good number of talented footballers, but the standard of the game did not improve for lack of proper planning, leadership and organisation.

Bangladesh will have to participate in all the international championships and invitational tournaments for the game's development, he said adding that "Money is not a problem at all, the love for the game is enough."

"Football is the number one game in Bangladesh, but unfortunately the sports organisers are busy with their personal and club interests ignoring the national one," the German expert observed.

Referring to the existing two soccer bodies, BFF and DMFA, Pfister said: "One organisation should handle the country's football."

The country's football will go two years back if the ongoing league is abandoned for any reasons, he reminded the organisers.

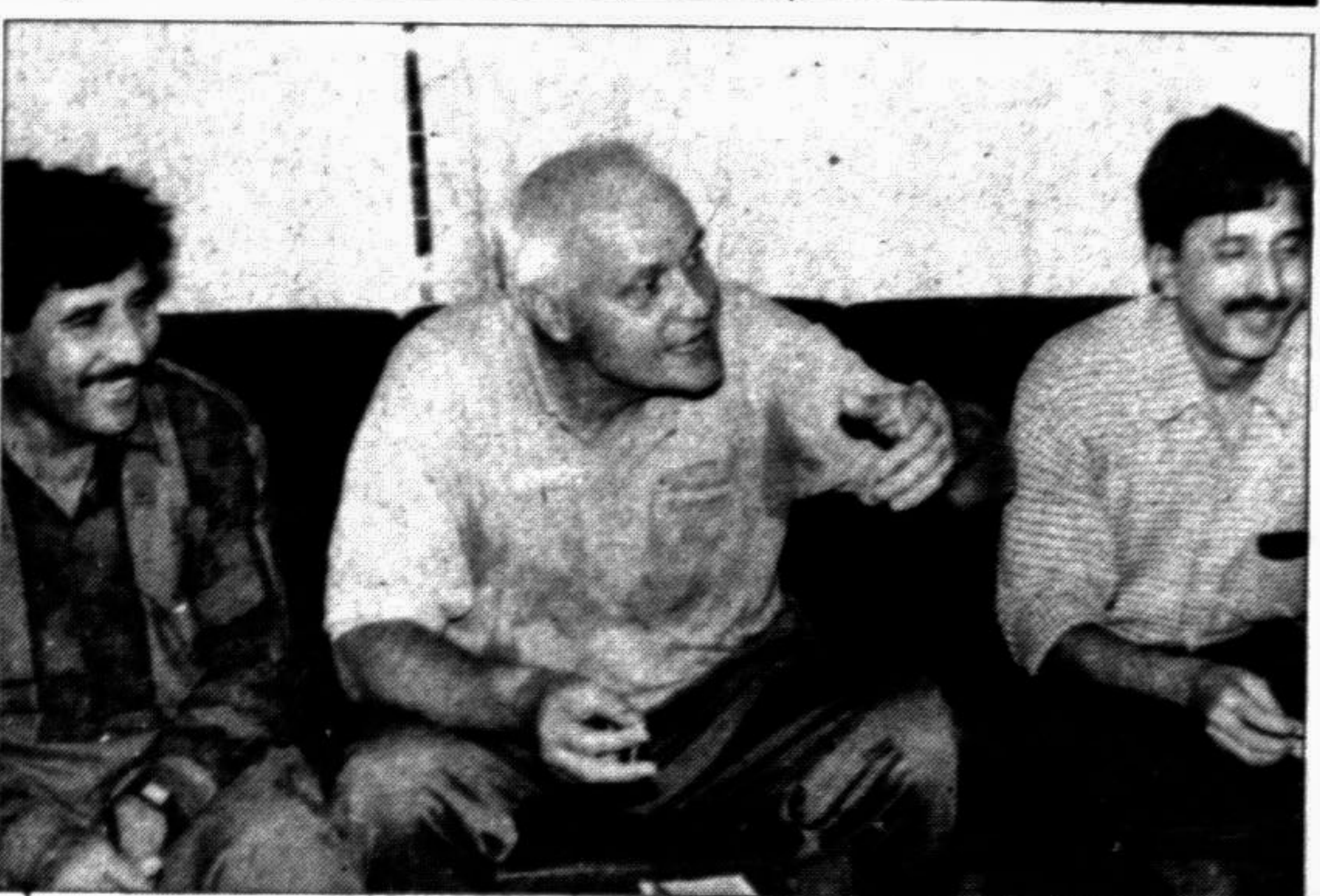
Turning to the Tuesday's incident, he said referee is the supreme authority in the field. He has no scope for any discussion with the players and officials in the ground.

Recognising the standard of local referees, he discouraged the hiring of foreign referee for local league match.

He also praised the performance of promising booters Biplob, Titu, Saiful and Liton of under-16 team, and Ashkar Babu, Al Mamun, Tipu, Iqbal, Azim, Nazrul, Faisal and Rana of under-19 team.

New BAAF chief named

Kamal Ahmed Mojumder, MP, has been made president of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF), according to a government notification issued in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.



German football coach of the national team Otto Pfister (C) delivering his wise words during a press briefing at the BSJA last evening. — Star photo

US Open begins today

Sports Reporter



The US Open, tennis final Grand Slam, gets underway at Flushing Meadows, New York from today.

This year the Open holds special appeal, since the previous Grand Slams have been won by Boris Becker (Australia).

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (French) and Richard Krajicek (Wimbledon) The Americans led by Olympic champion Andre Agassi and defending champion Pete Sampras are desperate to avoid being left on the sidelines.

It also marks Stefan Edberg's last appearance in the Big

Apple. The Swede had earlier announced 1996 would be his last year on the circuit.

For Steffi Graf, however, a victory enable her to claim her 21st career Grand Slam and the fifth time the German has won three of the majors in a single year.

Star Sports will broadcast the two-week event live.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE		
Date	1st Time	Round/Session
Aug 26	23:00	Round 1, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 27	05:30	Round 1, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 27	21:00	Round 1, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 28	05:30	Round 1, Men's Doubles
Aug 28	23:00	Round 1 & 2, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 29	05:30	Round 2, Women's Singles
Aug 29	21:00	Round 1, Men's Women's & Mixed Doubles
Aug 30	05:30	Round 2, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 30	23:00	Round 1, Men's Women's & Mixed Doubles
Aug 31	05:30	Round 2 & 3, Men's & Women's Singles
Aug 31	21:00	Round 3, Women's Singles
Sept 1	05:30	Round 2, Men's Women's & Mixed Doubles
Sept 1	21:00	Round 3, Men's & Women's Singles
Sept 2	05:30	Round 4, Women's Singles
Sept 2	21:00	Round 3, Men's & Women's Doubles
Sept 3	05:30	Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals
Sept 3	21:00	Round 4, Men's & Women's Singles
Sept 3	23:00	Round 3, Men's & Women's Doubles
Sept 4	05:30	Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals
Sept 4	21:00	Round 4, Men's Singles
Sept 4	23:00	Women's Quarter-finals
Sept 5	05:30	Men's Quarter-finals
Sept 5	21:00	Men's & Women's Doubles Quarter-finals
Sept 5	23:00	Men's & Mixed Doubles Semi-finals
Sept 6	05:30	Women's Doubles Quarter-finals
Sept 6	21:00	Men's Doubles Semi-finals
Sept 6	23:00	Women's Semi-finals
Sept 7	21:00	Men's Doubles Semi-finals
Sept 7	23:00	Women's Doubles Semi-finals
Sept 8	00:00	Men's Final
Sept 8	00:00	Women's Final

Sanchez, Date lock horns



CARLSBAO, California, Aug 25: Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario nearly missed her wake up call but recovered.

She won the final of the 450,000 dollars Toshiba Classic on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The feisty Spaniard gave doubles partner and No 3 seed, Jana Novotna a one-set lead before bouncing the Czech star 1-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Sanchez-Vicario will meet no 4 Kimiko Date, who surprised defending champion Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-2, 7-5, in today's title match.

Sanchez-Vicario sleep-walked through the first set, dropping before awakening with her pesky ground game to get past the world's No. 6 ranked player for the fourth time this year without a loss.

While Sanchez-Vicario was snapping out of her funk, Novotna was falling further into fatigue after playing her second match in 12 hours due to television scheduling and a gruelling late night three-set victory over France's Sandrine Testud.

Novotna was irritated but refused to blame the poor scheduling as an excuse.

"Definitely not a great schedule to play a first match at 10 am," she said. "No matter how fit you are the body needs to recover. If you have less than 12 hours to recover before the next match, it's not enough. That's what basically happened to me. I started really well, got tired and could never get out of it."

"I understand television has

its needs and they want to have certain players on live," she said. "It happens and as a top player you have to be able to deal with everything. That's what I am and I have no complaints about it."

The deciding third set was levelled until Sanchez-Vicario slammed an overhead winner for a break and a 4-3 lead. At 5-3 she broke again to claim the hard-fought victory.

"I won because I have guts and confidence in myself," said Sanchez-Vicario. "It was a very close match, definitely I had to fight and be able to come with good shots to win."

Date's upset of the third ranked Martinez dashed the hopes of an all-Spanish final.

"She was definitely the better player today," said Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion.

"I was on the defensive all the time. I wanted to attack, I tried to be very aggressive, but I missed a lot of forehands and that's my strength."

Date sailed through the first set taking the last three games against the error-prone Spaniard during the 77-minute sweep.

Martinez offered a tougher challenge in the next set, taking a 5-4 lead. Date held and broke for 6-5 before holding at love for the victory.

Medvedev, Damm in final

COMMACK, New York, Aug 25: Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, seeded fifth, and unseeded Martin Damm of Czech Republic won semifinal matches on Saturday in the Hamlet Cup Tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Medvedev beat unseeded Karol Kucera, Slovakia, 7-6 (7-0), 6-3.

Damm, seeking his first ATP tournament victory, eliminated unseeded Adrian Panu of Romania who played most of the match with a taped sprained ankle 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 "Branden-burg" composer

5 Kittenish cry

8 Taj Mahal site

12 Anise-flavored aperitif

13 In the style of

14 Burden

15 Tie

17 Seep

18 Visible wounds

19 Chewy candy

21 Dance lesson

24 "Monty Python" opener

25 Merely

28 Ardor

30 Approvals

33 Simile center

34 Hepburn's costar

35 Enemy

36 Fresh

37 Apiece

38 The

DOWN

1 Office honcho

2 Gridlock ingredient

3 Despot

4 Square awards

5 Long March

6 Yuletide leader

7 Footing

8 Soaring target

9 Takes it easy

10 Demolish

11 "Zip" — jocularly

12 Doo-Dah! Criterion

16 NYC sumo

20 Unctuous poetry

22 Pound of flavor

23 Cobbler

25 A "Brady Bunch" sister

26 Exploitation

27 Shortened, it's a way

29 Unimpaired

31 "Kitehy—"

32 Utter, jocularly

34 Criterion

38 Arduous

Solution time: 21 mins.

40 Squabble

42 Deserter

43 Islamic judge

44 Chester — Arthur

45 Booty

47 Crazy

48 Distant place

49 Region of Morocco

52 Wish

53 Tina's ex

CRYPTOQUIP

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H P D D K O R Z E P M K O G

H A G L F Z O G O D T H O I P J F O

K N O T I P K I N M D A O F ?

Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE PRODUCTIVE SHORT-STORY WRITER WOULD NOW TRY A NOVEL APPROACH.

Today's Cryptquip clue: M equals F

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.